

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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The second collection is for  
Day for Life

### SAINTS FOR OUR TIMES

Last weekend 39 of our younger parishioners were confirmed by Bishop Philip Moger. They are the future of our Church and yet Confirmation is often described as the "sacrament of exit". The Catechists pray that these bright and talented young people will continue to grow in their faith and become the saints we know they can be.

At the beginning of the Confirmation course, we introduced these young people to some of the saints that they might find inspirational in modelling their own lives. At the time we introduced our candidates to Carlo Acutis, who was declared 'Blessed' in October 2020.

Carlo was born in London to Italian parents in 1991, and from an early age he displayed a particular affinity for the Church and especially for the Eucharist. At 12 years old he became a catechist in the parish youth group of Santa Maria Segreta in Milan. His computer skills were recognised around this time, and he built websites for the parish and also to promote volunteering at his high school. Carlo tragically and suddenly died at the age of just 15 from leukaemia, but he left a remarkable legacy, a website documenting Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions recognised by the Church, which can be found at:

<http://www.carloacutis.com/en/association/mostra-miracoli-eucaristici>

In May this year Pope Francis acknowledged a second miracle accredited to prayers to Blessed Carlo; this opens the door for Carlo

Acutis to be canonised in 2025, as the first millennial saint. This is a most significant event for the Church in the Third Millennium but also for our young people; to discover a saint who relates so closely to their lives.

St Augustine's catholic church in Tunbridge Wells is currently hosting until the 30<sup>th</sup> June The Blessed Carlo Acutis International Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition and a talk is being delivered about this remarkable young man by Gavin Ashenden, Associate Editor of the Catholic Herald, on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> June. I would encourage you to visit the exhibition, or to attend the talk if you can, to find out more about this blessed and holy young man.

We are grateful to Bishop Philip, to the catechist team and our administrator, to the altar servers, to the Folk choir and to Rosie's choir, to our organist for the evening, to everyone who prepared the church, to our ushers, and to the parents who organised the party afterwards. Please pray for our newly confirmed young adults.

Father in Heaven, we thank you for our newly confirmed young people, we pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit which they have received will continue to flourish within them and that in time they too may become young saints, bringing the Gospel to life in the world. Amen

Deacon Ray



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

### THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Today is the Day for Life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. Our second collection will help provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and assist other life-related activities supported by the Church.

### INTERNATIONAL MASS AND CELEBRATION

Saturday 29 June

Many thanks to those who have already contacted me. It promises to be a great event reflecting the diversity and vibrancy of our parish. Please contact me if you can read a bidding prayer in English and your own language, or wish to help with the music. For the Mass we need youngsters to serve, and to volunteer to bring in flags and a symbol to represent their country e.g. a sombrero, artwork, pottery etc. It would be wonderful too, if as many as possible can wear national costume. Please bring a plate of food to the hall for the celebration afterwards.

The Mass will be offered as a Mass for Peace with Justice in the World: There is a music planning meeting on Friday 14 June at the Presbytery at 7.30 pm, or if you can't attend, suggestions by email etc.

Fr. Andrew.



**ST MARY'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR**  
Saturday 6 July 12 - 4.00pm  
Everyone is invited to attend. Please take a look at the poster in the porch.



### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Readers & Extraordinary Ministers  
Day of Recollection  
Saturday 19 October in Welling  
Saturday 26 October in Streatham

Places will need to be booked through the Office, but booking is not open yet. We will let you know when it is.

*We received this email on  
Tuesday morning -*

Hello,

Mick has just dropped off a large food donation here at Living Well from St Edmunds

THANK YOU SOOO MUCH!

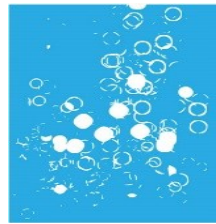
We really appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Kind regards

Lesley Nunes  
Operations Manager

Thank you all so much. Your generosity resulted in the largest collection we have had for a long time, three full trolley loads, and the second collection amounted to over £1000 which will allow Living Well to purchase many of the items they need.

Thank you



**Living Well**  
Bromley

A new podcast for Catholic listeners has just launched, *The All Kinds of Catholic* podcast has been created by Theresa Alessandro who hosts the weekly episodes. You can find it at:

<https://kindsofcatholic.buzzsprout.com>

### ST PHILOMENA'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Open Evening  
Tuesday 2 July

Please see poster in the porch

**URSULA DYER** is now back at home in Shortlands. She wants to thank everyone for their cards and messages and for all the prayers that were offered for her wellbeing.

Ursula is happy for friends to visit but would appreciate a phone call first.

There are copies of Caritas News Bulletin on the reading slope. Please take one if you are interested.

**LIGHT OF CHRIST  
CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

Wednesday 19 June in the Hall

07.45pm Praise and Worship

08.00pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Uduak Abara

Followed by Informal Prayer meeting

10.00pm Evening concludes.

The Mass celebrated each week in the Hall at 8.00 pm is a Mass just as would be celebrated in our church.

It is not a  
Charismatic Mass.

**FR VICTOR AKONGWALE**

Many parishioners will remember Fr Victor who was assistant priest at St Edmund's for many years and who returns on a regular basis to assist us.

