

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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**Appeal & Second collection  
for EVC Uganda**

## THE ASSISTED DYING BILL

Last week Cardinal Vincent Nichols wrote a letter asking us to oppose this bill as our own Archbishop, John Wilson, did earlier in the year. As ever, the proponents of the bill use the language of "choice", "rights" and "dignity" to make the unacceptable appear acceptable. The Cardinal makes three points:

### 1. Be careful of what you wish for.

The experience of countries that have already introduced similar legislation, such as Canada and Belgium, shows that "The circumstances in which taking a life is permitted are widened and widened." The Catholic Herald recently reported that "In 2022 a 23-year-old woman opted, and was allowed, to be euthanized due to suffering PTSD following an ISIS terror attack in Brussels airport in 2016." It commented, "Does that sound like care for a terminally ill individual with a physical condition that is causing chronic pain?" As the Cardinal says, "It is a journey best not begun."

### 2. A "right" to die becomes a duty to die.

In these countries palliative care is becoming increasingly restricted and it is reasonable to expect the same would happen here. Ironically, this so called extension of choice would produce an intolerable situation where only the wealthiest would be able to afford the end of life care they need - the Cardinal makes it clear that these days excellent pain relief is available - whilst our relationship with medical staff would be damaged for ever. Needless to say it is to be feared that people would be put under pressure "to do the right thing" by those seeking to receive their inheritance. It would be much better to keep things as they are and to improve palliative care.

### 3. Being forgetful of God belittles our humanity.

Our faith teaches that every human being - made in the image and likeness of God- has an inherent dignity and worth. Our humanity was embraced by Jesus Christ who "Brings our humanity to its full glory through the gateway of suffering and death." We understand that our life is a gift from God," Not our own possession to dispose of as we feel fit."

### What can we do about this?

A debate and first vote are expected to take place in Parliament on November 29th. The Cardinal asks us to write to our MP, to have discussions with friends and colleagues, and above all to pray. You can also use the QR to take you to a website where you can express your disapproval.

**Fr. Andrew**

[righttolife.org.uk](http://righttolife.org.uk)



## EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN UGANDA APPEAL - This weekend

This Charity provides a future through education for some of the poorest children in the world. Judi Fawcett, Founder and Trustee, will give a brief talk at all Masses this weekend and there will be a second collection for their work.

Further information is available on their website at <http://www.evcuganda.org>

## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION

**Fr Steve will sign application forms at the following times.**

**Secondary School applications**  
Sunday 20 October 10.30pm - 12.30 pm

Please contact the office to  
book your slot.

# BECKENHAM CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2024



## LAST WEEK TO BRING YOUR SHOEBOX TO THE OFFICE

Please take one of the leaflets at the back of church and fill a box for us. Blythswood have let us know that this year all the boxes we collect will be distributed to people in Kosovo.

There is more information about this year's appeal and videos of last year's boxes being distributed on Blythswood's website <https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/>

Please consider sharing information about the shoebox collection with family, friends and social media groups so that we can collect as many boxes as possible to bring Christmas joy to those in great need this year.

It's easy to choose gifts for people who have so little. Shampoo, a pair of socks, a notepad, a small toy, a bag of sweets – things we take for granted will seem like luxuries to people living in poverty.

By filling a shoebox with simple things you can bring hope this Christmas.

**Please bring your filled boxes to the Parish Office – boxes can be dropped at the office until the end of October.**

If you have any questions then do get in touch with us  
Lucienne Vella 07884 184534 or Susie Watchorn 07956 574789.

**Thank you so much for your generosity every year with the shoebox appeal.  
We love organising the appeal and so many of you tell us how much you enjoy selecting items to fill the boxes.**

## SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR?

I would personally like to thank everyone involved in making our Hog Roast and Band Beggars evening such a resounding success. To Ticky and Margaret and their fabulous teams, through to the very generous donations of Guinness, wine, time and table decorations and to those of you who bought tickets to support the evening and danced the night away! A grand total of £2,220.49 was raised towards upgrading the church sound system.

**Fr Steve**



## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

invites you to join them in the Hall on  
Wednesday 23 October

7.45 pm Praise and Worship  
8.00 pm Mass for Family Restoration  
and Healing with blessing of water salt  
and oil with Adoration and individual  
prayer. Celebrated by Fr Mark Binang

Whilst the Wednesday evening Mass takes place  
at the start of the Charismatic meeting,  
it is not a Charismatic Mass.

The collection for Missio will be  
next weekend

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

**DAY OF HEALING**  
**2 November 10.30 am – 5.00 pm**

St George's Cathedral,  
Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR

*Praise and Worship, Talks,  
Healing Ministries, Books, Closing Mass*

Main Speaker – Fr. Columba Jordan CFR

You can register at:

**bit.ly/SouthwarkHealing24 or just turn up.**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY 2024**

We are planning to display our swathe of poppies in the church again during November.

We are inviting you to add to our swathe by making knitted, crocheted or fabric poppies, in red and black, up to 10 cm in diameter.

There will be a basket on the table, in the porch at the back of the Church, for you to put your completed poppies in **no later than Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** please.



Poppy templates are available at the back of the church but please feel free to do your own design.

