

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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SUNDAY 11 FEB 2024 Yr B

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**This weekend the Spiritans  
will be making an appeal at all  
Masses**

## Moving into Lent

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. You may already have given some thought to what you would like to give up. One thing I would encourage you all to do is to look anew at the Gospels and listen to what they are saying, an activity we should be engaged in throughout the year, but especially during this Lenten journey when we recall the 40 days of the great flood that led to the Covenant between God and Noah, the 40 days Moses spent on Mount Sinai at the end of which he received the Tablets of the Law. Most important of all is for us to reflect on the 40 days Jesus endured in the wilderness, after his baptism and before his mission.

I pray that these and other passages of scripture will penetrate our hearts and minds and give us a fresh understanding of the truth, of what it means to love, to make sacrifice, to forgive and persevere in faith. Ultimately, Lent is a wonderful opportunity for us to draw ever closer to our heavenly Father and to Jesus Christ his son, in the power of the Holy Spirit; alongside this it is a time to look upon our brothers and sisters with greater understanding and compassion. If we open our hearts to this, Easter when it comes, will be full of many blessings.

**Fr Steve**

### THE SPIRITANS

We are delighted to welcome Fr Vincent Nnatuanya to all our Masses this weekend. Our diocese has designated the Spiritans as their missionary charity for 2024.

Founded in 1703 the order now has over 3000 professed and lay Spiritans drawn from all continents, who today carry out their mission of evangelization in more than 60 countries.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

Sunday 18 February

Church Hall

10.45 am

All parents wishing to have their first child baptised need to attend.

There is no need to pre-register.

### Ash Wednesday

A day of fasting and abstinence

10.00 am – Mass with imposition of ashes

12 noon – Service of Ashes

6.00 pm – Stations of the Cross followed by the imposition of ashes.

8.00 pm - In the Hall. Mass with imposition of ashes

### Stations of the Cross during Lent St Edmunds:

This week there will be two opportunities to pray the **Way of the Cross**: at 6.00 pm on Ash Wednesday (followed by imposition of ashes) **and** at 6.00 pm on Friday 16 February.

In the following weeks there will be Stations in the church at 6.00 pm every Friday of Lent and on the Wednesday of Holy Week.

**St Peter Claver Convent:** There will also be Stations of the Cross at the Claver Convent every Friday of Lent at 3.00 pm. All are most welcome to join them in their chapel.

### PASSING ON THE FAITH

How do we start? How do we continue? What works well for children at different stages?

Four online sessions for parents starting Wednesday 28 February, 8pm – 9:30pm.

And for grandparents, focusing specifically on the conversations which can help to anchor faith, four online sessions starting Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30 – 9pm.

Email Lisette on [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk)

### REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.30 MASS

For this to continue each week we really need more help. People to join the rota to serve the drinks are always needed, but we also need a rota of people to spend a few minutes before 9.30 to put out some tables and chairs.

Please email the office if you can help.



Cafod is inviting us, if we are able, to walk 200km during Lent to help fight global poverty. Their hope is that all over Great Britain people will walk, run and stroll with their friends and family, with their schools or parishes or on their own as an act of solidarity with and to raise money for communities around the world.

To find out more and to sign up, visit the CAFOD website, [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)



There is a job advert in the porch for a Membership Support Officer for the SVP. It is a part time, home based role.

### MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE July 13 at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible **and no later than May 31**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited.

Email us at [mfise@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mfise@rcaos.org.uk) and please put Beckenham in the subject line of your email.

St George's Cathedral Young Adult Group

#### SEVEN SACRAMENTS

Thursday 15 February, 18 - 30

A series of winter talks about the seven sacraments. The first talk, on 15 February, given by Deacon Frazer Bellfield is on the topic of 'How do I know the will of God for my life?'. For more information check @stgeorgesya on Instagram.

We had the pleasure of Frazer joining us a couple of years ago for Holy Week. He made a wonderful contribution in that short time and made a great impression on those he encountered.

### THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

We are happy to invite you to join us in the hall on Ash Wednesday

7.45 pm Praise and Worship  
8.00 pm Mass with Fr Damian as celebrant and to include Imposition of Ashes.  
Mass is followed by Adoration  
10.00 pm Evening concludes

Parishioners who have not attended this prayer meeting before are most welcome to come at 8.00 for Mass and imposition of ashes and to leave at the end of Mass if they wish.

More information from Tom Calouri on 0798 299 9319

The CTS stand is now on the wall by the gate to the balcony. Please keep an eye on it as we will shortly be receiving items for Lent.

