

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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**No second collection
this Sunday**

A JOURNEY IN FAITH 2024/25

In last week's newsletter you will have read about the next RCIA (Rite of Initiation of Adults) course which will begin on Thursday 12 September at 7.30 pm in St Edmund's Hall, opposite the Church.

If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic or would like to know more about the Catholic faith, then please come along and join us on that evening.

We also welcome baptised adult Catholics who wish to be confirmed.

You will meet a friendly team who will support you in relaxed and informal weekly sessions with occasional workshops. The course lasts from September until June and those who wish can be received into the Church at Easter.

There is no charge for the course and you are free to leave at any time. We will be using the Sycamore Course which involves video sessions and face to face group discussion. If you would like more information please contact us on email faithhub.28@gmail.com or phone Mary Deering on 020 8650 9650.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If your child wishes to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and is starting Y3 (or above) in September, **please register them for the preparation course by the end of this month.**

The registration form is on the sacraments page of the St Edmund's website or can be reached by using this link:

<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/events/hatm91iy>

The course starts in September, and meets twice a month until the First Holy Communion Masses in May.

300 CLUB

Congratulations to the July winners,
No 192, £25: Mr Ray Watson
No 226, £50: Mr Paul Swaine
No 99, £100: Mrs Breda Murphy

If anyone would like to join the 300 Club please contact the Office. Each number is £39.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS SESSION

Saturday 3 August, 10.30 - 12.30 pm

Anyone who is interested is invited to join the St. Edmund's Drop In Cafe and its volunteers for a Dementia Awareness Session in the church hall.

It will last approximately 75 minutes with time for Q&As at the end. The session will be led by Nikki Fishman from Bromley Well.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Spaces are limited so please contact Nicola and Judith at:

stedmundsdropin@gmail.com

FR FRAZER BELLFIELD

Fr Frazer spent some time at St Edmund's as a seminarian and was ordained at St George's Cathedral on 20 July. He returned to St Edmund's last Tuesday to celebrate the 10.00 am Mass.

Many of those present received a blessing from Fr Frazer after the Mass.

We offer Fr Frazer our congratulations on his ordination and our prayers for his future ministry.

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

**LIGHT OF CHRIST
CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

Wednesday 31 July

7.45 pm Praise and Worship
8.00 pm Holy Mass
Celebrant Fr Boniface Arapa
Followed by a presentation by
Fr Boniface on the school
community building projects he is
working on in Uganda. The
collection this evening will go to this
worthy cause.
10.00 pm Evening concludes.

The Mass at 8.00 pm is a Mass just as would be
celebrated in our church. It is not a
Charismatic Mass.

**The Beckenham Primary Care Network
Wellbeing Cafe**

Tuesday 30 July
St John's Church, Eden Park Avenue
1.00 pm-3.00 pm.

Join the team for refreshments, a low impact
exercise class, support with your NHS App,
and more.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is
holding a Celebration of St Faustina's
Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford,
Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August
from 10.00 am to 4:30 pm.

The reflection day will include teachings on
the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass,
Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross,
Adoration and Benediction and Veneration
of the Image of Merciful Jesus.

All are welcome.
Call Millie on 0795 759 4646 for information.
Coaches leaving from Victoria

MASS INTENTIONS

We are sorry but we do not have any
Masses without an intention until well into
November. We are unable to fit in extra
intentions and in England we are allowed
only one intention for each celebrant.

We don't have our 2025 Church Diary yet
and will not be booking any Masses for next
year until we have it, which will not be for
quite a while. We will let you know as soon
as we can accept intentions for 2025.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

Please contact the Office if you know of a
parishioner who is unable to attend Mass in
person and would like to receive communion
at home.

Coloma Court Care Home

Summer Festival

Saturday 24 August

1.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Free entry

*Tombola. Raffles,
Mini Games and Competitions,
Refreshments and Food,
Children's Activities,
Crafts and Cakes*

**Profits will be split equally between
Parkinsons/Alzheimers and the
resident's activities.**

Layhams Road, West Wickham BR4 9QJ

*Please support this fete. Coloma Care Home
supports many of our parishioners and our
retired priests who need care.*

COME AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Bromley Homeless will be opening its winter
night shelter in November and is recruiting
volunteers for many roles. There are flyers on
the reading slope explaining what they are
looking for, so please take one if you are inter-
ested in volunteering, or you could attend one
of the information sessions to find out more.

**A DAY WITH MARY AT
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL**

Saturday 24 August

Information from www adaywithmary.org or
<http://www.eventcatholic.com/>

THURSDAY MORNING REFRESHMENTS

For the six weeks whilst the Pre-School is on
holiday we are able to use the Hall for
refreshments after the 10.00 am Mass

Please take this opportunity to get together
with fellow parishioners to catch up on their
news and to meet parishioners you don't
already know.

WHY DID AN AMERICAN PRIEST HAVE TO BE BAPTISED AND RE-ORDAINED

Who can baptise?

I have my Irish great-grandmother's prayer book printed in 1912. Very near the start it states, "Provided an infant is in danger of dying before a priest can be procured, any other person, whether man, woman or child may baptize it in the following manner: Whilst pouring ordinary water on the head or face of the infant pronounce the words "I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost". Of course, in those days midwives were often given instruction on how to perform an emergency lay baptism. To which I should add the following.