Fr Victor celebrates his silver jubilee of ordination on July 12 and if anyone wishes to send him a card his address is:

Fr Victor Akongwale, CC  
Our Lady Help of Christians,  
Curate's House  
Carrowbeg  
Swinford  
Co. Mayo. F12 FK81  
Eire

I will be going to Ireland to celebrate with Fr Victor and am happy to take cards over for you. If anyone would like me to do this please make sure they are with me by Wednesday 10 July.

Barbara  
Parish Office

The Claver Sisters will be selling tickets after all Masses for their Afternoon Tea which is  
**next Saturday 22 June.**

Tickets: Adults £8.00  
Children £4.00



**INTERNATIONAL MASS  
AND CELEBRATION**

**SATURDAY 29 JUNE AT NOON**

**GENERAL ELECTION 2024**

"An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead" - so say our Catholic bishops on their General Election 2024 website page [www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/)

The page is well worth a visit. It contains outlines of the Church's position on some of the vital issues that need to be part of the election debate.

**Life issues**

These vital issues of course include life issues which makes the Day for Life on Sunday 16 June particularly timely. The focus this year is on opposition to assisted suicide. The theme is "The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life".

**Using our Catholic voice**

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are also encouraging us to 'use our Catholic voice' during the election. To find out more about their joint 'A year of encounter' campaign, visit the CAFOD website, [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk); where you can also read CAFOD's "General Election Manifesto 2024".

A charity's "manifesto" contains election demands (or at least, suggestions), rather than election promises: in CAFOD's case, their demands/suggestions cover the global debt crisis, the climate, business and human rights, food systems, aid and international development humanitarian action and migration.

The General Election 2024 web resources from the Bishops' Conference are online and may be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

There is a poster in the porch which has a QR code to the election resources page.

**CARITAS SOCIAL  
ACTION NETWORK (CSAN)**

CSAN is encouraging all Catholics to #RegisterToVote before 23:59 on the 18 June 2024 in preparation for the General Election. CSAN has launched a number of resources to help Catholics inform their conscience and navigate the political landscape at this time. Find more at

[www.csan.org.uk/generalelection-](http://www.csan.org.uk/generalelection-)

*"A good Catholic meddles in politics, offering the best of himself, so that those who govern can govern".*  
Pope Francis

**MASSES**

**Sunday 16 June Eleventh Sunday**  
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Private ints of Valentine  
 8.00 am Ints of Ewings Family  
 9.30 am Stephen & Nancy Dennis RIP  
 9.30 am **HALL** For the people  
**FAMILY MASS**  
 11.00 am Monica Grima RIP  
 5.30 pm Eddie Dowling RIP

**Monday 17 June Feria**  
 10.00 am Fr David Standley RIP  
**NO ADORATION**  
 11.30 Requiem for Cammine landoli

**Tues 18 June Feria**  
 10.00 am In honour of St Patrick

**Wed 19 June St John Rigby, Martyr**  
 10.00 am Private intentions of Valentine  
 8.00 pm **HALL** Life in the Spirit

**Thurs 20 June St Alban, Martyr**  
 10.00 am Stan Ziolek RIP (anniv)

**Friday 21 June St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious**  
 9.00 St Mary's **FHC Celebration Mass**  
 10.00 am Priests, deacons & staff of St Edmunds

**Sat 22 June Saints John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs**  
 10.00 am Ints of Anna & Richard Wright, Margaret MacDonald & Clifford Corlett  
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP

**Sunday 23 June Twelfth Sunday**  
 8.00 am Pet Kilcullen RIP  
 9.30 am Nicholapillai Daniel Pius  
 9.30 am **HALL** Berthe Reynaud RIP  
**FAMILY MASS**  
 11.00 am Catherine Waters RIP (b'day)  
 5.30 pm Eileen & Maura Daly RIP

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

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

<b>OFFERTORY - WEEK ENDING 9.6.24</b>	
Plate Collection	1145.44
Contactless	379.57
Bank Standing Order	2046.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1246.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4817.52</b>



**We pray for those who have died:** Peter Clifford, Carl Maxima, Maureen Barratt, Cammine landoli, Charlie Mateo, Paul Emuan, Anne Brady.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:** Valerie Parr, Cardinal Basil Hume, Cardinal Thomas Winning, Eddie Dowling, Rose Medley, Marie Joceline Cornwall, Canon John Naughton, Robert Fry, Ruby Cunningham, Michael David McCarthy, Frank Mansfield, Bebe Lilly Chui, Stan Ziolek, Hannah Marshall, Sadie Cummins, Sophie Peter, Carol Anaele, Patricia James, Clifford Addems, Adele Powell, Sister Ann Byrne, Michael Thomas O'Brien, Honora Johnson.

**We pray for all 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, Elizabeth, Rosanna Sookram, Anne Flynn, Ursula Dyer, Michael Stannard, Hans Halpin, Paul, Norma Powell, Joan Morris, Claudette, Kathleen Hayes, Francesca Walkington, Marie Rennie, Bob Swan, Fitzroy Maxima Saunders.

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 22 June from 11-12 in the Hall.

**DIARY**

**June**  
 Mon 17 Requiem of Cammine landoli at 11.30  
 Sat 22 Afternoon Tea at the Claver Convent. 1.00 - 4.00 pm  
 Sat 29 International Day—Mass and Celebration at noon

**July**  
 Thur 4 Requiem of Maureen Barratt at 1.00  
 Mon 8 Requiem of Anne Brady at 12.30  
 Sat 27 Mass of Anointing at 2.30, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

**Sept**  
 Sat 21 Safeguarding Training at 10.30