### Young Adults 20-30 Easter Pilgrimage The Camino Santiago de Compostela, Spain

1st - 7th April 2024

Approximate cost £500

Info at [The Camino Santiago de Compostela](http://The Camino Santiago de Compostela)

### GOOD FRIDAY—WALK OF WITNESS

This annual visible profession of faith needs stewards to help marshal those who are walking behind the cross. Stewards help keep people safely in line and assist in traffic management, and on Beckenham Green they act as welcomers and stewards.

If you could help please email:

[davidjohnson127@talktalk.net](mailto:davidjohnson127@talktalk.net)

giving your name and contact details, by 29 February please.

### PILGRIMAGES 2024

Diane Brelu is organising two pilgrimages this year. The first is to Lourdes from 8-12 April. Full board basis, £625 in shared twin, and £765 in a single.

The second will be to Santiago and Fatima from 8-14 June. Half board £850 in a shared twin, and £1000 single.

For booking forms and more information please contact Diane on 0795 119 4036. There are brochures in the narthex.

### MASSES

<b>Sunday 11 Feb</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday</b>
6.00 pm	Antonio Panetta & Family RIP
9.30 am	For the people
<b>FAMILY MASS</b>	
11.00 am	Eddie Griffin RIP (4th anniv)
5.30 pm	Sally Tomlinson RIP
<b>Monday 12 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	The intentions of Edward
<b>Tuesday 13 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Kevin Larmer
<b>Wed 14 Feb</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
10.00 am	Cornelius Donnelly RIP (anniv)
	<b>with Imposition of Ashes</b>
Noon	Liturgy of the Word and Imposition of Ashes
6.00 pm	Stations of the Cross followed by Imposition of Ashes
8.00 pm	<b>Hall</b> Charismatic Mass followed by Imposition of Ashes
<b>Thursday 15 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Colm Byrne RIP
8.00 pm	Claver Adoration
<b>Friday 16 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Geraldine Mulroy RIP
	Adoration & Benediction
3.00 pm	Claver Stations of the Cross
6.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday 17 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	For the intentions of Megan Arthur and her dear departed husband on their 70th wedding anniversary.
	Rita Costelloe RIP
6.00 pm	
<b>Sunday 18 Feb</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
9.30 am	Thanksgiving for the successful completion of studies
<b>FAMILY MASS</b>	
11.00 am	James Henry RIP
5.30 pm	Ints of Sandy Baron

*Confessions are on Saturday from 10.30 am - 11.00 am and from 5.00 pm - 5.55 pm.*

*There is Rosary every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am, and after the 10.00 am Mass there is Adoration Monday to Saturday unless there is a funeral.*



We were delighted to welcome pupils from Yr1 to the church last Wednesday. Fr Steve had a lovely time showing them all around the church and answering their questions.

**We pray for those who have died:** Teresa Edwards, baby Charlotte Flannery, John O'Hagan, Dr Michael Ekong, John Potter, Geraldine Muir, Mavis Kelly.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Mary Leonard, Derek Crawford, Colette Woods, Carmen Roper, Marion Ryan, Eddie Griffin, Mary Morgan, Michael Lavender, Milagros Purvis, Fiona Davies, Doris Irene Connor, Frank Twynan, Jaqui Lee, Fr David Rhys, Terence McNamara, Rumold Fleming, Michael Duffett, Ken Darryl Phelps, Anthony Faller, John McGrath, Joseph Brady.

**We pray for all in our parish suffering from ill health, for their families and for those who care for them.**

OFFERTORY - WEEK ENDING 04.02.24	
Plate Collection	1359.10
Contactless	302.00
Bank Standing Order	1754.33
Church Suite Regular Giving	2563.23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5978.66</b>

This Monday Meditation will be in the **Hall** from 5.30 - 6.20 pm.  
Please respect the need to arrive promptly and observe the silence.

### DIARY

<b>February</b>	
Sat 17	Contemplative Saturday 11-12 in the Hall
Tues 20	Requiem of Ita Smith at noon
Wed 28	Requiem of John O'Hagan at 11.15
<b>March</b>	
Fri 1	World Day of Prayer 3.30 in church followed by refreshments in the hall
<b>September</b>	
Sat 28	Day for Catechists in the Cathedral

### CHURCH SHOP

The shop has some new booklets to help you during Lent and others to help you follow the Stations of the Cross. These are for adults and children. There are also some fun Lenten sticker activity sheets.

**Being formed in the likeness of Christ we strive to become a truly Christ centred community, through humble witness, love, compassion and communion**