

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024 Yr B

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The second collection  
is for the  
Priest Training Fund

*"I ask each and all of you, that as part of the current of grace of Charismatic Renewal you organise seminars of **Life in the Spirit** in your parishes and seminaries, schools, and neighbourhoods, to share Baptism in the Spirit".*

*Pope Francis.*

St Edmunds is a hub for Life in the Spirit Seminars taking place throughout the Archdiocese in preparation for Pentecost.

Go deeper in your faith!

The Life in the Spirit Seminars begin this Wednesday in the Hall. There will be a parish Mass beforehand at 7.30 pm in the church for anyone to attend, whether or not you plan to join the seminars at 8.00pm.

If you have registered, this is helpful, and if not there are leaflets still available in the narthex, **but you can register in person on the night!**

The evening will begin with lively hymns followed by the keynote talk streamed from St George's Cathedral. This will be followed by group discussion on the talk and the evening will end with refreshments at 9.30 pm for those who can stay.

For more information - [bit.ly/LISS2024](http://bit.ly/LISS2024)

**Come and see. All welcome.**



The next Baptism Preparation session for parents wanting to have their first child baptised will be on Sunday 28 April in the Hall, at about 10.45 am, when the Family Mass has finished. Just turn up - no need to book.

## PRIEST TRAINING FUND

**Second collection  
Sunday 21 April**

By supporting this collection, you will directly help the formation of the men who have said "Yes!" to their calling to the Catholic Priesthood.

Please support our priests of the future with a gift today.

Thank you!

Donate Online

[www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF)

or Scan QR Code

Phone Mon-Fri 9 00 – 5 00 pm:

020 7960 2504

Cash/Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.



## BIBLE IN A YEAR

Hello to those of you who are following Fr Mike Schmitz's inspiring Bible in a Year podcast. I am proposing to host an informal meeting (with coffee and cake), for us to meet together, to share our experience and encourage one another to keep pressing play! It doesn't matter if you are up to date, a bit behind (like me) or still thinking about starting!

Please email [anniepwilliamson@gmail.com](mailto:anniepwilliamson@gmail.com) (or leave a note with the parish office marked BIY Annie) if you would be interested in meeting so that I have an idea of numbers - we can do daytime or evening, so please indicate what would work for you. I can then decide when and where would be most suitable.

**Annie Williamson**

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

I would like to thank everyone for your warm welcome as I settle into the parish. I look forward to getting to know you better.

Fr Andrew



All red missio boxes are returned to the porch for collection when they have been emptied. Please collect yours from there.

**PAX CHRISTI** has sent a letter of thanks for the £727.60 sent to them after your donations on Peace Sunday.

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23 to 30 August.

Details of the pilgrimage can be found on the Archdiocesan website: [rcaos.org.uk](http://rcaos.org.uk).

### **A DAY IN CAMBRIDGE**

Wednesday 24 April

Join a London Interfaith group for an inter-religious tour around Cambridge. The day includes a tour of the Woolf Institute, tour of the Cambridge eco Mosque and evensong at King's College. To book your place please email [woodhouseopten@btinternet.com](mailto:woodhouseopten@btinternet.com)

### **GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

Unclaimed Gift Aid envelopes have been removed from the narthex and are now in the Office.

Please would you collect them from there or we can post them to you.

### **ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL**

Second Collection **28 April**

St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding. Your support this weekend can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship.

### **THANK YOU FROM DEACON SEAN**

Last weekend, our golf tournament in Warlingham and Desert Island Discs with Fr Stephen in our Hall raised close on £5,000 for my Ghana charity, the Nankesido Education and Welfare Trust

I would like to thank parishioners, their families and friends for helping us to raise this wonderful amount. As I never tire of saying, money goes a lot further in Ghana than it does here, so this sum will make a big difference to the lives of the children and young people of Nankesido and their families.

You can see more about what we have been able to achieve over the years by visiting our website – [newt.org.uk](http://newt.org.uk). We will be holding more fund-raising events in the coming months and we look forward to seeing you again then.

But I have a further request to make of you. While our big fund-raising events can bring in sizeable sums, our work in Ghana is continuous, and it would really help us to plan if we could persuade more of our supporters to make regular donations to us through standing orders. The price of a cup or two of coffee each month from enough people would provide a more regular source of income and would make a big difference to how we go about our work.

Details of how to donate are below or can be found on the website, where you can also see examples of how your donations can help.

Our bank details for one-off payments and standing order mandates are:

**BARCLAYS BANK PLC**

**SORT CODE: 20-05-57**

**ACCOUNT NUMBER: 73341607**

**ACCOUNT NAME: NANKESIDO**

**EDUCATION AND WELFARE TRUST**

Details about gift-aiding your contributions can also be found on the website or by emailing me at [seanmurphy@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:seanmurphy@rcaos.org.uk)

### **LOST PROPERTY**

All items left in the church over the last few weeks are laid out on the reading slopes. Please claim what is yours. Anything left will be re-homed.

### ***A DAY WITH MARY***

St Joseph's Church, Bromley  
Saturday 27 April from 9.30 am

### **MARY MACNAMARA RIP**

Mrs MacNamara, who for many years was a parishioner at St Edmund's has recently died.

Her family has asked us to let parishioners who may remember her know that her funeral will be at:

St Joseph's Church, Bromley  
Thursday May 2 at 12.30 pm  
Hither Green Crematorium at 2.00 pm  
followed by a reception at  
Sundridge Park Golf Club.

### **A REMINDER ABOUT MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

In our diocese couples wanting to marry in church must contact the parish priest six months ahead of their intended wedding date. This is to allow sufficient time for them to attend the Marriage Preparation Course but also to allow sufficient time for all necessary paperwork to be completed.

