

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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Sunday 15 December 2024 Yr C

Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver
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No second collection

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Saturday 14 December
7.15 pm

in the church and
online at www.saintedmunds.net



CONFIRMATION 2025

For young people in Yr 9 or above.

Please use this link to register:

<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/events/nn42ohqm>

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Account number 46076190

Reference gift cards 2024

Cash and cheques can be posted through the parish office door

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2.30 PM IN THE HALL

Deacon Ray will be giving a talk on the new lectionary, and also on Saint Luke who wrote the gospels that we will be listening to all this year.

Refreshments will be available.



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Tuesday Night - 24th December

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Thank you.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE Saturday 14 December at 3.00 pm

We have a visiting Spanish priest assisting us at this service and parishioners may like to know that he can also hear confessions in Italian also.

Our own Fr Andrew is always available to hear confessions in Spanish and French.

CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL

Thank you to **Von** and **Celia** for setting up our beautiful nativity scene on the sanctuary.

Please bring your children to pray before it.

Fr Steve has decided that your donations, will be given to the Catholic Children's Society and used to care for families living within Southwark diocese.

Your donations can be put in the wall safe by the shop or you can use this QR code.



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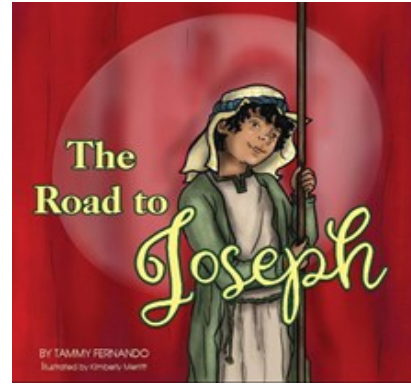
7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant is Fr Damien Ilodigwe
(Norbury)

Followed by an informal prayer meeting.

10.00 pm Evening concludes.



Do you remember some months ago, Tammy, one of our parishioners and a children's author, came to the Hall after the Children's Mass and ran a lively workshop for the young people, and asked them to help her choose the name for her new book.

It's a dramatic Christian story of how little Chris gets to play the role of Joseph in the school nativity. The entire journey is bumpy but the Holy Trinity is there to lend a helping hand.

It has just been published and is available from our Church Shop.

LINK TO SUNDAY'S READINGS

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ADVENT PRAYER

Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent when we lighten our spirits and rejoice because we have arrived at the mid-point of Advent and our preparation is now half over.

During the third week of Advent we pray -

**O Lord, we beg you,
hear our prayer and enlighten
the darkness of our minds
by the grace of your visitation.**

Amen



Thank you so much for the donations you brought in last weekend.

A big thank you to Mick Denne who takes all our donations to Living Well throughout the year.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school has two vacancies:

Teaching Assistant (currently based in Year 4) and a **Teaching Assistant with Named Children** (to provide learning support for a small number of pupils with special educational needs).

Permanent positions, working Monday to Friday – term time only

For more information and an application form visit the school's website or contact Mrs E. Tracey at: admin@stmaryscp.co.uk

Closing date for applications is noon on Wednesday 8 January 2025.

MISSIO

We have received a letter of thanks from **missio** for the gift of £837.14 received from St Edmund's from the World Mission Sunday collection.

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD



Thank you for all your support for Family Fast Day in your parish! Please pass on our thanks to everyone at St Edmund's in Beckenham for their prayers and donation of **£1808**.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve 24 December

There will be Masses at both St Edmund's Church (organised by the Children's Mass team) and at St Mary's School at 4.00 pm (with piano and carols)

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
with the Folk Choir
8.00 pm
with organ & carols

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

Our Christmas Masses take a great deal of organising to enable them to run smoothly.

There are many tasks that need to be done and our priests are always grateful for offers of assistance.

Once you have decided which Mass you will be attending why not contact one of the priests offering your assistance or go into the sacristy to sign up for a role.

We need:

People to make sure the hymn sheets and missalettes are in the right place

People to refill the stock of votive candles by the stands

Welcomers - at least four for each Mass

Readers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Altar servers - some for every Mass

Collectors - at least four for each Mass

Families to take up the offertory.

People to tidy the church after each Mass

Please consider whether you could take on one of these roles.

4.00 PM MASSES

Both vigil Masses at 4.00 pm on Christmas Eve are intended for **families with young children.**

In previous years they have been packed with adults and teenagers leaving little space for the little ones. Fr Steve asks that parents with older children came to the later Masses.

The Mass in the church will follow the format of the weekly children's Mass in the Hall and the one at St Mary's will also be focussed on children.



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MASSES

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 6.00 pm VIGIL Monica Grima RIP
 7.15 pm Advent Carol Service

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 9.30 am HALL For the people
CHILDRENS MASS
 11.00 am Giaco & Chona (wedding anniv)
 5.30 pm Maureen & Bridie Howard RIP

Monday 16 Dec Feria
 10.00 am Canon Jack Madden (anniv)
No Adoration
 11.15 am Requiem for David Fletcher

Tues 17 Dec Feria
 10.00 am Spiro & Alba RIP

Wed 18 Dec Feria
 10.00 am Dec'd members of the Lennon Family
No Adoration
 11.30 am Requiem for Tony Hallett

Thurs 19 Dec Feria
 10.00 am Ints of Rae Fleming

Friday 20 Dec Feria
 9.00 am St Mary's School end of term Mass
 Nora & Patrick Doolan RIP
 10.00 am Claire McNamara RIP

Sat 21 Dec Feria
 10.00 am Maria Ariyaratnam RIP (6 months)
 6.00 pm Maurice Tydings RIP & Mary, Lena & Esther Coleman RIP

Sunday 22 Dec Fourth Sunday of Advent
 8.00 am Ints of the Dennis Family
 9.30 am John Friend-Pereira RIP
 9.30 am HALL For the people
CHILDRENS MASS
 11.00 am Agnes & Edward Reilly
 5.30 pm Paddy & John Sheehan RIP

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OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 8.12.24	
Plate Collection	812.37
Contactless	N/A
Bank Standing Order	1992.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1453.63
TOTAL	4319.34

We pray for those who have died: Sandra Jones, David Fletcher, Tony Hallett, Roy Edwards, and Margaret Ann Wilkes

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Canon Jack Madden, Carmel Watt, Evelyn Deegan, Charles Paes, Angela Laws, Stella Ling, Terry Smith, Kitirna Sana, Eileen Sullivan, Peter Carr, Antoinette Davies, Joseph Da Cruz, Ann Craig, Carmel Connel. Orazio Rossi, Fr David Maher, Margaret Murphy.

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DIARY

December

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 Advent Carol Service at 7.15 pm followed by reception in the Hall

Mon 16 Requiem for David Fletcher at 11.15

Wed 18 Requiem for Tony Hallett at 11.30

January

Sun 5 Talk by Deacon Ray on the new Lectionary and the gospel of St Luke. 2.30 in the Hall.

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:

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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

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Deacon Ray will be giving a talk on the new lectionary which was introduced on the 1st Sunday of Advent, and also on Saint Luke who wrote the gospels that we will be listening to all this year.

Is there anyone who could volunteer to serve tea and coffee? Please let the Office know.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE Saturday 14 December at 7.15 pm in the church and online at www.saintedmunds.net

Come and enjoy carols and readings with our four parish choirs?

The programme will be on the website from Wednesday.

There will be a collection for St. Christopher's Hospice after the Service.

To donate direct to the charity 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.

The CWL thanks all who supported their table sale in the Hall last Sunday. The sale raised £168.00 for their charities.

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Thank you.



Today we have a
special collection for
seasonal donations,
for Living Well to
give to their guests.



If you wish to donate money you can do this by
using the QR code above. Living Well will then do the
shopping for you. **A gift of £40 covers the cost of
one full food parcel.**

**This year Living Well is part of The Big Give which
means that up until 10 December only, all donations
to their Big Give page will be doubled. Follow this
link: [https://donate.biggive.org/campaign/
a056900002TPSKnAAP?c=67688](https://donate.biggive.org/campaign/a056900002TPSKnAAP?c=67688)**

If you are donating items, Living Well has requested:
tinned ham/comed beef/salmon/veg/fruit/soup. Long
life milk, tea bags, coffee, jam/marmalade, rice pud-
ding, custard, cereal, pasta, shampoo and shower
gel.

These items are always needed but this week we
would love to receive chocolates, sweets, toiletries,
little gifts for children, Christmas biscuits.....

Thank you in advance for your loving generosity.

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

WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE!

There is a clear path toward the assisted
suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading.
Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs
supported the Bill but have concerns that mean
they may vote NO at later stages.

Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO
would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading.
We need MPs to know that their constituents
want them to vote NO at Third Reading.

***Please take action now and visit
www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote to find out
how your MP voted and ask them to vote
against the Bill at Third Reading.***

Sent to parishes by Right to Life

MESSAGE FROM THE CLAVER SISTERS

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver wish
to thank all the parishioners of St Edmund's
Church, Beckenham for your generous
donation towards the poor and needy.

Your generosity amounted to £1232.51. We
are very grateful for your support and may God
reward you all.



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GRIEF AWARENESS CAFÉ

SUNDAY 8 December

2.00 - 4.00 pm

N S Wibberley, one of our local Funeral Directors invites you to join them at 280 High Street (near the cinema) for a drop-in café session to raise grief awareness. There will be information about local organisations who can help with grief, plenty of tea and coffee, and opportunities for cuddles with their bereavement dog, Skye.

All are very welcome.

ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

- Henri J.M. Nouwen

MASSES

Sunday 8 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
6.00 pm VIGIL	Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
8.00 am	Nancy & Steven Dennis RIP
9.30 am	Welfare & intentions of Raphael Fleming
9.30 am HALL	For the people
CHILDRENS MASS	
11.00 am	Thomas Lee RIP
	Rite of Acceptance for RCIA candidates
5.30 pm	Michael Stannard RIP
Monday 9 Dec	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00 am	All persecuted born & unborn children
Tues 10 Dec	Our Lady of Loreto
10.00 am	Dr Michael Ekong RIP
Wed 11 Dec	St Damasus 1, Pope
10.00 am	Joe Doyle RIP (3rd anniv)
Thurs 12 Dec	Our Lady of Guadalupe
10.00 am	Rosalind Dunn & dec'd family members
	No Adoration
7.00 pm`	St Mary's KS2 Carol Service
Friday 13 Dec	St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
10.00 am	Dec'd benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
Sat 14 Dec	St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
10.00 am`	Mick Westgarth RIP (2nd anniv)
3.00 pm	Advent Reconciliation Service
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Contactless	130.26
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Church Suite Regular Giving	2539.37
TOTAL	4319.34

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- Sat 14 Advent Reconciliation Service at 3.00 pm
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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

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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

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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

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**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

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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

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If you wish to join us online there will be a
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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/>

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Sunday 24 Nov 2024

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Second collection for the
Catholic Youth Service

Happy New Year – Welcome New Lectionary!

This weekend, Sunday the 24th November, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the Church year. In the Catholic Church the new year always starts on the first Sunday of Advent, four Sundays before Christmas Day. This is the moment at which we welcome new readings from the three-year Sunday Mass cycle: A, B, C, which allows us to hear a wider selection of readings from the Bible. So, next weekend we move from year B, with readings from the Gospel of Mark, into year C, with Gospel readings from Luke. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are of course telling the same narrative of Christ's life, Passion and resurrection; but they were written for different audiences and focus on different aspects of the Good News.

Luke, the Greek physician and companion of St Paul, compiles a carefully researched biography of Christ, he writes to someone called Theophilus, literally 'Lover of God'. No one can say whether Theophilus was an actual person, but I prefer the theory that this Gospel is written for each of us who is seeking God. Here we find the familiar details of the nativity, such as the journey to Bethlehem, the stable birth, and the visit of the shepherds. In this year of prayer before the Jubilee it's also opportune to reflect on the Benedictus and Magnificat prayers, that also come from the pen of Luke. His Gospel overflows with parables, some of the best-known stories from the Bible, such as the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan, are only found here. These stories speak to us particularly of God's love for us and of our love for our neighbour. Perhaps most importantly Luke's Gospel provides the most human depiction of Christ, literally the word made flesh. Never more so, than when the resurrected Christ shares a meal with the disciples in Emmaus.