1) Canon Law states that the ordinary minister of baptism is a deacon or priest. The Church teaches us both that the sacrament of baptism cannot be repeated and that it is the essential to allow us to receive the other sacraments, such as marriage or confirmation. So if a child received an emergency baptism, these days we are quite likely to do a conditional baptism to make sure. The deacon or priest says, "Fred, if you are not already baptised, I baptise you.....". We also do this when someone asks for a sacrament but cannot find proof of their baptism. This was the case earlier this year in my last parish of a lady in her 50s who had not been confirmed as a child and now wished to be confirmed.

2) Provided the baptism is done in the name of the Trinity, using the words Jesus gave us (Matthew 28:19), and by pouring **water** (no other liquid will do!) we therefore recognise the baptisms of most Protestant denominations, e.g. Church of England. If a person has been baptised in this way they become Catholic by publicly professing their faith and being confirmed.

3) However, there are denominations who do not believe in the Trinity, or baptise "in Jesus' name," or use the words Father, Son and Holy Spirit but do not understand the Trinity as we do e.g. the Mormons. In this case the person has never been validly baptised and must therefore receive a valid Catholic baptism.

3) The exact words and method must be used. Recently a young American priest, Fr Matthew Hood, was watching a video of his baptism in 1990. He was horrified to realise that the deacon who 'baptised' him had used the words "We baptise you..." instead of the correct ones. His invalid baptism in domino-like fashion, erased his other sacraments and meant that he wasn't really a priest." That's why I am not encouraging you to have "do it yourself" baptisms, the consequences of messing up are too serious!

4) As for controversies over the amount of water to use the answer is in a early Christian document called the Didache, dated to AD 100 or earlier. It insists on *thorough preparation including teaching, fasting and prayer* and the Trinitarian formula. As for the amount of water it just says that if you don't have a river to use, "baptise in some other water. If you cannot in cold, then in warm. If you have neither, then pour water on the head three times in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." As Syria is a desert country I doubt they had lots of rivers to use for baptisms, and pouring on the head was probably the most common way, just like today. If someone tells you that you have to be baptised again "properly" by being completely dunked three times in the Thames, or even a pool, just say politely that you can only be baptised once.



ST MARK'S, WEST WICKHAM

Fr Ashley is in Rome next week so he has asked us to let you know that there will be no 6.00 pm Tuesday Mass at St Marks.

FAMILY MASS

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month so our Family Mass will be in the church at 9.30 am.

MASSES

Sunday 28 July Seventeenth Sunday
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** In honour of Padre Pio (St Pio)
 8.00 am In honour of the Sacred Heart
 9.30 am Epiphany Fernandes RIP
 9.30 am For the people
FAMILY MASS IN HALL
 11.00 am Dr Michael Ekong RIP
 5.30 pm Berthe Reynaud

Monday 29 July Saints Mary, Martha & Lazarus
 10.00 am Ints of the Geoghegan Family

Tues 30 July Feria (St Chrysologus)
 10.00 am Richard Wallner RIP

Wed 31 July St Ignatius of Loyola
 10.00 am Mary McLean RIP
 8.00 pm **HALL** Light of Christ

Thurs 1 August St Alphonsus Liguori
 10.00 am Kathleen & Eamonn McGeehan
 8.00 pm **CLAVER** Adoration

Friday 2 August Feria (St Eusebius of Vercelli)
 10.00 am Pet Kilcullen RIP

Sat 3 August Feria (The Blessed Virgin Mary)
 10.00 am Mary MacNamara RIP
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Dec'd members & friends of the Anderson & Jones Families

Sunday 4 August July Seventeenth Sunday
 8.00 am Kathleen & Eamonn McGeehan & family members living and dec'd.
 9.30 am Brian Knowles & Maureen Knowles
FAMILY MASS IN CHURCH
 11.00 am For the people
 5.30 pm Christina & Wander Arraes & family members living & dec'd.
 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 Adoration Monday to Saturday after Mass unless otherwise announced.

OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 21.7.24	
Plate Collection	911.39
Contactless	75.03
Bank Standing Order	905.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	564.88
TOTAL	2455.30

If you are on holiday in England or Wales please use this link to find your nearest Catholic church and the times of its Masses. Remember that churches in some holiday areas rely heavily on the donations received during the holiday season to keep their church open throughout the year.
<https://www.catholicdirectory.org/>

We pray for those who have died: Ted Billy, Dolores Jones, John Robert Fry, Ammeina Swaine.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week: Peter Brabyn, John Xamena, Babies Olivia & Isabelle English, Betty Clark, Anthony Pinkett, John Cameron McShane, Peter Warren, Ivan Farnon, Peter Devine, Cormac Hargreaves, Zolzislaw (Jess) Jaworski, Emma Panas, Joanne Cummins-Hylton, Christina Byrne, Malcolm Hyland, Sally Battle, Les Humble, Flora Alvina Kennedy.

We pray for those 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 Seebrouth, Kathleen Hayes, Marie Rennie, Bob Swan, Fitzroy Maxima Saunders, Paul Hixson, Francesca Walkington

Meditation in the Hall every Monday from 5.30 - 6.20 pm except bank holidays.
First Monday of the month in the Lady Chapel.
 Contemplative Saturday on 24 August from 11-12 in the Hall.

DIARY

August
 Sat 3 Dementia Awareness Session from 10.30 in the Hall.
 Wed 14 Requiem for Dolores Jones at noon.

Sept
 Sat 21 Safeguarding Training at 10.30 in the Hall
 Sat 21 Mass of Anointing at 2.30, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

Oct
 Sat 19 Day of Recollection for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers in Welling
 Sat 26 Day of Recollection for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers in Streatham