

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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Donations and collection
for Living Well

CONFIRMATION 2025

Registration for the 2025 Confirmation Program opens on the 1st of December. Baptised young people in year 9 or above are invited to enroll. Classes will take place on Monday evenings starting in March and culminating with the Confirmation Mass in the summer.

Please use this link to register:
<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/events/nn42ohqm>

LITTLE BOOKS FOR ADVENT

At the back of the church you will find *My Day By Day* booklets that guide you through each day of Advent.

There are ones for adults and copies for very young children and also for school age children.

We would be grateful for a donation of £1.00 to cover the costs of these booklets

SVP GIFT CARD APPEAL FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

As in previous years, SVP Beckenham has reached out to 10 of our local primary schools to offer a Sainsbury's gift card to families in particular need. This year we hope to donate £4,000 via gift cards and would very much appreciate your support in getting to this total.

Donations can be made by bank transfer to:

Sort code 60-60-04
Account number 46076190
Reference gift cards 2024

Cash and cheques can be posted through the parish office door.



The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be outside church this weekend to sell their 2025 Mission Calendar. These are being sold on behalf of the Missionary Sisters of St. Augustine who run a dispensary in a diocese in Benin and who hope to be able to buy a new vehicle to help them in their work.

SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE ROSARY PRAYER PROJECT

All are warmly invited to join this Archdiocese-wide prayer initiative, praying a decade of the Rosary each day for priests and parishes in their own deanery.

For details see the poster on the noticeboard, pick up an invitation leaflet at the back of church or email southwarkrenewal@gmail.com

All members, past and present, of St Edmund's Walking Group are warmly invited to Margaret's house on Friday 13 December at 11.00 am.

Michael Elmer will lead a walk from the church via Kelsey Park to Margaret's house after the 10.00 am Mass for those wishing to join.

Please email Margaret for details if you plan to go straight to the house
drmargaretkelleher@hotmail.com

A DAY WITH MARY

is taking place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday 14 December (10.15 am to 5.15 pm). Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark, John Wilson.

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

TODAY

CWL TABLE SALE

Sunday 1 December

In the Hall after 9.30 Mass

**THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

invites you to join them in the Hall on
Wednesday 4 December

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant is Fr Steve

Followed by AGM

10.00 pm Evening concludes.

**SVP CHRISTMAS LUNCH
MONDAY 9 DECEMBER**

The SVP is taking bookings for its annual
Christmas lunch.

Please call Fiona Ross on 07956 516 279
to reserve your place(s), to advise of any
dietary requirements, or to request help
with getting to and from the lunch

**READERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS VIGIL
& MIDNIGHT MASS**

Tuesday Night - 24th December

Several Readers are required for this Service
which starts with the Vigil of Readings
at 11.30 pm before proceeding to Mass
at Midnight.

If you would like to read at these celebrations,
please contact Rosemary by **email only** to
r.ekong@ucl.ac.uk or leave a message with
the Parish Office by Wednesday 18 December

Thank you.



Today we have our regular collec-
tion for Living Well and next week-
end we will have a special collection
for donations more focused on
Christmas, and which will enable
Living Well to give their guests
some seasonal items.

You can donate using this QR code and Living Well will do
the shopping for you. £40 covers the cost of one full food
parcel.

Requested items are: tinned ham/comed beef/salmon/
veg/fruit/soup. Long life milk, tea bags,
coffee, jam/marmalade, rice pudding,
custard, cereal, pasta, shampoo and
shower gel.

Next week it would be wonderful if you
could bring in some festive treats for all
ages.



NEW LECTIONARIES

Catholic Truth Society Sunday Missals are now
on sale in the Church Shop which is open after
all Masses.

BISHOP CHALLENOR SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024

Sunday 1 December

12.00 - 3.30 pm

ADVENT REFLECTIONS 2024

During Advent the Southwark Spirituality
Commission will be sending out daily
reflections featuring scripture, thoughts and
prayers.

You can sign-up to receive them each morning
by going to: tinyurl.com/adventreflections2024

These reflections are a great way to keep your
mind focused on the Lord Jesus during the
busy Advent season.

PARISH ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

On **Saturday 14 December** at **7.15 pm** in the
church and online on our webcam
at: www.saintedmunds.net

Why not come and enjoy carols and readings,
with our four parish choirs, to really get ready
for Christmas?

If you wish to join us online there will be a
programme on the website from
12 December.

We raise money at this annual event to support
St. Christopher's Hospice and as usual we will
have a collection after the Service.

If you wish to donate direct to the charity
you can go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/cathy-denne-1731069869029>

or you can post a donation marked for
St Christopher's Hospice, through the
office door.