This year on the weekend of 1st December, as we enter the season of Advent, preparing for Christ's arrival into the world, the change in the readings from Old and New Testament is even more marked than previously. The reason for this is that the Catholic Church in England and Wales is bringing a new Lectionary into use. What is a Lectionary? I hear you ask. This is the book which is placed on the lectern from which the reader (or lector) proclaims the word of God. You may remember that we made an appeal a while ago for financial support to purchase the new lectionary and the companion books that go with it: the Chapel Lectionary and the Book of Gospels (which is

carried into Mass by the Deacon). The clergy team thank you for your generosity: our books are ready to be used from next weekend and will be specially blessed at the Masses celebrating the beginning of Advent. Across the country Catholic Churches have ordered their new books from the Catholic Truth Society, which has carefully conceived, printed, and bound these books to enhance our worship. The setting of the text has been designed to be clearer to proclaim than previously.

But why do we need new books? Well, this is the continuation of a process that began at the Second Vatican Council, in the early 1960s, when the Bishops of the Church decided that their congregations would benefit from hearing the readings and prayers at Mass in their own language, rather than in Latin, and to experience a wider range of texts from the Bible. The task of translation was a massive undertaking and was carried out at breakneck speed, and, inevitably, perhaps, there was a feeling that the end result could have been a little better. In the process some of the valuable links between the prayers and the readings had been lost. The new translation seeks to reconnect these different parts of the Mass. In many cases the changes are relatively small and may not even be noticeable to most listeners, but there may be phrases that you have become familiar with over the years that will now sound different. To be compelled to listen more attentively is actually a great opportunity. The 'new' translation is the English Standard Version (Catholic Edition) which is already in use in other parts of the world, such as India, for the past 6 years. This is an opportunity to pause and to hear our readings with new ears, to rediscover the sheer joy of the word of God.

During the baptism service the minister often recites the Ephphatha prayer calling for the ears and mouth of the child be opened to hear the word of God and to proclaim it anew; this Advent should be our Ephphatha moment.

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" (Luke 24:32 .ESV) What a gift!

Deacon Ray

Each year Living Well has a special collection for donations to enable them to give their guests something special at Christmas.

Our planned Christmas collection will be on 1 December and this will go ahead as usual, collecting the basic requirements Living Well always need, but we have also decided to have a second food collection on Sunday 8 December for the special Christmas items they which they have requested for that week.

Tinned Ham/Corned Beef	Hot Chocolate
Tinned Salmon	Jam/Marmalade
Tinned Veg	Rice Pudding/Custard
Tinned Fruit	Festive Biscuits
Tinned Soup	Festive Chocolates
Long Life Milk	Cereal
Coffee	Pasta
Tea bags	Shampoo & Shower gel



Or donate what you can using this QR code and they will do the shopping for you. £40 covers the cost of a full food parcel.



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/>

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2024

This Sunday is World Youth Sunday. The second collection will support youth work in the Archdiocese and beyond, especially the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a variety of activities for youth and young adults. For more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/scys1 or join the Southwark Catholic Youth network for regular updates at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork or via the QR code. Additional World Youth Sunday resources have been produced by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) at www.wys.cymfed.org.uk.



SVP CHRISTMAS LUNCH MONDAY 9 DECEMBER

The SVP is taking bookings for their annual Christmas lunch.

Please call Fiona Ross on 07956 516279 to reserve your place(s), to advise of any dietary requirements, or to request help with getting to and from the lunch.

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 some of those 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.

CWL TABLE SALE

Sunday 1 December
In the Hall after 9.30 Mass

Our CWL is holding a Table Sale, mostly of bric-a-brac items, to raise money for the charities they support.

It could be the perfect place to pick up some Christmas gifts.
There will be refreshments on sale.



CAFOD (the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) invites you to take part in our Nativity Fun Run on Saturday 7 December at 11.00 am. This event is a festive walk, run or stroll around Clapham Common where you can dress up, have fun, and take part in an exciting family activity as Christmas approaches, while also helping to raise vital funds for overseas communities.

To learn more, sign up, and participate, please visit our website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Sponsored-challenge-events/Run-for-CAFOD/Nativity-Fun-Run>

We are also looking for volunteers to support us throughout the day – if you enjoy engaging with your local community and have a free morning, we encourage you to sign up on our website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Volunteering-opportunities/Event-volunteer>

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

PARISH ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

On **Saturday, 14th December at 7.15 p.m.** in the Church and online on our Webcam: www.saintedmunds.net.

Why not come and enjoy Carols and Readings, with all the four Choirs in our Parish, to really get ready for Christmas?

Should you wish to join us online a programme will be made available on the website from 12th December.

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

Should you wish to donate to this charity you can also do so online:

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

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

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

SCAM EMAILS IMPERSONATING PARISH PRIESTS

There has been a worrying rise in scam emails targeting parishioners. These emails impersonate Fr Steve, often using a similar email name and masking the real email address. They typically request the recipient to purchase Amazon or other gift cards as gifts for the priest. Unfortunately, there have been reports of parishioners in some parishes falling victim to these scams, with some individuals losing up to £600 to the fraudsters.

We have been asked by the diocesan ICT department to spread awareness of these emails and what to look out for:

- Never purchase gift cards as gifts for the priests based on an email request, unless you have verified the request directly in person or through a trusted means.
- Double-check any suspicious email by directly contacting the parish office.
- Avoid sharing personal or financial information in response to unsolicited emails.

If you encounter any of these emails, please report them as spam and inform the parish office immediately.

READERS FOR ST. EDMUND'S CHRISTMAS VIGIL & MIDNIGHT MASS

Tuesday Night - 24th December 2024

Several Readers are required for this important Christmas 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** (r.ekong@ucl.ac.uk) or leave a message with the Parish Office by Wednesday 18th December Thank you.

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

invites you to join them in the Hall on Wednesday 27 November

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass - Celebrant is Fr David Gummett

Followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

NEW LECTIONARIES

Deacon Ray explains on the front page how changes to the Lectionary mean that our Missals have now been revised. The Catholic Truth Society Sunday Missals are now on sale in the Church Shop which is open after all Masses.

300 Club

Congratulations to the winners of the November draw :

Melanie Beechinor-Collins - £100.00

Sean Lacey - £50.00

Andrew Watt - £25.00

Please contact the Office if you would like to join the 300 Club.

Numbers are £39 each

The Christmas draw will take place after the Advent Carol Service on 14 December

ST MARYS SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024
Saturday 30 November
11.00 am - 3.00 pm

BISHOP CHALLENGOR SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024
Sunday 1 December
12.00 - 3.30 pm

MASSES

Sunday 24 Nov	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
6.00 pm VIGIL	Alek Pasiniewicz RIP
8.00 am	Michael Stannard RIP
9.30 am	John Crouch RIP
9.30 am FAMILY MASS	For the people
11.00 am	Journey mercies for Daniel Christopher Conner
5.30 pm	Gretta Colonnese & Ron Renton RIP
Monday 25 Nov	St Catherine of Alexandria
10.00 am	Crescenzo Panetta RIP
Tues 26 Nov	Feria
10.00 am	Paulo & Armando Cogoni RIP
Wed 27 Nov	Feria
10.00 am	John Murnane's Medjugorje pilgrim friends, living & deceased
Thurs 28 Nov	Feria
10.00 am	Giovanni Campanaro RIP
Friday 29 Nov	St Cuthbert Mayne & Companions
10.00 am	Welfare & intentions of Rae Fleming
Sat 30 Nov	St Andrew, Apostle
10.00 am`	Robert Swan RIP & intentions of Colleen Swan
6.00 pm	For the people of the parish
	Faith in Action Mass
Sunday 1 Dec	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8.00 am	Tony Leonard RIP
9.30 am	Ints of the Ross family
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CONFIRMATION CLASS 2025

Registration for Confirmation classes will be open on 1 December and a link will be in next week's newsletter.

OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 17.11.24	
Plate Collection	859.44
Contactless	244.06
Bank Standing Order	928.50
Church Suite Regular Giving	930.47
TOTAL	2962.47

We pray for those who have died: Bernadette Murray, John Moylan, Carmel Fahey, Rachel Cain, Elizabeth Rourke.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Maureen Bentley, Crescenzo Panetta, Gretta Colonnese, John Doyle, Pauline Tolhurst, Sally O'Shea, Epiphany Fernandes, Louise Hitchcock, Giovanni Campanaro, Roisin Acquah, Henry Alfred Jones, Ernest Galea, Eileen Macey, Ivy Ballard, Siobhan Carly Smith, Mary Porter, Agnes Michell, Anthony Leonard

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.

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DIARY

Nov	
Sat 30	St Mary's Christmas Fair 11am to 3pm
Dec	
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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

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Sort Code: 60 02 12
Acc No: 14282887

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Sunday 17 Nov 2024

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**Our second collection is for
the SVP**

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL - ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON SPEAKS OUT

As the assisted suicide bill was published this week, our Archbishop John Wilson has urged people to act and raise their voices in opposition to the proposals.

Archbishop John said the threat is "not just physical but moral and spiritual too. We are duty bound to stand up and challenge this attack on human dignity on all fronts".

The Archbishop makes clear that if "we are true followers of Christ, we must do all we can to support and protect the most vulnerable in our society".

In his message, posted on YouTube and other social media channels, the Archbishop highlights the pressure the proposals will put people suffering illnesses or disabilities under. He said: "People are being presented as a problem. As a burden. A statistic. Something we can deal with through ending their life".

Archbishop John asks "where is the dignity in that? Where is the love in that?" Each person is made in the image and likeness of God. We are called, the Archbishop said, as followers of the Lord Jesus to "care for those who are suffering, not to bring about their death". Because, "who are we to say a life is not worth living or that someone is better off dead because society values their contribution less than someone else".

This is why, Archbishop John said, "we need to raise our voices to say that is not true". He urges everyone to "speak up", because "if we don't stand up and value the dignity of human life, who will?"

Because as Archbishop John said, "as followers of the Lord Jesus, we must be bold in our efforts to uphold, respect and protect every human life from conception until natural death".

So please show, that "you will not sit idly while the elderly and people with illnesses and disabilities are treated as nothing but a burden to society and their family".

Together, let's be clear all are made in the likeness and image of God. That they are loved.

Watch Archbishop John speaking here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4lGCSz_Zzw

From Independent Catholic News

At the back of the church, above where the hymn books are stored, you will find post cards to send to our local MP, who, if you live in the Beckenham and Penge constituency is Liam Conlon. These postcards are to encourage him to vote against the bill on Friday 29 November.

HOLY HOUR

Last Wednesday evening, as encouraged by the Bishops of England and Wales, we joined countless religious places at 5.30 pm and held a Holy Hour in our church.

I was heartened by the number who came together in prayer and have been told that many more were joining in on the live stream.

Thank you all.

Fr Steve

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We will list these in a couple of weeks.

A grey *Boots* spectacle case containing spectacles was found in the church last Sunday evening. It can be collected from the Sacristy after Mass.

CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT

We haven't any dates yet for when to enrol for Confirmation Preparation.

When we have, there will be announcements at Mass, on the website and in the newsletter.

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:
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<https://eventcatholic.com/>



We have received a letter of thanks from Cafod for the donation of £1808.04 for Family Fast Day.

Thank you

SVP CHRISTMAS LUNCH MONDAY 9 DECEMBER

The SVP is taking bookings for their annual Christmas lunch.

There will be a full Christmas meal and some seasonal entertainment.

For those on a low income there is no charge. Otherwise there is a suggested donation of £15 per person with all proceeds going to St. Vincent de Paul Beckenham.

Please call Fiona Ross on 07956 516279 to reserve your place(s), to advise of any dietary requirements, or to request help with getting to and from the lunch.



BAPTISMS AT ST EDMUND'S

If you are hoping to have a child baptised at St Edmund's, the process of preparation and booking your date has now changed.

This is for all children, not just your first child.

The parish website tells you all you need to know, and in future all communication will be made, **not through the Parish Office**, but by emailing the **dedicated account**

beckenhambaptism@rcaos.org.uk

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.

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

CHURCH SHOP - THIS SUNDAY

This year the first Sunday of Advent falls on December 1st. It is the day the church begins its new year: we move into Year C of the church's cycle and hear Sunday readings from the gospel of St Luke. It is also the day we begin to use the new lectionaries about which you will read next week

So that we all are ready for this period of preparation before the birth of Christ, the many lovely items in our church shop that relate to Advent and Christmas will be brought into the Hall so that you can easily view them and purchase them.

There will be Advent candles and Advent calendars, Christmas candles and gifts. There will also be Christmas cards for sale and catalogues from various charities which contain some wonderful ethical gifts.

Please do support our Church Shop by coming across to the Hall after the 8.00 am and the 9.30 am Masses to see what there is for you.

There will be refreshments as usual in the Hall that morning, so why not come over, catch up with your friends. and start your Christmas shopping.

SUM UP MACHINES

Would the person who is switching off the Sum Up machines at the plug sockets please stop.

This cannot be done accidentally and it means the machines are out of action until someone is available to reset them.

Please be careful with these machines. When they are not working properly it is usually because they have been handled roughly.