Our priests prefer to be given a year to complete the paperwork and suggest that couples do not set a date for their wedding until they have first spoken to a priest.

Once you have decided to get married please email the Parish Office with your names and addresses and a preliminary marriage application form will be sent to you plus an enrolment form for the Marriage Preparation Course.

**If you intend to get married at a church other than St Edmund's, or overseas, the clergy at St Edmund's is still responsible for all the paperwork.**

For parishioners born outside the UK we need to obtain documentation from their previous parishes. This can take some time.

There is also extra work to be completed for those who are having their ceremony abroad or for those who have had a previous marriage. So, in short, as soon as you decide to get married, please start the ball rolling by getting in touch with us.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY 22 September to 1 October**

Pilgrimage to Rome, Loreto, Assisi and San Giovanni Rotondo organised by Diane Brelu for Fr Mark's Our Lady of Assumption Parish.

Cost per person is £1350 sharing, single £1600, on half board basis and including flights.

For more information and booking forms please contact Diane on 07951 194 036. Brochures are available in the narthex .

### **THE BELOVED SON Saturday 27 April**

St Paul's Church on Brackley Road is staging a new one man play written by Murray Watts inspired by the life of Henri Nouwen, the late Catholic priest, writer and educator.

There are flyers and a poster in the porch

### **BACH CHORAL MUSIC Sunday 28 April**

The Bromley Adult Choir is presenting an evening of choral works by Bach in All Saints Church, Orpington.

See the poster in the porch for details.

### **PARISH GIVING - MASS STIPENDS**

If you request a Mass intention it is usual to give a donation (known as a Mass stipend). There is no fixed amount but a **minimum of £10 is suggested**. Cash for Mass stipends can be put in the Mass Intention envelopes which are in the porch, and then, either be put in the offertory collection or through the office door, or your donation can be made by going to the website and following the DONATE option.

Please do not put a note through the door asking for a Mass intention on a specific date without also including your name and phone number, so we can get in contact with you if needed.

### **SOUTHWARK ALTAR SERVERS RALLY**

The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent  
Monday 6 May

All altar servers are invited to this day  
which starts at 11.30 am

All Welcome ... to Worship ... to Witness  
... to Pray ... to Picnic ... to Play ...football  
with other servers and generally have fun.

**MASSES**

**Sunday 21 April Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
 6.00 pm Dr Michael Ekong RIP  
**VIGIL**  
 8.00 am Ints of Alda Kelleher  
 9.30 am Sylvia Maria De Souza RIP (b'day)  
**FAMILY MASS**  
 11.00 am For the people  
 5.30 pm Mike Howard & Edward Piatek RIP

**Mon 22 April Feria**  
 10.00 am Pet Kilcullen RIP

**Tues 23 April St George**  
 10.00 am Margaret Wymer RIP

**Wed 24 April Feria**  
 10.00 am Olimpia Cominetti RIP (6th anniv)  
 8.00 pm HALL Life in the Spirit Mass  
 For vocations

**Thurs 25 April St Mark**  
 10.00 am For the family of Charlotte Flannery  
 11.30 am Funeral service for Linda  
 Himsworth  
 8.00 pm CLAVER Adoration

**Friday 26 April Feria**  
 9.00 am ST MARY'S Mass for Y4  
 10.00 am The Claver Sisters  
 Adoration & Benediction

**Sat 27 April Feria**  
 10.00 am Dr Mervyn & Dr Mary Shipsey RIP  
 6.00 pm Dec'd members of the Halpin &  
 Dougan families

**Sunday 28 April Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
 8.00 am Jillian Heather Davis Rowlands RIP  
 9.30 am Archie McCaughan RIP (1st anniv)  
**FAMILY MASS**  
 11.00 am Dr Michael Ekong RIP  
 5.30 pm For the people

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

<b>OFFERTORY - WEEK ENDING 14.04.24</b>	
Plate Collection	920.24
Contactless	301.44
Bank Standing Order	545.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1283.43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3050.11</b>

**We pray for those who have died:**  
 Anthony Hale, Fr Barry Hughes, Linda  
 Himsworth, Mary Fitzgerald, Pet Kilcullen,  
 Dr Peter Rodrigues, Father David Standley,  
 Mary MacNamara.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries  
 occur this week:** Fr Tony Pyle, Eileen  
 Ridgeway, Catherine Shipton, Theresa Cooper,  
 Josie Wait, John Mattison, Edward Callaghan,  
 Rose Dimeo, Anthony Kilcullen, Mary (Maureen)  
 Dickson, John Ferreira, Margaret Cassar,  
 Archibald Taylor, Monica Wells, Michael Howard.

**We pray for all in our parish suffering  
 from ill health, for their families and for  
 those who care for them:** Hedwig Harper,  
 Keith Kench, Fr Ray Brennan, Terry  
 Woollard, Wendy Adams, Marie Rennie,  
 Elizabeth, Rosanna Sookram, Anne Flynn,  
 Ursula Dyer, Michael Stannard, Hans Halpin,  
 Paul, Margaret Ziolek, Norma Powell, Joan

Meditation in the Hall every Monday from  
 5.30 - 6.20 pm except bank holidays. First  
 Monday of the month in the Lady Chapel.

Please respect the need to arrive  
 promptly and observe the silence.

Contemplative Saturday on 4 May from  
 11-12 in the Hall.

**DIARY**

**April**  
 Thur 25 Funeral Service for Linda Himsworth  
 at 11.30  
 Tues 30 Requiem for Mary Fitzgerald at noon

**May**  
 Thur 2 Requiem for Pet Kilcullen at 10.00

**June**  
 Sat 8 Afternoon Tea at the Claver  
 Convent. 1.00 - 4.00 pm  
 Sat 29 International Day

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