

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

### CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is next Friday 4th October.

Daniel is a young man in the Democratic Republic of Congo, who was able to join a local carpentry training project funded by Cafod and now has his own workshop. This life-changing work is enabled through the generous support of parishes such as St Edmund's.

There will be Cafod speakers at all Masses this weekend. Please take an envelope home and return it next weekend with your donation to help Cafod's work. It is also possible to donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope)

### SCHOOL APPLICATION FORMS

Fr Steve will be available to sign school application forms on the following dates and times:

#### Secondary School applications

Thursday 17 October 3 - 5pm and 6 - 8pm

Sunday 20 October 10.30 - 12.30

#### Primary School applications

Sunday 24 November 10.30 - 12.30

Thursday 28 November 3 - 5pm and 6 - 8pm

Sunday 5 January 10 - 12.30

**Please contact the office to book your slot**

### A JOURNEY IN FAITH 2024/25

The RCIA course (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has now started and is held in St Edmund's Hall, (opposite the Church) on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm. Our next meeting is on 3 October 2024.

If you are not a Catholic but would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or are thinking about becoming a Catholic, you can still join the course. 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 to do so 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](mailto:faithhub.28@gmail.com). Or phone Mary Deering on 020 8650 9650.

### COMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 12 October at 10.00 am

St George's Cathedral

Will any extraordinary ministers who have received their training but not yet been commissioned please get in touch with the Office so you can be registered for this day.

Would anyone who was due to attend the cancelled day at Aylesford please re-register with the Office.

### OCTOBER - the month of the Rosary!!

The church shop has a wonderful selection of over 30 different rosaries for children and adults priced from £1 to £12. Also rosary rings, single decade rosaries, rosary bracelets and car rosaries.

The church shop now has 2025 church diaries in stock priced at £3.50. Also paper church art calendars for £1.

**Hog Roast and Band Beggars fundraising evening on 12 October**  
**We would be very pleased to receive donations of prizes for the raffle.**  
**Please bring your donations to the office. Thank you**



We have some great news. Aviva have agreed to match donations to Living Well for the next 5 weeks!

This is fantastic as we are starting to look ahead to the colder weather setting in and a probable increase in demand. There will also be increased utility costs in October which will mean more people struggling to afford food and getting into debt.

If anyone donates through the following link in the next 5 weeks then Aviva will match

- every donation up to £250
- one donation per unique donor

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/winter-crisis>

### *300 Club*

Congratulations to our September winners

No.52,	£100	Patrick Loftus
No.83	£50	Jim Lennox
No.130	£25	Tsui-Ta Smith

If you would like to join the 300 Club please contact the office. Each number is £39 a year.

### **A DAY WITH MARY**

is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12 October (9.45am to 5.00pm).

Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

### **THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

invites you to join them in the Hall on  
Wednesday 2 October

7.45 pm Praise and Worship  
8.00 pm Mass - the celebrant is  
Fr Uduak Abara  
Followed by a talk from Bill Keogh.  
10.00 pm Evening concludes

Whilst the Wednesday evening Mass takes place during the Charismatic meeting, it is not a Charismatic Mass.

### **ALL SAINTS DAY FOR CHILDREN**

One of our parishioners has had the lovely idea of putting on an All Saints Party for the younger children in the parish.

As All Saints Day is during half term and is also a week day, she wants to gauge whether parents will be able to bring their children to it.

Please would you go to this link and let her know: <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/b44Wg01b>

It would be great if you could do this straight away.

Thank you

A pendant was found in the hall after the anointing Mass on Saturday. Please contact the office if it is yours.

### **Trip to Fatima 21 - 24 October - Cost £399**

*one place left*

Fr Stephen Boyle is leading a trip to Fatima. For more details please contact Fr Stephen Boyle, [Dartford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:Dartford@rcaos.org.uk) Tel: 01322 220075. This guided pilgrimage includes half board accommodation and coach from/to Lisbon to Fatima and visit to Santarem. **(Insurance is not included)**

### **DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

There is a poster in the porch giving full details of the days of recollection that have been planned by the diocese for October. It is hoped that all Readers and Extraordinary Ministers will attend one of them.

Please choose whichever location suits you better and then send an email to the Parish Office with **Called to Holiness** in the subject line, giving your full name, and stating whether you wish to attend at Welling or Streatham. The Office will then reserve your place.

Even though the days are next month (see Diary on back page of newsletter) it would assist the organisers greatly if they knew the number of attendees soon.

Thank you to all those who have registered already.

**BAND BEGGARS**  
**Saturday 12 October**  
**7.00 pm - 10.00 pm**  
**(Last few tickets available)**

**Fundraising for the sound system in church**

**Enjoy a HOG ROAST**  
**and a licensed bar including draught**  
**Guinness**

**and an evening of traditional**  
**and contemporary Irish Music**

**Band Beggars**

**Tickets £20**

**Tickets are bookable on ChurchSuite at**  
**<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/events/nkg8hbrb>**

**If you are unable to use ChurchSuite please come**  
**to the Parish Office to buy your ticket.**

## **Feast of Saint Jude**

**26 - 28 October 2024**



**Whitefriars, Tanners Street, Faversham, Kent**

**Saturday 26 October**

12.30pm & 2.30pm & 4.00pm: Saint Jude Mass, followed by anointing

**Sunday 27 October**

12.30pm: Saint Jude Mass, followed by anointing

**Monday 28 October**

12.30pm: Saint Jude Mass, followed by anointing

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

Please call 01795 539 214, visit [www.stjudeshrine.org.uk](http://www.stjudeshrine.org.uk), or email: [shrineoffice@stjudeshrine.org.uk](mailto:shrineoffice@stjudeshrine.org.uk) for more information.