Parents, could we ask you not to let your children play with the machines.

CHRIST THE KING YOUTH DAY Saturday 23 November

11.30 am to 6.00 pm

Once again this Youth Day will be hosted at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Plaistow Lane, Bromley.

Entry is £10 which includes lunch and snacks. Some activities and the tuck shop are extra.

If you're going for the first time, why not take a friend. Please register [here](#). Payment is by cash on the door. We look forward to greeting all young people in the deanery aged 8-18

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

invites you to join them in the Hall on Wednesday 20 November

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass - Celebrant is Fr Andrew Bishop

Followed by informal Prayer Meeting. Evening concludes at 10.00 pm

If you need a Certificate of Catholic Practice for entry into a Catholic primary school e signed, please call the Parish Office to book a time to see Fr Steve.

THANK YOU FROM THE CLAVER SISTERS

Thank you to Andrea Hixson for hosting a cheese & wine party last weekend to raise funds for a water supply to a children's home in a small Kenyan village.

It was a relaxed, sociable and friendly evening aided by a great team of helpers, and over £1000 was raised for the project

Thank you to all who came and donated so generously.

BISHOP CHALLENGOR SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024

Sunday 1 December

12.00 - 3.30 pm

MASSES

Sunday 17 Nov	Thirty-third Sunday World Day of the Poor
6.00 pm	In grateful thanks to the Killick Family
8.00 am	For the people
9.30 am	Stephen & Nancy Dennis RIP
9.30 am	Private intention of Jim Conner
FAMILY MASS IN HALL	
11.00 am	Esseline Nunes d'Agrella RIP
	There will be a baptism at this Mass
5.30 pm	Mrs Ginette Lishing How RIP
Monday 18 Nov	The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles
10.00 am	Welfare & intentions of Raphael Fleming
Tues 19 Nov	Feria
10.00 am	John Dutton RIP
Wed 20 Nov	Feria
10.00 am	Ann Moys RIP (anniv) & Alice Castle RIP
Thurs 21 Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00 am	Birthday thanksgiving of John Conner
Friday 22 Nov	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
10.00 am	Tommy Ruddy RIP
Sat 23 Nov	St Clement 1, Pope & Martyr
10.00 am	Dec'd benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
6.00 pm	Alek Pasiniewicz RIP
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There are no offertory figures available yet for last week.

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Every gift is welcome. To find out more or to donate online go to :
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Thank you for your generosity of heart.

Our Prayer Tree for the Holy Souls is now on the sanctuary for you to remember your deceased family and friends during November. If you are unable to come to church, then we will be happy to place the name of the person you want remembered on the tree for you. Please email beckenham@rcaos.org.uk – mark the subject box 'Holy Souls' and include the names of your friends and family, or **call the Parish Office on 020 8650 0970.**

CWL TABLE SALE

Sunday 1 December
In the Hall after 9.30 Mass

Our CWL is holding a Table Sale, mostly of bricabrac items to raise money for the charities they support.

It could be the perfect place to pick up some Christmas gifts.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Christ The King Youth Day is back on **Saturday 23 November** 11.30 to 6.00 pm, followed by Youth Mass. Once again this will be hosted at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Plaistow Lane, Bromley.

Entry is £10 including lunch and snacks. Some activities and the tuck shop are extra. If you're going for the first time, why not take a friend. Please register [here](#). Payment is by cash on the door. We look forward to greeting all young people in the deanery aged 8-18

Faith in Action 2024 Awards Ceremony – Saturday 30 November 3.30 to 5.30 pm followed by Mass This year's celebration marks the faith and actions of 24 young candidates over the past year. They have given over 1200 hours of personal service at home, in school and parish life, and across the wider community, and collectively they have raised over £2200 for charity.

Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers, and email bromley-deaneryFIA@rcaos.org.uk if you'd like to join us to give them a big hand as they receive their various awards at St Edmund's Church Hall in Beckenham.

FLAME 2025 Saturday 15 March 2025

As in 2023, this is a Bromley Deanery Youth Day Out for children, young people aged 13+, young adults 18-35 and the young at heart!

The theme is **UNSTOPPABLE: Fan the Flame of Hope**, and as Pilgrims of Hope we'll be supporting our local star Adeniké who returns to the Flame stage again. Help us be one of the biggest groups attending from the Southwark Diocese. For more info and payment details please visit the Registration link [here](#).

CHURCH SHOP SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER

The first Sunday of Advent this year falls on December 1st. It is the day the church begins its new year and is also the day we begin to use the new lectionaries about which you will read shortly.

So that we all are ready for this period of preparation before the birth of Christ, the many lovely items in our church shop that relate to Advent and Christmas will be brought into the Hall so that you can easily view them and purchase them.

There will be Advent candles and Advent calendars, Christmas candles and gifts.

There will also be Christmas cards for sale and catalogues from various charities which contain some wonderful ethical gifts.

Please do support our Church Shop by coming across to the Hall after the 8.00 am and the 9.30 am Masses to see what it has for you.

There will be refreshments as usual in the Hall that morning, so come over and catch up with your friends.

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Fr Aloysius Sempagala (Uganda)

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration with
Prayer and Praise

10.00 pm Evening concludes

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Many Mass intentions have been booked already, so if you have any dates that you would particularly like, please send them as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



SVP CHRISTMAS LUNCH MONDAY 9 DECEMBER



The SVP is now ready to take bookings for their annual Christmas lunch.

There will be a full Christmas meal and some seasonal entertainment.

For those on a low income there is no charge. Otherwise there is a suggested donation of £15 per person with all proceeds going to St. Vincent de Paul Beckenham.

Please call Fiona Ross on 07956 516279 to reserve your place(s), to advise of any dietary requirements, or to request help with getting to and from the lunch.

Thank you to Margretta for re-hanging our beautiful remembrance swathe. Thank you also to those who made poppies to add to it. This is the second year we have hung this curtain of remembrance and together with our Remembrance Tree they are a visible sign of our love and thanks to those who have gone before.

A child's charm bracelet was found in the Hall garden on Sunday 27 October. Please come to the Parish Office if your child has lost one.

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

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indicating the name of your loved one so
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Aaliyah* sits on the remains of a damaged building with her daughter in their neighbourhood in southern Gaza, in October 2024.

Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

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 10.00 am Denis Brelu-Brelu RIP and dec'd family members, Panglose Family and Claudette Seebruth RIP

Tues 12 Nov **St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr**
 10.00 am For all the souls in Purgatory

Wed 13 Nov **St Francis Xavier Cabrini, Religious**
 10.00 am Jean-Paul Schoens
 5.30 pm Holy Hour for the Dignity of the Human Person

Rosary, Adoration and Benediction

Thurs 14 Nov Feria
 10.00 am Monica Grima RIP

Friday 15 Nov Feria (St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)
 10.00 am All persecuted born & unborn children

Sat 16 Nov **St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop**
Our church's feast day
 10.00 am` Edmund Mayungbe RIP
 6.00 pm In grateful thanks to the Killick Family

Sunday 17 Nov **Thirty-third Sunday**
World Day of the Poor
 8.00 am For the people
 9.30 am Stephen & Nancy Dennis RIP
 9.30 am **FAMILY MASS** Private intention of Jim Conner
 11.00 am Esseline Nunes d'Agrella RIP
 There will be a baptism at this Mass
 5.30 pm Mrs Ginette Lishing How RIP

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Contactless	317.54
Bank Standing Order	1916.00
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Holy Hour for the Dignity of the Human Person

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LAW SURGERY

**Monday 4 November
Meeting Room in Hall**

Please come at 6.00 pm to wait your turn to see the solicitor.

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

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATION FORMS

Fr Steve will be available to sign school application forms for entry into primary school at the following times.

Thursday 28 November
3.20 pm to 4.50 pm and
6.00 pm until 8.00 pm.

Sunday 5 January
10.40 am until 12.30 pm.

Please would parents phone the Office to book a time.

It is expected that all parents needing an application form signed will avail themselves of these times.

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Followed by Lectio Divina

10.00 pm Evening concludes

DAY OF HEALING

Saturday 2 November 10.30 am – 5.00 pm

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

*Praise and Worship, Talks,
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Main Speaker – Fr. Columba Jordan CFR

CLAVER SISTERS FUNDRAISER

**Cheese & Wine Evening
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 11.00 am Mike Ekong, Caroline Anaele,
 Mary & John Edet & all dec'd
 members of Edet & Ekong families
 Anna Murgia RIP
 5.30 pm

Monday 4 Nov **St Charles Borromeo, Martyr**
 10.00 am Stan Ziolk RIP (anniv)

Tues 5 Nov **Feria**
 10.00 am Dec'd Claver Sisters
 2.00 pm Requiem for Fabiola Zorilla
 Corrigan

Wed 6 Nov **Feria**
 10.00 am Michael Ekong RIP

Thurs 7 Nov **The Dedication of the Cathedral
 Church of St George**
 10.00 am Benefactors & promoters of the
 Claver Sisters

Friday 8 Nov **Feria (St Willibrord, Bishop)**
 9.00 am St Mary's Yr 3
 10.00 am Berthe Reynaud

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Mon 4	Law Surgery in Hall Meeting Room
Tues 5	Requiem for Fabiola Zorilla Corrigan at 2.00 pm
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THE LETTER - a Postcript

On 17th September St Edmund's hosted a successful screening of the documentary The Letter in the church hall as part of the Season of Creation. The film follows five people representing groups that are most affected by the climate crisis as they travel from their home countries to meet with Pope Francis in the Vatican to share their stories with him. The film was made in response to the papal encyclical (or 'letter' - hence the title) Laudato Si' (Praised Be) which was subsequently expanded upon in his exhortation Laudate Deum (Praise God). This film powerfully brings home the human scale consequences of climate change, which should be of concern to all of us.

If you haven't yet seen the film, or perhaps would like to watch it again then you can watch it free by using this QR code or type <https://theletterfilm.org/watch/>



If you have watched the film and feel moved to become involved, then please follow this QR code or type <https://theletterfilm.org/take-action/#takeActionForm>

In the cosy environs of Beckenham, we are largely insulated from the climate emergency, but it is hard to deny that our seasons are changing and that our weather is becoming more violent; imagine the consequences for those in vulnerable communities. We are each a steward of creation and have a duty to our poor and marginalised brothers and sisters.

John Woodhouse, our local Laudato Si' animator, writes: "I recently attended an encounter of 24 animators at the amazing Laudato Si' centre in Salford. The centre welcomes schools, parishes and groups and is for everyone. We were all inspired by praying in the woodland and seeing how a lawn had been transformed into a garden in four years. When did you last sit in nature (park or garden) and contemplate the goodness of God's creation and what we have done to it?"

If you would like to join a group online, or in person, to discuss these issues further, then please get in touch with John at johnwoodhousecat@gmail.com. All are welcome.

"Do not harden your hearts" Hebrews 3:15

Deacon Ray



EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN—UGANDA

The appeal made last weekend raised **£2,194.50**.

Judi Fawcett from EVC said 'A truly magnificent response from your wonderful Parish'.

Thank you so much

THE CATENIANS

The Catenians play an important role in strengthening Catholic communities. We meet once a month and organise various social events throughout the year.

Our focus is on faith, friendship and family and we offer the chance to meet fellow Catholics and their families.

We raise money for good causes. In the last year the Beckenham Catenians have raised over £1,250 for the Priest Training Fund of the Southwark Archdiocese.

If you would like to join our association you can be assured of a warm welcome. For more information please phone Andy Holmes on 07890 008 458 or email acncarriman@ntlworld.com or take a look at our board in the narthex.

SHUTTING THE DOORS

Over the last few months we have seen an increase in callers to the Office and the Presbytery, and also inside the church, who have caused us concern and might pose a threat to people praying in the church.

I have decided therefore that from this weekend, which coincides with the clocks going back, we will close the church by 4.30 pm.

I am sorry to have to do this but feel that it is a necessary step to take to ensure the safety of those who visit our church.

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**AN EVENING WITH
BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI**

Archbishop John invites young adults (18-40) to join him at St George's Cathedral for "An Evening with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati" on **Thursday 31st October at 6:30 pm.**

The evening will include praise and worship led by One Hope Project, a talk by Archbishop John, and a social afterwards.

No tickets necessary, just turn up.

For further details, visit
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SHOEBOX APPEAL 2024**



STOP PRESS

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The winners of the October draw are:

Helena Krawczyk	£100.00
Louisa Warren	£50.00
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Congratulations to them all

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Numbers are £39 each

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VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS
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Holy Day of Obligation
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 Noon Anthony Griffin RIP (32nd anniv)
 7.30 pm For the people

Sat 2 Nov All Souls Day
 10.00 am Bustard & Baker Families RIP
 6.00 pm Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP

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Sunday 20 Oct 2024

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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



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SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR?