We do hope you are able to join us in the
church and afterwards for Mince Pies and
Mulled Wine in the Church Hall.

300 Club

We are thrilled that thanks to the money raised by the 300 Club we have been able to replace our old blue plastic chairs with ones that can be stored and moved about on trolleys. They will all be kept in the Hall so are easily reached.

All the old chairs have been gifted to local churches or community centres.

As the Mezzanine will no longer be full of our back up chairs we will be able to refresh this area and bring it back into use as a meeting space for parish groups.

Thank you to Isabelle who runs the 300 Club for encouraging us in this venture. If you would like to join the club please send your name to the Parish Office and we will send the necessary forms to you. One ticket costs £39 and all profits are used for the parish.

CHURCHSUITE

St Edmund's has a parish website and App where parishioners can register themselves and their family to:

- Receive an email copy of the newsletter each Friday
- Set up online giving
- Keep family details up-to-date
- Check their Gift Aid donations and print their Gift Aid annual summary

<https://saintedmunds.net/index.php/new-parishioners/>

This database of parishioners is an invaluable tool for the clergy team and the parish office but we are aware that many parishioners are not yet registered.

Bromley Healthcare has asked us to put this in the newsletter so it reaches a wide audience:

Bromley Healthwatch is the statutory voice for patients to share their experience of NHS services eg GP, hospital, pharmacy, optician... We would be most grateful if you could take a moment to visit our website and share your views about a recent health or social care experience you have had in the borough over the last 6 months - good and/or bad, we want to hear from you. Every little bit of feedback is important as we produce quarterly reports which are read by Bromley Commissioners. No names are published:

<https://www.healthwatchbromley.co.uk/share-your-views>

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve 24 December
There will be Masses at both St Edmund's Church and at St Mary's School at 4.00 pm

These early Masses are for the young families in our parish, parents with babies, toddlers and primary school children.

All other Masses are in the church.

6.00 pm

8.00 pm

11.30 pm

Vigil Service with carols and readings followed by Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00 am

9.30 am

11.00 am

THERE IS NO EVENING MASS



MASSES

Sunday 1 Dec	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
6.00 pm	For the people of the parish
8.00 am	Tony Leonard RIP
9.30 am	Ints of the Ross family
11.00 am	For the generous sponsors of our new Lectionary
5.30 pm	Claudette Seeboruth
Monday 2 Dec	Feria
10.00 am	Jean-Paul Schoens
Tues 3 Dec	St Francis Xavier
10.00 am	Benefactors & Promoters of the Claver Sisters
	Francis D'Souza RIP
	No Adoration
7.00 pm	Bishop Challoner School Advent Carol Service
Wed 4 Dec	St John Damascene
10.00 am	For all the souls in Purgatory
Thurs 5 Dec	Feria (St John Almond)
10.00 am	Berthe Reynaud
Friday 6 Dec	St Nicholas, Bishop
10.00 am	Howard Long & his parents Arthur & Phyllis RIP
Sat 7 Dec	St Ambrose, Bishop
10.00 am`	The Holy Souls
2 - 3.00 pm	Reconciliation for First Holy Communion candidates
6.00 pm	Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
Sunday 8 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
8.00 am	Nancy & Steven Dennis RIP
9.30 am	Welfare & intentions of Raphael Fleming
9.30 am	For the people
FAMILY MASS	
11.00 am	Thomas Lee RIP
	Rite of Acceptance for RCIA candidates
5.30 pm	Michael Stannard 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



We pray for those who have died: Bernadette Murray, Rachel Cain, Bishop John Hine, John Taylor, Sandra Jones and David Fletcher.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Barbara Poltera, Jeanne Ingram, Margaret Cantwell, Maria Etheridge, Evelyn Keeley, Bella Walter, Veronica Lambert, Helen Shipsey, Leonard Cook, Pearse Kilcullen, Mim Jennngs.

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, Susan McWilliams and Mary-Jo McCarthy.

Meditation every Monday in the Hall (not bank holidays) from 5.30 - 6.20 pm. except for the first Monday of each month when it is in the Lady Chapel. Please respect the need to arrive promptly and observe the silence.

DIARY

Dec	
Sun 1	CWL Table sale in Hall after 9.30 Mass Sale of calendars for Claver Sisters charity outside church Bishop Challenor Christmas Fair 12 noon to 3.30 pm
Mon 2	Law Surgery in Hall Meeting Room at 6.00 pm
Mon 9	SVP Christmas lunch
Sat 14	Advent Reconciliation Service at 3.00 pm Advent Carol Service at 7.15 pm followed by reception in the Hall

OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 24.11.24	
Plate Collection	866.74
Contactless	194.65
Bank Standing Order	741.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1013.67
TOTAL	2816.06

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/>