Each year every Catholic church in England and Wales (and probably throughout the world) is required to count the number of people attending Mass over four consecutive Sundays.

This weekend is the second Sunday of the four so, depending when it is done at the Mass you attend you may see someone walking up and down during the homily counting.

Every person in the church, including babies is counted and the figures are collected by the diocese.

## **BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK**

### **Remembrance Tree at St. Edmund's Church**

**(9th-15th October)**

As part of Baby Loss Awareness Week (BLAW), St. Edmund's Church will host a special Remembrance Tree from 9th to 15th October. Now in its 22nd year, BLAW provides an opportunity for the baby loss community and others to come together to honour and remember the babies we have loved and lost. It is also a time to raise awareness of the profound impact of pregnancy and baby loss, the importance of bereavement support, and the ongoing work needed to improve pregnancy outcomes and save babies' lives.

The loss of a baby or pregnancy is a heart-wrenching experience faced by families across the UK every day. During this meaningful week, we invite you to join us in remembrance by attaching a ribbon with your baby's name to our Remembrance Tree. Pink, blue, and white ribbons will be available, and they will remain on display throughout the week as a tribute to all the babies we hold in our hearts.

### **COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND**

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

### **ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

#### **OPEN MORNINGS**

### **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Open mornings for parents of children due to start Reception in **September 2025** will be at 10.30 am on Thursday 7 November and Thursday 28 November.

If you would like to attend either of these, please contact:

Mrs Tracey - School Admissions Officer at [admin@stmaryscp.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmaryscp.co.uk)



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

### MASSES

<b>Sunday 29 Sept</b>	<b>Twenty-sixth Sunday</b>
6.00 pm VIGIL	André Batarseh RIP
8.00 am	Manfred Maevers RIP
9.30 am	For the repose of the souls of sisters Estela, Flor & Edith Campos
9.30 am	For the people
<b>FAMILY MASS IN THE HALL</b>	
11.00 am	Tom Knell RIP
5.30 pm	Maria & Julius Jasiewicz RIP
<b>Monday 30 Sept</b>	<b>St Jerome, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>
10.00 am	The deceased Benefactors and Promoters of the Claver sisters
<b>Tues 1 October</b>	<b>Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus</b>
10.00 am	Ubalдина DeSouza RIP
<b>Wed 2 October</b>	<b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>
10.00 am	Laury Pensa RIP
<b>Thurs 3 October</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Caroline Pearson
1.30 pm	Requiem of Sue O'Donnell
<b>Friday 4 October</b>	<b>St Francis of Assisi</b>
9.00 am ST MARYS	Whole School Harvest Mass
10.00 am	Anne O'Shea RIP
<b>Sat 5 October</b>	<b>St Faustina Kowalska</b>
10.00 am	In Thanksgiving - Rosemary Ekong
6.00 pm VIGIL	Paul Stephens RIP
<b>Sunday 6 October</b>	<b>Twenty-seventh Sunday</b>
8.00 am	Peter & Phelim Kelly RIP
9.30 am	Deceased members of the Ransford & Marbach families
11.00 am	André Batarseh RIP
5.30 pm	Stephen & Nancy Dennis 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 Adoration after morning Mass from Monday to Saturday unless otherwise announced.

OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 22.9.24	
Plate Collection	855.72
Contactless	380.19
Bank Standing Order	974.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1124.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3334.18</b>

### MISSIO BOXES

If you have a red box at home would you please bring it to the Office for its half yearly emptying.

**We pray for those who have died:**  
Robert Swan, Raymond Francis Williamson, Sue O'Donnell and Pat Leach

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Tom Knell, Nick Gowing, Maria Jasiewicz, Marie-Louise Hylton, Christopher Tolhurst, Maureen McHugh, Vaughan Harris, Ellie Dirks, John Heneghan, Veronica Dagger, Timothy Sullivan, Bridget Byrne, Ramon Harvey, Edith Ransford.

**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, Hans Halpin, Paul, Norma Powell, Joan Morris, Kathleen Hayes, Marie Rennie, Fitzroy Maxima Saunders, Paul Hixson and Fabiola Zorrilla.

Meditation in the Hall every Monday from 5.30 - 6.20 pm except bank holidays.

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

### DIARY

<b>Oct</b>	
Sat 12	Band Beggars fundraising evening in the Hall.
Sat 19	Day of Recollection for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers in Welling
Sat 26	Day of Recollection for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers in Streatham
<b>Nov</b>	
Sat 9	Fundraising Cheese & Wine with the Claver Sisters

**Bank details to set up a regular standing order:**  
Account name: RCAS Beckenham  
Sort Code: 60 02 12  
Acc No: 14282887

Link to set up a regular donation through ChurchSuite:  
<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/donate/>