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6.00 pm VIGIL	Manuel Pampin Mosquera RIP (2nd anniv)
8.00 am	Jane Harris RIP
9.30 am	Jeanne & Pierre Champetier RIP
9.30 am FAMILY MASS	For the people
11.00 am	Lee Cabilin RIP
5.30 pm	Edward Piatek RIP
Monday 21 Oct	Feria (St Margaret Clitherow)
10.00 am	Giampaolo Manca RIP
Tues 22 Oct	Feria (St John Paul II)
10.00 am	Intentions of the Banfield family
Wed 23 Oct	Feria (St John of Capistrano)
10.00 am	Theresa & George Halpin (RIP)
12.00 noon	Funeral of Robert Swan 'Bob'
Thurs 24 Oct	Feria (St Anthony Mary Claret)
10.00 am	For all the souls in purgatory
Friday 25 Oct	Feria
10.00 am	John & Betty Diaz
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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,
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**Second collection is for
PACT**

BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK

9-15 October

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Here at St Edmund's Church, we have a special Remembrance Tree on the sanctuary where you are invited to add a ribbon with your baby's name.

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Thank you to all who gathered on a cold and wet evening to pray for peace.

PRISONERS SUNDAY - 13 OCTOBER

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centred community, through humble witness, love, compassion and
communion**

JOHN CROUCH RIP

John died peacefully last week and his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 15 October at 2pm at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, London, SW3 2QR. Parishioners are welcome to attend. The Mass is also being live streamed. Go to <https://www.churchservices.tv/chelsea1>

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.

Get equipped - likely vote on assisted suicide in Parliament before Christmas

Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, *Better Off Dead?* where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada.

Watch for free online (you do not need a TV licence): righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead



HARVEST FAST DAY

Thank you very much to all who supported this appeal. If you missed

the appeal and would like to make a donation to Cafod's work, please either pop your donation in a Cafod envelope (there are plenty at the back of the church) and put it in the collection basket at Mass this weekend or donate online at <http://www.cafod.org.uk/envelope>. Using this link allows you to link your donation to the total collected at St Edmund's; it also allows you to gift-aid your donation, should you wish to do so as a UK taxpayer.

Please continue to pray for Cafod's work.

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THE CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith.

It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs for further information. Closing date for applicants this year is 4 November 2024.

If you are interested why not make an appointment to discuss this with Fr Steve?

A MESSAGE FROM LIVING WELL

Dear all

Thank you so much for all the incredible donations of food and other items we received last week. We are blown away by your generosity and continued support of Living Well. These donations will help so many people in our local community over the next few weeks and it has also meant that instead of spending on average £2000 a week on huge supermarket deliveries, last week our order only cost £300.

Thank you so much for continuing to help us help those most in need in our community.

Best wishes

Emily
Administrator
Living Well Bromley



MASSES

Sunday 13 Oct **Twenty-eighth Sunday**
Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Families
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
 8.00 am Fr Steve & family members living and dec'd
 9.30 am Anna Knell RIP
 FHC Enrollment Mass
 9.30 am FAMILY MASS Ints of the Dennis family
 11.00 am Enedina Frau RIP
 5.30 pm For the people

Monday 14 Oct **Feria (St Callistus 1, Pope & Martyr)**
 10.00 am Monica Grima RIP

Tues 15 Oct **St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)**
 10.00 am All persecuted born & unborn children

Wed 16 Oct **Feria (St Hedwig)**
 10.00 am Dec'd benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters

Thurs 17 Oct **St Ignatius of Antioch**
 10.00 am Clara Mayungbe on her birthday

Friday 18 Oct **St Luke, Evangelist**
 10.00 am Thomas Bruder RIP

Sat 19 Oct **Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests**
 10.00 am Lucas De Souza RIP (b'day)
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Manuel Pampin Mosquera RIP (2nd anniv)

Sunday 20 Oct **Twenty-ninth Sunday**
 8.00 am Jane Harris RIP
 9.30 am Jeanne & Pierre Champetier RIP
 9.30 am FAMILY MASS For the people
 11.00 am Lee Cabilin RIP
 5.30 pm Edward Piatek RIP

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OFFERTORY	
WEEK ENDING 6.10.24	
Plate Collection	827.04
Contactless	263.94
Bank Standing Order	2227.33
Church Suite Regular Giving	2148.32
TOTAL	5466.63

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We pray for those who have died:

Robert Swan, Raymond Francis Williamson, Pat Leach, Francis D'Souza, Enrico Carboni Gillian Maddock-Lyon, John Crouch Hugh Anthony Richards, Benito Valentino, Clare McNamara, Fr Jake Dicto.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Anna Knell, John Wallis, Peter Fagan Snr, Peter Fagan Jr, Geoffrey Burnham, Frances Wilson, James McGilloway, Poppy Howie, Patrick Cummins, Istvan Mod, Beatrice Erskine, Fr Paul Weir, Billy Cannon, Eileen McGrath, Paula Marbach, Betty Banfield, Christopher Gunapala, Dave Webb, Jacyntha Dutton, Ilie Florian, Archbishop Michael Bowen, Christina Pamment, Patricia McGrory.

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 and Bernadette Murray.

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.

DIARY

Oct
 Sat 19 Day of Recollection in Welling
 Sat 26 Day of Recollection in Streatham
 Tues 29 Requiem for Francis D'Souza at 10.00
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 Acc No: 14282887

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Deacon Ray Williamson - raywilliamson@rcaos.org.uk

Sunday 6 Oct 2024

Yr B

Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver
020 8313 3915
sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com

**Second collection is for
Cafod**

Monday 7 October is the first anniversary of the start of the catastrophic conflict in the Holy Land.

Pope Francis has joined with the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem and has called for a day of prayer and fasting for peace..

The Pope has said 'In this dramatic hour of our history, while the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and nations,' the Christian community is reminded of its call to 'put itself at the service of humanity'.

In response to the Pope's wishes, here at St Edmund's we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.00 pm on Monday followed by a Mass for Peace & Reconciliation at 7.30 pm.

Please remember that Monday is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and that before our Mass at 10.00 am the Rosary is prayed.

All are welcome to come to this as another sign of our support of the Pope's message.

LAW SURGERY Monday 7 October Meeting Room in Hall

Please come at 6.00 pm to wait your turn to see the solicitor.

If you have supporting documents please bring paper copies with you.

BAND BEGGARS
We are delighted to tell you that all the tickets for this fund-raising evening have now been sold.

We would be very pleased to receive donations for raffle prizes.

Please bring your donations to the office.

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

CAFOD envelopes can be returned in the second collection at Masses this weekend. If you prefer to donate online, please go to cafod.org.uk/envelope.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your donation; this gives CAFOD 25% more at no extra cost to you. Please continue to pray for Cafod's work throughout the world.

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DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

So far 30 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have registered for the days.

This is a wonderful response and we are grateful to them for giving their time so generously.

Places need to be booked by October 11 please.

The 2025 Church Diary is now available for Mass Intentions.

BECKENHAM CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2024



Our Christmas shoebox appeal starts again this weekend. 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.**

CLAVER SISTERS FUNDRAISER

**Cheese & Wine Evening
Saturday 9 November
6.00 - 8.00 pm**

Tickets are £10 .per person and can be purchased from the Parish Office.
Cash only please.

As the event is in a private home the address will be given when tickets are purchased.

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

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MASS OF ANOINTING

We had a great turnout of over 40 people at the refreshments organised by our SVP team following the Mass of Anointing held on Saturday 21st September.

It was lovely to see so many parishioners come over to the hall, an impressive number compared to the previous year, which made the SVP team scurry around to set up more tables and chairs! The weather was also kind and really lifted the mood. The photo does not do justice to the number of attendees as there were more parishioners sitting outside in the garden, but our local paparazzi did not capture them. Apologies!

Rosemary Ekong
SVP

Thank you to our SVP for organising the tea party and the transport. There were at least 70 people who attended this very special Mass and who were anointed by our priests.



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CANON VICTOR DARLINGTON

Canon Victor is the Episcopal Vicar for the South-East Area of the Archdiocese of Southwark and has written a short reflection about Black History Month which is celebrated every October.



Canon Victor's message highlights the significance of this time, the contributions of black people to our society, and the importance of fostering unity within our faith community.

There are copies of his reflection in the porch and it can also be seen on the parish website.

A MESSAGE FROM LIVING WELL

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

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

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

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8.00 am	Peter & Phelim Kelly RIP
9.30 am FAMILY MASS	Deceased members of the Ransford & Marbach families
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7.30 pm	Mass for Peace & Reconciliation
Tues 8 Oct	Feria
10.00 am	Benefactors & promoters of the ClaverSisters
Wed 9 Oct	St John Henry Newman
10.00 am	Dr Michael Ekong RIP
Thurs 10 Oct	Feria (St Paulinus of York)
10.00 am	Ian Scott RIP
Friday 11 Oct	Feria (St John XXIII, Pope)
9.00 am ST MARYS	Yr4 Mass
10.00 am	Berthe Reynaud
Sat 12 Oct	Feria (St Wilfrid, Bishop)
10.00 am	Jean-Paul Schoens
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OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 29.9.24	
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Contactless	249.78
Bank Standing Order	585.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	2001.41
TOTAL	3591.13

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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.

There will not be Meditation this Monday 7 October.

DIARY

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Mon 7	Law Surgery in the Hall Meeting Room at 6.00 pm
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Deacon Ray Williamson - raywilliamson@rcaos.org.uk

Sunday 29 SEPT 2024 Yr B

Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver
020 8313 3915
sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com

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

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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. 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.
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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/>

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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

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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 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, or email: 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.

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COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

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FAMILY MASS IN THE HALL	
11.00 am	Tom Knell RIP
5.30 pm	Maria & Julius Jasiewicz RIP
Monday 30 Sept	St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church
10.00 am	The deceased Benefactors and Promoters of the Claver sisters
Tues 1 October	Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus
10.00 am	Ubalina DeSouza RIP
Wed 2 October	The Holy Guardian Angels
10.00 am	Laury Pensa RIP
Thurs 3 October	Feria
10.00 am	Caroline Pearson
1.30 pm	Requiem of Sue O'Donnell
Friday 4 October	St Francis of Assisi
9.00 am ST MARYS	Whole School Harvest Mass
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Church Suite Regular Giving	1124.27
TOTAL	3334.18

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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.

Blessed with good weather and good company, and sharing food, friendship and laughter with our fellow pilgrims from St. Thomas's parish in Sevenoaks, our walk to St. Edith's Well in Kemsing made our pilgrimage a joyful day to remember.

Prayers and devotions were offered at the Well for our parish communities and for all those with sight problems.

St. Edith of Kemsing, pray for us.



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 first Sunday of the four-so, depending when it is done at the Mass you attend you may see someone with a furrowed brow walking up and down during the homily.

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

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Thank you

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invites you to join them in the Hall on Wednesday 25 September

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Mass - the celebrant is Fr Wojtek Mikolajek.

Followed by Rosary Groups for Southwark Archdiocesan Prayer Project 2024/25. Talk by Esther Huntbatch.

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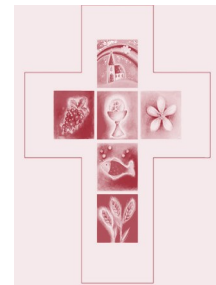
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CELEBRATION OF BRITISH AND UKRAINIAN FRIENDSHIP

Saturday 28 September at 7.30 pm
Orpington Methodist Church
Sevenoaks Road, BR6 9JH
Admission £5 cash at the door

Come and hear the Orpington Band perform a rich variety of popular music.

This event is organised to support aid for Ukraine in association with the Ukrainian Club in London.

For more information, please contact jhmangold@tiscali.co.uk

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE SVP

'The SVP gives powerful practical expression to Pope Francis' desire for the Church to be a Church for the poor.' Cardinal Vincent Nichols

The SVP's aim is to tackle poverty in all its forms through the provision of practical assistance to those in need. Our Beckenham branch gives assistance and help to people with a wide range of issues: homelessness, rent arrears, debt advice, loneliness, addiction, abusethe list is long.

They also host a wonderful annual Christmas lunch for about eighty of our parishioners and this weekend will be serving refreshments to those attending our Mass of Anointing.

Please give generously to our second collection so this work can continue.

If anyone feels drawn to volunteer with the SVP the Parish Office would be happy to forward your name.

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Band Beggars
Tickets £20

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come to the Parish Office to buy your ticket.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

Please contact one of the priests 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.