**CLAVER SISTERS FUNDRAISER**

**Cheese & Wine Evening**  
**Saturday 9 November**  
**7.00 - 9.00 pm**

Tickets are £10 per person to include a selection of delicious cheeses and your first glass of wine, and can be purchased from the Parish Office.

Cash only please.

All proceeds will go towards providing water for a children's care home and for the local families in Tonga Village in Kenya.

The 2025 Church Diary is now available for Mass Intentions. Please email or post through the Office door the Masses you would like, with full contact details in case we need to contact you.

**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for Overseas Development



**Middle East Humanitarian Appeal**

**£10**  
gives displaced families  
emergency water

**£120**  
gets emergency shelter  
to three households

Millions are fleeing airstrikes in Lebanon and Gaza. CAFOD and our Church partners are already there, responding.

*Please pray and please give.  
Every gift is needed.*

Scan here



**GIVE TODAY**  
**cafod.org.uk/give**  
or call **0808 58 588 85**

**300 Club**

Thanks to a substantial donation from the 300 Club we will shortly be taking delivery of replacement chairs for the church hall.

If you would like to join the 300 Club and be entered in the monthly draw, please contact the parish office. Each number is £39 a year.

If you know of a charity or organisation who could benefit from receiving our old but serviceable hall chairs please contact the parish office with details.

**SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER**  
**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND**  
**FASTING FOR LIFE**

There have now been over **ten and a half million abortions** in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 57 years ago, on 27th October 1967. On the day before this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Saturday 26th October please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day. Share this with your friends on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/808459844574645>



**MASSES**

<b>Sunday 20 Oct</b>	<b>Twenty-ninth Sunday</b>
6.00 pm <b>VIGIL</b>	Manuel Pampin Mosquera RIP (2nd anniv)
8.00 am	Jane Harris RIP
9.30 am	Jeanne & Pierre Champetier RIP
9.30 am <b>FAMILY MASS</b>	For the people
11.00 am	Lee Cabilin RIP
5.30 pm	Edward Piatek RIP
<b>Monday 21 Oct</b>	<b>Feria (St Margaret Clitherow)</b>
10.00 am	Giampaolo Manca RIP
<b>Tues 22 Oct</b>	<b>Feria (St John Paul II)</b>
10.00 am	Intentions of the Banfield family
<b>Wed 23 Oct</b>	<b>Feria (St John of Capistrano)</b>
10.00 am	Theresa & George Halpin (RIP)
12.00 noon	Funeral of Robert Swan 'Bob'
<b>Thurs 24 Oct</b>	<b>Feria (St Anthony Mary Claret)</b>
10.00 am	For all the souls in purgatory
<b>Friday 25 Oct</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	John & Betty Diaz
<b>Sat 26 Oct</b>	<b>Saints Chad and Cedd (Bishops)</b>
10.00 am	Ints of Michelle Alagaratnam for success in her exams
6.00 pm <b>VIGIL</b>	Deceased Brothers of Beckenham Catenians
<b>Sunday 27 Oct</b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday</b>
8.00 am	The Holy Souls
9.30 am	Anthony Hugh McLoughlin RIP
9.30 am <b>FAMILY MASS</b>	For the people
11.00 am	Rosemary Elmer RIP
5.30 pm	Tim Baron

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.

**We pray for those who have died:**

Robert Swan, Pat Leach, Francis D'Souza,  
Enrico Carboni Gillian Maddock-Lyon, Hugh  
Anthony Richards, Benito Valentino, Fr Jake  
Dicto, Margaret O'Mahoney, Joel Oluka  
Okiror, Francis Ekomolott Onapito,  
Bernadette Murray.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are**

**at this time:** Roy Anggiansah, Peter Cole,  
Eugene Gilkes, Eileen Mary Gallen, Patricia  
Hitchcock, Mary Holleran, Riccardo Ling,  
Monica Jones, Rosemary Elmer, Theresia  
Halpin, Brian Knowles, France Fleming,  
Frieda Pereira-Rego, Ann Berry, Margaret  
Deeks, Louis Bonello, Pamela Kean,  
Marguerite Hankin, Denise Ricketts, Edith  
Leonard, Sr Bernard James, Eileen Hood,  
Lucy Denne, Annie Martin, Bernard Grey.

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

Meditation every Monday in the Hall (not  
bank holidays) from 5.30 - 6.20 pm,  
except for the first Monday when it is in the  
Lady Chapel.

Contemplative Saturday on 19 October  
in the Hall from 11-12

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

<b>OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 13.10.24</b>	
Plate Collection	1050.69
Contactless	328.20
Bank Standing Order	576.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1047.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3001.99</b>

**DIARY**

<b>Oct</b>	
Sat 19	Day of Recollection in Welling
Sat 26	Day of Recollection in Streatham
Tues 29	Requiem for Francis D'Souza at 10.00
Wed 30	Requiem for Benito Valentino at 11.30
<b>Nov</b>	
Sat 9	Fundraising Cheese & Wine for the Claver Sisters mission work.
<b>Dec</b>	
Mon 9	SVP Christmas lunch

**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/>

**MISSIO BOXES**

If you have a red box at home please bring it to the Office for its  
half yearly emptying. It will be returned to the narthex for you to  
collect. If you cannot see your returned box please take a blank  
box and add your name and telephone number to the label.