FEAST OF SAINT JUDE

26 - 28 October
Whitefriars, Tanners
Street, Faversham

St Jude Mass followed
by anointing

More information from
01795 539 214 or visit
www.stjudeshrine.org.uk
or email



shrineoffice@stjudeshrine.org.uk
Flyer in porch

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 10.00 am Tom Knell RIP

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 9.00 am St Mary's Yr5
 10.00 am Ints of the Kilcullen Family

Sat 28 Sept **Feria (St Wenceslaus, Martyr)**
 10.00 am Adam RIP (4th anniv)
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Andre Batarseh RIP

Sunday 29 Sept **Twenty-sixth Sunday**
 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
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Church Suite Regular Giving	1113.55
TOTAL	3026.46

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 Gary Moylan, Robert Swan, Fr Jim Furlong,
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 at this time:** Paul Stephens, Danuta
 Eberhardt, Edward Sullivan, Esther Smith,
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For anyone troubled in mind, body or spirit
There will be refreshments in the Hall after the Mass.

If anyone needs transport please contact the Parish Office on 8650 0970.



Last weekend the 9.30 singers and the Folk Choir returned after their summer break. This weekend the Chorale returns.

We hope all the singers and musicians enjoyed their few weeks off - we are so pleased to welcome them back and to have them once more enriching our liturgy with their music.

All the groups would welcome new singers. Contact details are on the board in the inner porch, but all you need do is speak to one of the singers after Mass.



Please bring your red boxes to the Parish Office for emptying. They will be left for collection in the narthex.

A JOURNEY IN FAITH 2024/25

The RCIA course (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has now started. It is held in St Edmund's Hall, (opposite the Church) on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm. Our next meeting is on 19 September.

If you are not a Catholic, or are thinking about becoming a Catholic and would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, 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: faithhub.28@gmail.com, or phone Mary Deering on 020 8650 9650.

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ST EDMUND'S WALKING GROUP

Sunday 15 September

Sevenoaks to Kemsing in honour of St Edith



Meet outside church after 8.00 am Mass or be at Beckenham Junction station for the 9.38 am train to Sevenoaks.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Sunday 15 September

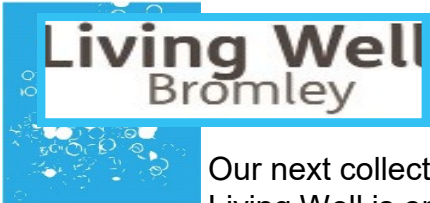
The Bishops of England and Wales have invited all parishes to have a period of Adoration uniting the faithful in focusing on the Eucharist with renewed and deepened devotion in anticipation of the 2025 Jubilee Year.

On Saturday evening there will be Adoration for a quarter of an hour after Mass, followed by Benediction.

On Sunday following the 11.00 am Mass there will again be Adoration for a quarter of an hour, followed by Benediction, and then Adoration through the afternoon until we close with Benediction at 4.30 pm

It is hoped Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion might like to pray together in the church between 3.30 and 4.30 pm.

Thank you to the parishioners who have agreed to remain with the Blessed Sacrament during the afternoon. We would not be able to have Adoration without your presence.



Our next collection for Living Well is on October 6.

Living Well sent an email to us during the week to let us know that they are in particular need of the following items.
 If you care to bring any of them into the Parish Office we will be happy to deliver them for you.

- Tinned meat
- Tinned soup
- Coffee
- Deodorant
- Cerealm

Please remember that some of the local supermarkets have drop off bins for Living Well.

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Contactless	403.18
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TOTAL	4693.66

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Sunday 15 Sept	Twenty-fourth Sunday
6.00 pm VIGIL	Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
	Adoration after Mass for a quarter of an hour, followed by Benediction
8.00 am	Tom Spillane RIP
9.30 am	Peter & Francie Fernandes
9.30 am	John Murnane & his pilgrim friends
FAMILY MASS IN THE HALL	
11.00 am	All persecuted born & unborn children
LATIN	
	Adoration after Mass for a quarter of an hour, followed by Benediction
	Adoration throughout the afternoon ending at 4.30 pm with Benediction
5.30 pm	For the people
Monday 16 Sept	Sts Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
10.00 am	For all the souls in purgatory
Tues 17 Sept	Feria (St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)
10.00 am	Ints of the Keane family
Wed 18 Sept	Feria (St Edith of Kensing)
10.00 am	Samantha Walker RIP
1.30 pm	Requiem for Graziano Ferrari
Thurs 19 Sept	Feria (St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop)
10.00 am	Christine Wallner RIP
Friday 20 Sept	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs
9.00 am	St Mary's Yr6
10.00 am	Pat & John McAvoy RIP
	NO ADORATION
12.00 pm	Requiem for Michael Stannard
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Second collection for the
Catholic Education Service

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Each year we celebrate Education Sunday early in the first term of the school year.

The second collection this weekend is for the Catholic Education Service (CES), which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education.

Catholic schools make up 10% (and along with Church of England Schools, over one third) of the national total of maintained schools; over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educate over 800,000 students.

The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting Catholic education and also provides financial assistance for rural school transport.

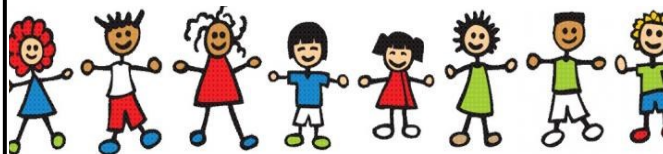
We are blessed in our parish to have two Catholic schools - many parts of the country have none.

Please give with your usual generosity.

BABIES AND TODDLERS' GROUP

*******MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER*******

The group restarts on Monday and they would love to see you there. They would like a few more adult helpers so if you have time on your hands on a Monday morning during term time, please drop in to see them.



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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 try to attend.

Please choose whichever location suits you better and then please 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.

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SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Saturday 21 September at 10.30 am

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This short presentation will be given by Yvonne Epale who works in the Diocesan Education Service and acts as the Safe-guarding representative for St Edmund's.

It is hoped that all parishioners who have a DBS certificate will try to attend, but the training is open to anyone who has an interest in safeguarding.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Sunday 15 September

The Bishops of England and Wales have invited all parishes to have a period of Adoration uniting the faithful in focusing on the Eucharist with renewed and deepened devotion in anticipation of the 2025 Jubilee Year.

On Saturday evening there will be Adoration for a quarter of an hour after Mass, followed by Benediction.

On Sunday following the 11.00 am Mass there will be Adoration through the afternoon until Benediction before the 5.30 pm Mass.

It is hoped that Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion might like to pray together in the church between 3.30 and 4.30 pm.

Thank you to the parishioners who have agreed to remain with the Blessed Sacrament during the afternoon. We would not be able to have Adoration without your presence.

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10.00 am	In honour of St Clare
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10.00 am	Ints of the Denne Family
Friday 13 Sept	St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
10.00 am	Carmelo Montis RIP
Sat 14 Sept	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
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If anyone needs transport please contact the Parish Office on 8650 0970.

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Change of start date

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FR VIANNEY RIP

Many of you will remember Fr Alphonse Vianneyraj who was with us at St Edmund's some years ago. Fr Vianney forged a strong link with some of our parishioners with whom he remained in close contact.

Fr Vianney died on 23 August at only 65. His requiem was held last Sunday. Please keep Fr Vianney in your prayers.

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Margaret Kelleher has offered to lead the team to set this evening up and anyone who would like to assist should contact her at drmargaretkelleher@hotmail.com

FAMILY MASS

Please remember that this Sunday is the first Sunday of the month so as is usual our Family Mass will be celebrated in the church.





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Celebrant Fr Uduak Abara from Beckenham Hill.

Followed by Lectio Divina

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BAPTISMS IN AUGUST

Maximilian Charbel Allen
Emenike Tobe Igwe-Walker
Eliza Rosie Maier
Cleo Kumari Dewfall
Alfie George Leslie Wheeler
Imani Simisolaoluwa Marcellina Rogers
Arden Alexander Juan Lane
Joanne Oluwatishe Jola
Jochebed Anroza Ozywa Jola
Congratulations to them all.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL
25 September
6.30 pm

Our diocese annual service of hope & healing for those who have been harmed by abuse, and for those that work or support those who have been harmed.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, the retreat offers a unique experience. It's a chance to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together.

Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter weekend retreat, the next non-residential retreat is from 21-22 September at the **Church of the Annunciation, Burnt Oak, London, HA8 0HQ.**

Find out more at wwme.org.uk

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LECTIONARY

The Lectionary contains the Scripture readings we use for Mass and the Sacraments. As you know, this Advent a new Lectionary is being introduced, using the English Standard Version (Catholic Edition) and the Abbey Psalter. You can read more about this at:

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World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	
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9.30 am	Von Westgarth and family, living and dec'd
11.00 am	Raymond Brown RIP
5.30 pm	Mike Howard & Monica Howard RIP
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10.00 am	Olga & Laurie RIP
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Thurs 5 Sept	Feria
10.00 am	Berthe Reynaud
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Sunday 25 August 2024

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There are no second collections during August

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY BAND BEGGARS

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FROM FR ANDREW

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The esteemed visitor arrived soon afterwards, and rather than saying very much, the *starets* spent his time quietly in prayer, attending all the monastery services and listening attentively to anyone who spoke to him. After a few days, the time came for him to leave, but there was one last meal in the refectory when anybody was free to ask the holy man any questions. One of the young monks could contain himself no longer:

"Father, you have been here for a while now and have carefully observed everything. **Tell me, who is the holiest person in our monastery?**"

The holy man paused for a moment and then said, "*Nicholas, the lay brother who is the cook, beyond any doubt.*" Perplexed, the monks started to protest: "Surely this cannot be right. He swears, he loses his temper and quarrels, and he is far too fond of drink. And he can't sing the liturgy properly in the chapel as he can't read the words or the music!"

The holy man sighed and said, "You should know that God does not see as man sees for He knows all things and all secrets. This man has come a long way in the spiritual life. What you say is true, but if you knew what a terrible childhood and upbringing Nicholas had, and how he suffered before coming to the monastery, you would see how much he loves God and the depth of his gratitude."

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THIS BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

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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.

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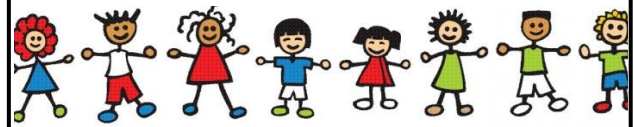
Michael Stannard who for 50 years was a member of the Chorale, and for many years its leader, died peacefully earlier this week.

Michael had also assisted with the parish's finances and had worked in the Office, and for many years was fully engaged in parish life.

Michael was the beloved step-father of Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller and his two brothers, and we extend our love and prayers to John and his family.

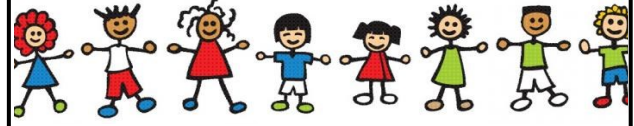
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NAT WEST BANK CLOSURE ON 3 SEPTEMBER

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We are, therefore, asking parishioners (if they have not already done so) to consider setting up a standing order to pay their collection money directly into the church account, or to set up a regular payment via ChurchSuite on our website. If you need any help with this or have any questions, do please contact the office and we will be happy to help.

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Thurs 29 August The Passion of St John the Baptist
 10.00 am Ray Cosham RIP & his family
No Adoration
 11.30 am Requiem for Bridget Leaback

Friday 30 August Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs
 10.00 am Enedina Floris RIP

Sat 31 August St Aidan & the saints of Lindisfarne
 10.00 am Amon David De Souza RIP (b'day)
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Frank Nolan RIP

Sunday 1 Sept Twenty-second Sunday
 8.00 am Dec'd members of the McCann Family
 9.30 am Von Westgarth and family, living and dec'd
 11.00 am Raymond Brown RIP
 5.30 pm Mike Howard & Monica Howard RIP

**OFFERTORY
 WEEK ENDING 18.8.24**

Plate Collection	848.79
Contactless	289.45
Bank Standing Order	868.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	739.83
TOTAL	2746.07

We pray for those who have died: John Robert Fry, Bridget Leaback, Nadine Withnell, Claudette Seebooruth, Esther Ariko, Michael Stannard.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Mary Margaret McCullagh, Omolara Margaret Meranda, Paul Jessup, Phyllis Gill, Ann Towers, Richard Creak, Paul Van Dooren, Patrick Johnston, Margaret Spillane, Bob Hedderman, Steve Sturdy, Ronnie Collier, Susheela Barla, Sheila Ehrhart, Coral Wallis, James Byrne, Gareth Thomas.

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DIARY

August
 Thu 29 Requiem for Bridget Leaback at 11.30

Sept
 Mon 2 Funeral Service of Nadine Withnell at Beckenham Crematorium at 1.00
 Mon 2 Law Surgery in Hall at 6.00
 Fri 20 Requiem for Michael Stannard at noon
 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 12 Band Beggars in the Hall. Details to follow
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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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Each meeting will be held in the Committee Room of Saint Edmund's Hall (step free), and this current set of 6 meetings will be held on Thursday evenings from 6.00 pm to 7:30 pm, from September 12th to October 17th.

As a first step, if you are perhaps interested in joining the group, please contact them at beckenhamsbg@rcaos.org.uk or if you don't have email call the parish office on (020) 8650 0970.

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

invites you to join them in the Hall on
Wednesday 21 August

7.45 pm Praise and Worship
8.00 pm Holy Mass
Celebrant Fr Boniface Arapa (Uganda)
Followed by Adoration before the
Blessed Sacrament with Prayer and
Praise
10.00 pm Evening concludes.

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

TEBO FUNDRAISING

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Claverian Sisters are raising funds to buy Water tanks for Tonga Children's Home in Magunga, diocese of Homa Bay, Kenya.

These seven water tanks, with a capacity of 10,000 litres, will cost **£4000**. The afternoon tea we held in June was to help raise funds for this purchase.

Due to unforeseen circumstances we are unable to host our ever-popular Curry Lunch this year but a **Cheese and Wine evening** is being organised by a parishioner for **Saturday, 9th November 6.00-8.00 pm** with a suggested donation of £10 per head.

More details will follow but please keep this date in your diaries and please keep our project in your prayers.

MASS OF ANOINTING

Saturday 21 September at 2.30 pm

Anyone who is troubled in mind, body or spirit is most welcome to come and receive the comfort, healing and grace associated with this special anointing.

There will be refreshments after the Mass so if you can, please let the Parish Office know so we can gauge the catering.

St Edmund's has been paid £28.02 this week thanks to our **community shopping online!**

A huge thank you to everyone who supports us

Want to get involved? Sign up to easyfundraising so your online shopping at your favourite retailers turns into much-needed funding for us. It'll take you two minutes to sign up:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stecb/?utm_medium=email-share&utm_source=Facebook&utm_campaign=dd-aug-

THE CATENIANS

The Catenians play an important role in strengthening Catholic communities. We meet once a month and organise various social events throughout the year.

Our focus is on faith, friendship and family and we offer the chance to meet fellow Catholics and their families from Beckenham, Hayes and beyond.

If you would like to join our association you can be assured of a warm welcome. For more information please phone Andy Holmes on 07890 008 458 or email:

acncarriman@ntlworld.com

CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT



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THE PRIEST AND THE TAXI DRIVER

A priest died and went to heaven. St Peter showed him his accommodation, a very pleasant bungalow with a small garden. At first the priest was very satisfied with his new home, it seemed a fitting reward for all those years of service.

Then, as he went for a walk to explore his new neighbourhood, he came across a huge mansion. It had wonderful extensive gardens, tennis courts, and other state of the art sports facilities including an enormous swimming pool. All was in an exquisite setting. He happened to come across the man who lived there, and to his great surprise realised he already knew him. It was 'John the taxi driver' who had been one of his parishioners for many years. John was a family man who had worked long hours driving a taxi.

As the priest walked home to his bungalow, he said to himself, "Well, I really liked John. He was a good Catholic who never missed mass, he was a hard worker, devoted to his family, and he was kind and generous. But he wasn't a *priest* and he didn't dedicate his whole life to working in the Lord's Vineyard as I did. It isn't fair he is living in a luxurious mansion while I live in a small bungalow."

So he decided to see St Peter to complain about it. St Peter listened carefully to the priest's complaint, then he said: "You see whenever you preached people *fell asleep* but when John drove his taxi they *prayed fervently* that they would arrive safe and sound and in one piece."

Perhaps we should reflect on the need to pray at all times and acknowledge the power of prayer. And to reflect that God does not judge people as we do, that He alone knows the truth and that we are not smug and self satisfied thinking we are righteous.

Fr Andrew

If anyone wants a name added to the list of the recently deceased which is read out at Mass, please could they contact the Office rather than adding it to the list themselves.

Thank you

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A little summer colouring for the children or grandchildren

NAT WEST BANK CLOSURE

Many of you will know that the Beckenham branch of NatWest will close at the beginning of September. Each week for years and years we have gone there to pay in our collection money, many hundreds of pounds from the votive candle safe and all the cheques we receive. So, this closure will cause us considerable problems and additional work, not least hauling a metric tonne of coins into the Bromley Branch or dealing with the limited banking facility at the Post Office in Smiths in Beckenham.

We are, therefore, asking parishioners (if they have not already done so) to consider setting up a standing order to pay their collection money directly into the church account, or to set up a regular payment via ChurchSuite on our website. If you need any help with this or have any questions, do please contact the office and we will be happy to help.

Bank details to set up a regular standing order:

Account name: RCAS Beckenham

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 10.00 am Dec'd benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters

Wed 21 August St Pius X, Pope
 10.00 am Ints of Phil Lennon

Thurs 22 August The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 10.00 am John Dutton RIP

Friday 23 August Feria (St Rose of Lima)
 10.00 am John Dutton RIP

Sat 24 August St Bartholomew, Apostle
 10.00 am Jean-Paul Schoens
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Ints of Marie, Guy & George Dennis

Sunday 25 August Twentyfirst Sunday
 8.00 am John Dutton RIP
 9.30 am All persecuted born & unborn children
 9.30 am Pedro & Carlotta Fernandes
FAMILY MASS IN HALL
 11.00 am Eamon Fenton RIP
 5.30 pm For the people.

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Contactless	335.32
Bank Standing Order	776.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1135.85
TOTAL	3239.80

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THE WINNER TAKES IT ALL?

As we approach the end of an exciting, and uplifting, Olympic Games from Paris — an event that has also caused some controversy — I think it's appropriate to reflect on what the games mean to us as Catholics. Even from their origins in 776 BC the games were a political tool for each Greek city state to assert its supremacy over its neighbour. In modern times cities invest fortunes first to try and win the right to host the games, and then spend even more if they are successful to build ever more impressive facilities. Sadly, the legacy left behind often falls into disrepair, Brazil spent \$13.5bn dollars on the Rio games. At the same time nearly a quarter of Brazilians live in poverty and yet many of the Olympic venues of 2016 remain empty 8 years after the games. So, what are the games for? Are they more than a marketing tool for attracting tourists to a 'spruced-up' city?

Are the Olympics just a vehicle for boasting about our sporting prowess compared to the rest of the world? I must admit that I look to the medal table and feel some national pride as we 'punch above our weight' against larger nations. But I have been particularly touched by the reactions of athletes who have not experienced the success that they hoped, and worked, so hard for, or even the expectations that the media have placed upon them. After missing out on a medal British diver Andrea Spendolini-Siriex said: "I'm so happy to be here, to be at the Olympic Games. It's been a really long year and it doesn't take away from my accomplishments. Just missing out on one medal doesn't change who I am. It was just God's way of saying there is more to do and I just give God all the glory."

Photo by Luca Dugaro on Unsplash



Here is a young woman who could be an example to us all; it's so easy to become wrapped up in our accomplishments and to lose sight of the gifts that we receive from God that make everything in our lives possible.

In Paris 37 athletes are competing as part of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team, representing more than 100 million forcibly displaced people. As Britain descends into a febrile summer of rioting, fuelled by misinformation from the far right there is no better time to remember that the modern Olympics were intended to create a better world, by bringing people together through sport practiced without discrimination and in the Olympic spirit, which is based on mutual understanding, friendship, solidarity and fair play. And in these virtues, we can see a reflection of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, which is itself built on the Gospels.

Although the Olympics finish on Sunday the sport continues from 28th August with the start of the Paralympics. Channel 4 has become synonymous with the Paralympic coverage in the UK and this year has set out to eliminate patronising attitudes towards these athletes, with its campaign: *Considering what?* The intention is to present these Paralympians as elite, world-class athletes in their own right rather than as people 'overcoming' disabilities. This shift in perception is vitally important as we celebrate the dignity of **all** human beings, as the Gospel calls us to.

Please pray for all the athletes at the Olympics and Paralympics, for their families, and their supporters, whether they have 'won' or 'lost'.

Deacon Ray

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Thursday 15 August

This is a Holyday of Obligation.

There will be
Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm
Thursday at 10.00 am, noon and 7.30 pm



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

When it is time to enrol for these classes, (at the earliest in the autumn) there will be announcements at Mass, on the website and in the newsletter. The Parish Office has no further information.

Fr Victor has sent some prayer cards for parishioners to take.
They are at the back of the church.

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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Last autumn the Parish ran its first Bereavement Support Group. A second followed early in 2024.

The next course will start in September and others will follow, based on demand. Each group will run for six weeks and meetings will be held in the Committee Room of St Edmund's Hall (step-free).

The next group will meet on Thursday evenings from 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm, beginning on 12 September and ending on 17 October.

Anyone who is interested in joining the group is invited to ring the Parish Office on 020 8650 0970 or email them at beckenham@rcaos.org.uk

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.00 AM MASS FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

We hope to welcome many of you to the Hall after 10.00 am Mass on Thursday 15 August for refreshments.

On this occasion we will be joined by Kelly from the Beckenham branch of Frances Chappells Funeral Directors who is coming to answer questions you may have about what to do when planning a funeral.

We have worked with Kelly on many occasions and Fr Steve is happy to let her share her knowledge in the hope that it might make things easier and clearer for you when you need the services of a funeral director.

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Last Saturday our Drop In Café hosted a session for those who had an interest or connection with dementia. The guest speaker was the Bromley Council lead on dementia, Nicky Fishman.

The Drop In has been running weekly for about ten years. Always run by parishioners and volunteers from other churches and none, it is highly regarded by anyone working with people with a memory loss.

We have been truly blessed by our volunteers, many of whom disregard the rota and come to help every week. We can never thank them enough.

THE SACK OF FEATHERS

Once upon a time in a village in Thailand there lived a woman who was a terrible gossip. If you wanted everyone in the village to know something, you just told her, saying, "Just keep it as a secret between us," and you knew that the next morning everyone would know. Although of course, you might find the version out there was not quite what you said, and at times, as when playing Chinese Whispers, it had changed a great deal from what she had been told.

Sensing that she was becoming unpopular in the village, the women went to the temple to seek the advice of a Buddhist monk. She poured out her heart to him, and he listened intently. Finally he spoke. "Promise to do exactly as I say, and then come back to me and I will ask you to do one more thing." The women gladly agreed. "Take a sack of feathers and go to the village square," said the monk, "and scatter the feathers to the four winds, and then come back to see me." The woman didn't really understand, but it didn't seem so difficult to do, and she gladly went off to do as she was told. She went back to the temple and found the monk, and said "Venerable Monk, I have done as you asked, not a feather remained in the sack I emptied in the village square". "Good," said the monk, "**Now all you have to do is to take the sack and put every one of the feathers back into it. When you have done that, bring me the sack of feathers**". "Venerable Monk, sighed the woman, "how can I do that? How is it possible?"

For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by man, but no one can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

James 3:7-8

Fr Andrew

MASSES

Sunday 11 August Nineteenth Sunday
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** The soul that saved my life
 8.00 am For the people
 9.30 am Ints of David & Alex Banfield
 9.30 am Jeanne & Pierre Champetier
FAMILY MASS IN HALL
 11.00 am Vincent Keappock RIP
 5.30 pm Cristina & Wander Arreas

Monday 12 August Feria (St Jane Frances de Chantal)
 10.00 am Mario Tamburrano RIP

Tues 13 August Feria (Saints Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priests, Martyrs)
 10.00 am Bill & Nora Spillane RIP (anniv)

Wed 14 August St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
 10.00 am Monica Grima RIP
 12.00 pm Requiem for Dolores Jones
 7.30 pm **VIGIL** Pet Kilcullen RIP

Thurs 15 August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 10.00 am Rene & Marie-Hilda Panglose RIP
 12.00 pm Mike Ekong, Caroline Anaele, Mary & John Edet & dec'd members of the Edet & Ekong families.
 7.30 pm For the people

Friday 16 August Feria (St Stephen of Hungary)
 10.00 am In thanksgiving for baby Cleo

Sat 17 August Feria (The Blessed Virgin Mary)
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 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP

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**No second collection
this Sunday**

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

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

ST EDMUND'S BOOK APPRECIATION GROUP

After 10.00 Mass in the Hall

Monday 5 August

Join us with a book you've enjoyed or just listen about books the group have read.

Everyone welcome

Mavis

DAY WITH MARY

Saturday 10 August

St Saviour, Lewisham High Street, SE13

Saturday 24 August

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

Posters in porch

LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

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Wednesday 7 August

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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 interested in volunteering, or to attend one of the information sessions to find out more.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

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IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT

There was once a monk called Nicholas who spent a long time wondering about heaven and hell, searching the scriptures to find out. One evening as he was saying his prayers, the Lord sent him an angel who said, "Nicholas, the Lord has sent me to tell you that He has granted you a favour. He has instructed me to take you to heaven and hell in a vision so you may know the truth in this matter."

Nicholas could hardly believe what was happening, but when the angel asked him which he preferred to see first, heaven or hell, he did not hesitate to say hell. "I might as well see the worst first," he said, "then heaven will seem even better."

In his dream the angel led him to a gate over which HELL was written. Trembling, Nicholas pushed the gate open. To his surprise, there was no stench of fire and brimstone, just the sweet smell of wonderful flowers in a beautiful garden, under a clear blue summer sky. In the centre of the garden there was a table set for a banquet. The food on offer was the most wonderful he had ever seen, and smelt delicious. The carafes of drinks looked bright and appealing, and the desserts and fruit were the most appetising Nicholas' eyes had ever beheld.

"Surely this cannot be hell" said Nicholas to himself. But the people at this wonderful banquet, though they were dressed in the finest clothes and were sitting on the most comfortable of chairs, were all angrily screaming at each other and cursing. Some were even hitting each other in frustration. The cutlery and the plates on which the magnificent meal was set out, were so huge and cumbersome that even the strongest men around the table could not lift them. The goblets containing the most delicious looking beverages and exotic juices were likewise so heavy that no one could raise them. The unfortunate dinner guests were sitting in front of an abundance of food and drink but condemned to perpetual hunger and thirst, and that was why they were so angry towards each other and screaming with rage. "I have seen and understood enough," said Nicholas to the angel, "I should like to see heaven now."

The angel took to him to another gate, identical to the first except that HEAVEN was written over it. With some apprehension, Nicholas pushed open the gate. There he found a garden identical in every respect to the first garden he had seen, with identical flowers and trees and exactly the same table in the middle. It was laden with the same delicious food and drink. Then Nicholas noticed that the people around the table were chatting peacefully to each other, well mannered and thanking each other for their help. For although the plates, goblets and cutlery were the exact replicas of those in the first garden, far too heavy for one person to lift, the people in the heavenly garden had learnt that if two or three people joined together to help, they could lift them in spite of the weight and could take turns to feed each other. That way, nobody was hungry or thirsty, they could enjoy the place and the magnificent abundance, and be happy together for all eternity.

Fr Andrew
andrewbishop@rcaos.org.uk

It has been lovely to welcome parishioners to the Hall after 10.00 am Mass on a Thursday.

Our priests have enjoyed sitting down to chat with you.

A big thank you to our lovely volunteers who are getting the Hall prepared and then serving the refreshments. We couldn't do this without you.

We are delighted to welcome Fr Wojciech Mikolajek to St Edmund's. He will be here for almost two months whilst he is attending an English course at King's School. Please give him a warm welcome if you see him around, and offer him some Beckenham hospitality.

EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO (ST JAMES' WAY)

The Camino is a metaphor for life. You start alone, gradually people join you, and each of these people brings something into your life and helps you grow as a person.

The Camino is as amazing as life itself. It is full of beauty, but there are stretches that are unpleasant, steep, difficult to conquer, and you think it will continue like that until the end, but no, soon you will find the beauty, calm and joy of continuing walking. Little by little you come to realize that everything is cyclical and that it doesn't matter if there are stretches that you don't like, that challenge you, sooner or later they will end and you will have other stretches of peace, joy and beauty; sometimes even during these peaceful stretches there are parts that are not so alluring but they do not take away your inner peace.

I have learned that stumbles along the way are necessary. They are a reminder to be present in the moment and not to go through life automatically. Stumbles are there to remind you that we have to live and enjoy every moment of the journey, not just the beautiful parts.

I have also learned that shortcuts are not always shorter or better paths - they are simply options that arise and, regardless of what we choose, we will continue on our path.

The Camino has taught me to appreciate the simple things in life, the beauty of nature, the kindness of strangers, the joy of companionship and patience. It has shown me that happiness is not found in material possessions, but in the connections we make and the experiences we have.

The Camino is a journey of self-discovery, a test of endurance, and a lesson in humility. It has changed me in ways I never thought possible and I will carry with me the lessons I have learned for the rest of my life.

Written by a parishioner

NAT WEST BANK CLOSURE

Many of you will know that the Beckenham branch of NatWest will close at the beginning of September. Each week for years and years we have gone there to pay in our collection money, many hundreds of pounds from the votive candle safe and all the cheques we receive. So, this closure will cause us considerable problems and additional work, not least hauling a metric tonne of coins into the Bromley Branch or dealing with the limited banking facility at the Post Office in Smiths in Beckenham.

We are, therefore, asking parishioners (if they have not already done so) to consider setting up a standing order to pay their collection money directly into the church account, or to set up a regular payment via ChurchSuite on our website. If you need any help with this or have any questions, do please contact the office and we will be happy to help.

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/>

Thank you

BAPTISMS DURING JULY

Charlotte Canning Moody
Nicholas Antonio Dapia Pilgrim
Arthur Thearlach Pilgrim
Amala Jade Briscoe-Larebo
Aniyah Monae Ermanie Gravillis

Congratulations to all these young children who were baptised during July.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.



MASSES

Sunday 4 August July Eighteenth Sunday
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Dec'd members & friends of the Anderson & Jones Families
 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 Cristina & Wander Arraes & family members living & dec'd.

Monday 5 August Feria
 10.00 am Canon Jack Madden RIP & Mike Madden RIP
Tues 6 August The Transfiguration of The Lord
 10.00 am In honour of St Lucy

Wed 7 August Feria (St Sixtus II, Pope
 10.00 am Benefactors & Promoters of the Claver Sister

NO EVENING MASS

Thurs 8 August St Dominic, Priest
 10.00 am John Murnane & family members living & dec'd
 8.00 pm **CLAVER** Adoration

Friday 9 August St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
 10.00 am Patrick Dowling RIP

Sat 10 August St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
 10.00 am John Murnane's Medjugorge pilgrim friends, living and dec'd
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** The soul that saved my life

Sunday 11 August Nineteenth Sunday
 8.00 am For the people
 9.30 am Ints of David & Alex Banfield
 9.30 am Jeanne & Pierre Champetier

FAMILY MASS IN HALL
 11.00 am Vincent Keappock RIP
 5.30 pm Cristina & Wander Arraes.
 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 28.7.24	
Plate Collection	1030.20
Contactless	312.74
Bank Standing Order	676.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1240.62
TOTAL	3259.56

Churches in some holiday areas rely heavily on the donations received during the holiday season to keep their church open throughout the year. Mass times are searchable at:
<https://www.catholicdirectory.org/>

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

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week: Vincent Kilcullen, Helen Michael, Maria Rossi, Pope Paul VI, Edna Cahill, Lena O'Flynn, Eleanor Reed, Mary Moger, Karen Stapleton, Joanne Giacobazzi, Margaret Vesey, George Reynolds, Bob Duckworth, Alan Thompson.

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, Francesca Walkington, Paul Hixson.

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 Contemplative Saturday on 24 August from 11-12 in the Hall.

DIARY	
August	
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Thu 8	Coffee Morning in the Hall after morning Mass
Wed 14	Requiem for Dolores Jones at noon.
Thu 29	Requiem of Bridget Leaback at 11.30
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

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Sunday 28 July 2024 Yr B

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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

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

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Sunday 21 July 2024 Yr B

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SYCAMORE : WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Once more we are updating our Parish Community about the RCIA (Rite of Initiation of Adults) program and plans for the future.

Last year six enquirers were received into the Church through baptism, the eucharist and confirmation. We already have applicants for our 2024/25 course which begins on 12 September.

But this year we are planning a major change to the way we deliver our courses. We have been increasingly aware, especially since the pandemic, that we need to reflect the "modern age." That phrase which too often we find depressing or even threatening.

The implication that we need to change our ways or even worse, introduce computers and online interaction, all too often attracts a negative response usually from an older generation (which includes me). The truth is that unless we embrace the opportunities and advantages offered to us by IT we will lose converts to the Catholic Faith. The Church is increasingly using online social media to advertise and make known the message of Jesus Christ. This is attracting a growing number of followers.

During the last two years Cathy and I have considered various courses and ways of presenting our RCIA programme. We are both aware that we will at some stage have to hand over to others who in the case of younger catechists have very different work patterns these days, or in other cases might retire much later than we did. We, together with our team have concluded that the Sycamore Course, presented by Father Stephen Wang will best suit our needs at St Edmunds.

Sycamore is a UK based course that is easy to follow and allows us some flexibility on how we present it. We are determined to combine face to face discussion groups together with online teaching. This combination is essential to ensure we can provide a course for enquirers from all backgrounds and levels of

IT experience. We would like to offer the possibility of online study both to those who are occasionally unable to attend course sessions but also have regular face to face discussions; and for those who, due to work commitments, including travel and shift work can only learn mainly online with occasional face to face meetings. This is a challenge to the RCIA team and in the coming months we will be learning with our enquirers about how we can best adapt our course to serve their needs, and their desire to find God through the Catholic Church.

Sycamore is a collection of sessions and modules that can be generally adapted for the Parish and is not exclusive to RCIA. We are aware that a lot of "cradle Catholics" have not had the kind of detailed and personal insight that we offer to new Catholics. Maybe we can start to change that?

Please pray for us and our RCIA team, Father Steve, Jan Banfield, Gavin du Haney, Ollie Denne, Annie Williamson and Patricia Onuoha.

You may wish to join us in praying the RCIA prayer of St Thomas Aquinas as a novena:

***Give us O God the Wisdom
to seek you,
the perseverance to find you,
the heart to know you,
a conduct that is pleasing to you,
and the hope of finally embracing
you at the last.***

Cathy and Mary.
Email: faithhub.28@gmail.com



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

There is a fee of £35 to cover room hire and course materials; financial assistance is available for those who need it.

All our choirs sing for the last time this Sunday before taking a well deserved break for the summer.

They will resume in September.

All the choirs welcome new members. There is a poster in the porch with contact names and numbers.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The Mass to celebrate Fr Victor's silver jubilee was held in the beautiful parish church in Swinford, County Mayo last Saturday evening.

The huge church was packed with clergy, parishioners and friends, and St Edmund's parish was well represented.

It was an uplifting and joyful Mass recognizing and celebrating Fr Victor's ministry, the love he gives to his parishioners, the support he gives them, the guidance and the friendship.

Fr Ashley gave the homily and perfectly linked the carefully chosen readings to the life of Fr Victor.

To the clear surprise of all present, one of the gifts given to Fr Victor was a personal letter of thanks from the President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins, thanking Fr Victor not only for his 25 years of priesthood, but particularly for his ministry in Ireland.



LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 24 July

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Boniface Arapa

Followed by Meeting with hubs with prayer ministry.

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 11am choir visited their former choir-master Michael Stannard at his home after Mass last week for a private concert. Michael enjoyed it immensely even though sadly he is bed-bound these days. It was very emotional watching him join-in some of his favourite pieces of choral music. What a lovely gesture from the 11am choir - we hope they enjoy their well-earned summer break.



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SUMMER REFRESHMENTS AFTER MORNING MASS

We have a few weeks in the summer when our Hall is not being used during the day, so, as we did last year, we would like to offer teas and coffees one morning each week after Mass to enable those who can, time to get together with friends and have a catch up.

We plan to do this on Thursday mornings but need volunteers to come forward to organise it. Thank you to those who have already volunteered - a couple more would be great.

There are only six Thursdays that need to be covered, so if you could offer your services for one of these, please will you let the Office know.

ANNUNCIATION & ST AUGUSTINES CHURCH, BECKENHAM HILL

Is in need of a part time parish secretary
Two days a week from
9.00 am to 1.00 pm.
If you are interested please contact
Fr Uduak Abara, MSP 07577 412174.

LIVING WELL BROMLEY

Furniture needed for vulnerable family

We are supporting a local family who are in desperate need of the following: a small wardrobe and chest of drawers suitable for a child's bedroom, a small dining table and chairs.

If you can help with any of these items please email

anne.unseld@livingwell.life.

QUESTIONS FOR FR ANDREW

Why do Catholic bibles have more books than Protestant ones?

Sometimes you will hear the accusation that we have added books. We might answer that our Protestant brethren *have taken books out*. The first thing to say is that the New Testament is the same for both Catholics and Protestants. Martin Luther considered Revelations to be unworthy and argued that the Letter of James should be excluded. James says "*Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*" (James 2:17.) This contradicted Luther's new doctrine of *Salvation by Faith Alone* that he had worked out from reading St Paul's letters. It is a good example of why we should not use a verse or a passage out of context, without considering other relevant bits of the Bible. (Jehovah's Witnesses, I'm thinking of you). In the end Luther did not get his way in excluding these books as his fellow Protestants did not wish to overturn the traditional list.

As for the Old Testament, the list of books we and Orthodox Christians use is essentially that of the Septuagint, (translation of the "Seventy" in Greek). The tradition is that seventy translators translated the Hebrew to Greek. This was done in the centuries before Christ was born because Greek speaking Jews in Alexandria and elsewhere no longer understood Hebrew.

The common language of the earliest Christians was Greek, the New Testament was written in it and the Old Testament quotations in it are naturally taken from the Septuagint. The Greek Church Fathers carried on using the Septuagint and basically we and the Orthodox still have the same list of books in our Old Testament.

For us Catholics the list was defined by the Council of Trent in 1546 in response to Protestant criticisms, but it was only endorsing a list that had been accepted for centuries. Martin Luther argued that the Old Testament should only include the narrower lists of books adopted by the Jews after the destruction of the Temple in AD 70. Of course it just happened that the narrower list removed the Biblical justification for certain Catholic practices that Luther disliked, such as the intercession of angels (Tobit) and prayers for the dead. (2 Maccabees 12:46.) These and other books not in the Hebrew Bible are sometimes printed as the Apocrypha in Protestant Bibles.

In short Catholic Bibles contain all the books that were considered inspired by the earliest Christians and nothing has been added.

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 9.30 am For the people
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 11.00 am Steven & Nancy Dennis RIP
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Monday 22 July St Mary Magdalene
 10.00 am Dec'd Huffe Family
NO ADORATION
 11.30 Requiem of Elfrieda Gill

Tues 23 July St Bridget
 10.00 am Fred Gobel RIP

Wed 24 July Feria
 10.00 am Ints of the Hodgson Family
 8.00 pm **HALL** Light of Christ

Thurs 25 July St James, Apostle
 10.00 am Rafal on his 21st birthday
 8.00 pm **CLAVER** Adoration

Friday 26 July Saints Joachim & Anne
 10.00 am Private intention of Valentine

Sat 27 July Feria (The Blessed Virgin Mary)
 10.00 am A private intention
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** In honour of Padre Pio (St Pio)

Sunday 28 July Seventeenth Sunday
 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

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TOTAL	2420.44

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. Many churches rely heavily on the donations received during the holiday season to keep their church open throughout the year.

<https://www.catholicdirectory.org/>

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Sunday 14 July 2024 Yr B

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Our second collection
Is for Stella Maris

Called and Sent

The Permanent Diaconate was reinstated nearly 60 years ago by Pope Paul VI, as one of the three orders of ordained ministry in the Church, alongside bishops and priests. Deacons have been part of our clergy for most of my life and yet our Deacons remain relatively few in number, while the distribution of those Deacons across our Church varies enormously. We have been fortunate in our parish, and in our deanery, to have enjoyed a rich and diverse diaconal ministry over many years. Archbishop John greatly values this Diaconal Ministry and has a dream that there will be, before he retires, a Deacon in all 179 parishes across our archdiocese. This is why Archbishop John has instituted the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, this weekend, as a Diaconate Day. This weekend (and hopefully for years to come) you will see promotional material about vocations to the diaconate across the archdiocese and, we hope, many Deacons and Priests addressing diaconal ministry in their homilies.

Deacons were a vital part of the church from its earliest days, the first seven men chosen by the congregation are named in Acts 6:1-15, "seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom". It is a job description without equal, and deeply humbling, but modern Deacons continue to answer the call, to volunteer their time, and their talents. Many are married and most rely on secular jobs to support their families (who must come first), in addition to giving their time to ministry.

The process of discernment and formation is long, taking 5-6 years from initial enquiry, and can be arduous, requiring academic study and spiritual and pastoral development, but the spiritual rewards are beyond measure.

The restoration of the diaconate came about through the reforms of the Church at the second Vatican council in the 1960s and was a response to a need to rebuild the relation-



ship between the people of God and their clergy. Whilst priests are set apart from the people, Deacons are part of the congregation and the clergy, we serve as one among you. Deacons can, and do, play a vital role in building the community of Christ. In our Gospel reading this weekend Christ sends the apostles in pairs to continue his mission, this was outreach in its truest sense, a model for what our diaconate community can achieve with the Holy Spirit. We can achieve this because we were each chosen, before the world was made, to be holy and spotless, we are each called. Every Deacon has, in the same way, been called and sent out into the world to proclaim the Gospel, both in their deeds and their words.

Nearly ten years ago now Father Ashley opened a door for me to a different, more fulfilling life. I am so glad that he gave me that opportunity and that I was brave enough to seize it.

So, please pray for Deacon Seán and me, pray for our wider diaconal community, and pray that more men will be called to serve among you. There are prayer cards available at the back of the Church.

Thank you for your prayers and may God bless you whatever your calling.

Deacon Ray



This weekend the second collection is for Stella Maris, the Catholic charity for seafarers worldwide. The charity provides practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief.

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

There is a course fee of £35 to cover room hire and course materials; financial assistance is available for those who need it.

Some time ago children's author Tammy Fernando put on a session in the Hall after Family Mass to introduce you to her books and to ask for your help in naming her latest one. Tammy thanks you for all your suggestions and has decided that Book 3 will be called **The Road to Joseph**.

There are some sheets in the porch with a piece written by Kevin Hartley which offers a reflection on the important ministry of reading at Mass. It is intended to help everyone, clergy and laity, who are responsible for communicating the scriptures in church using the spoken word.

A reminder there is a defibrillator on the wall in the inner porch at the back of the church. It is alarmed, so please don't touch it until it is needed, but when opened it directs you to what needs to be done if you suspect someone is in cardiac arrest.

There is also a well stocked first aid kit and a grab bag containing wipes etc in the sacristy. The welcomers at your Mass know where these are.

LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 17 July

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Boniface Arapa
(Uganda)

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.

A Pastoral Message from Archbishop John Wilson to Catholics from Nigeria, or with Nigerian Heritage, in the Archdiocese of Southwark

Archbishop John has recently returned from a visit to Nigeria and he has asked for this Pastoral Message to be made widely available. There are paper copies in the porch (please ask the Office if they appear to have run out), but the following two links will take you to his Message and some press coverage.

The Pastoral Message can be found on the Archdiocese of Southwark website: <https://rcaos.org.uk/diocese/archbishop-john-wilson/archbishop-wilson-s-letters/pastoral-letters/pastoral-message-to-nigerian-catholics/>

The news story, which links both photos and the Message, can be found here: <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/archbishop-john-visits-nigeria-to-ordain-priests/>

FOLK CHOIR

The Folk Choir will be taking their summer break after 5.30 Mass on Sunday 21 July and will return on Sunday 1 September.

9.30 AM MASS CHOIR

This choir will also break up on the 21st but will return on 8 September.

CHORALE

Their last Mass before summer break is also 21 July and they return on 8 September.

We wish them all a safe and enjoyable Summer and look forward to welcoming the choirs back in September.

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

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ANNUNCIATION & ST AUGUSTINES CHURCH, BECKENHAM HILL

Is in need of a part time parish secretary
Two days a week from
9.00 am to 1.00 pm.

If you are interested please contact
Fr Uduak Abara, MSP 07577 412174.

MOTHER AND TODDLERS - Church Hall

Our group runs every Monday during term time from 10.00am until 11.30am. £3.00 per family, which includes tea/coffee, juice & biscuits craft materials etc. This Monday is the last one before the summer break. The new term starts in September and we would be very happy to welcome some new adult helpers. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

We have received a thank you letter from Jerry Lohan who visited St Edmund's a couple of weeks ago. Your donations to the charity amounted to £3350.68 which is a truly astonishing amount. Thank you so much for your generosity.

QUESTIONS FOR FR ANDREW

Some weeks ago several parishioners came to me with roughly the same questions about the day's readings. So, I have decided to invite you to ask me questions and I will try to reply. You can ask me in person, leave them on paper, or email me.

Question 1 Why are we getting a new translation of the Bible to use at Mass?

It is over 10 years since we had a new translation of the Mass and the simple answer is that it was felt we should have one that matches it. In the 1960s the theory behind the translations, of the Mass or the Bible, was to get across the idea in a way that is easily understandable to modern people. Think of the old translation, "God of power and might." Whilst this is not difficult to understand, we have gone back to the more literal "Lord God of hosts." Why? The literal translation has a richness of meaning that was not obvious before. Host means army and it recalls that the Israelites literally went into battle with the Ark of the Covenant. The Lord was the commander of His army. It has also traditionally been seen as a reference to the "hosts of heaven." Remember the Christmas story, Luke 2:13, where the phrase "heavenly host" is used to mean the angels.

The new ESV Bible version is a bit more literal and a revision of the RSV. So, we shall once more hear readings such as "*Blessed are the poor in spirit*" (Matthew 5:3) rather than the "*Happy*" of the Jerusalem Bible. The ESV uses inclusive language where none of the richness of the original text is missed, and where it makes the text sound more natural to our modern ears. However, in other cases it sticks to traditional translations such as "*Son of Man*." Quite a few modern translations render this, where it occurs in the Old Testament, as "*human being*," but Jesus frequently uses the phrase of Himself, and it was thought the traditional translation should be retained for the reader to be aware of the resonance. Similarly, when Luke 2:7 says that "*Mary brought forth her first born son*" it would be wrong to translate *son* as *child* because the first born son is a term used in Jewish Law. He, as "son and heir," has a privileged position. Luke is not implying there were other later born sons, just that Jesus has this special position, even though He is the only son. Of course, it does imply that clergy and catechists have a duty to explain these translation choices so that the implications are clear.

That said, I would encourage you to carry on reading your Bibles in whatever version you have and prefer!

Fr Andrew
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MASSES

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Sea Sunday
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** In honour of our Blessed Mother
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 9.30 am Monica Grima RIP
 9.30 am For the people
FAMILY MASS IN HALL
 11.00 am Ints of Leon Carberry
 5.30 pm Jeanne & Pierre Champetier

Monday 15 July **St Bonaventure**
 10.00 am Welfare of the family by Valentine
 Church closed from 3.00-4.45 pm

Tues 16 July **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**
 10.00 am Hans Halpin - health and blessings
 for his birthday
NO ADORATION
 11.30 am Requiem of Jose Freitas

Wed 17 July **Feria**
 10.00 am Annita Giorri RIP
 8.00 pm **HALL** Light of Christ

Thurs 18 July **Feria**
 10.00 am Ints of Stephen & Manesha
 Banfield (wedding anniv)
NO ADORATION
 8.00 pm **CLAVER** Adoration

Friday 19 July **Feria**
 9.00 am **St Marys** St Mary's End of Year Mass
 Bob Durand RIP (10th anniv) &
 the St Mary's community, past &
 present
 10.00 am John & Freda Locke RIP
NO ADORATION
 12.00 pm Requiem of Michael McManus

Sat 20 July **Feria (St Apollinaris)**
 10.00 am Annetta Floris RIP
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** In honour of St Benedict

Sunday 21 July **Sixteenth Sunday**
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Sunday 7 July 2024 Yr B

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**No second collection
this weekend**



INTERNATIONAL DAY

Thank you to everyone who came to the mass and the reception afterwards. I am grateful to all those who cooked and prepared, read prayers, and to others who contributed in any way. I must say special thanks to our wonderful musicians and to the stalwarts who gave of their time to set up everything and decorate the hall so splendidly on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Please take a look at the photos on P3 sent through by KC. They really capture the joy of the day. Thank you,

Fr Andrew

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LECTIONARY APPEAL



Thanks to our wonderful parishioners we have already been able to cover the cost of the replacement lectionaries.

Our order has been placed and we expect them to be delivered in October in good time for the start of Advent, the new church year.

MASS INTENTIONS

We are sorry but we do not have any Masses without an intention until well into November. There is nothing we can do to fit in extra intentions.

We don't yet have our 2025 Church Diary 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.

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WARNING

Please be vigilant whilst using the card
readers. Do not let anyone take a picture of
you using the machine – you could
inadvertently reveal all your card details.

Last call for silver jubilee cards for Fr Victor.
Please drop them off at the Office on
Wednesday at the latest.

9.30 MASS CHOIR

We will be breaking up for summer
on **Sunday 21 July**. Until then we will be
singing some of the choir's favourite hymns.

We wish you all a glorious summer and look
forward to seeing you all again
on **8 September**.

Anyone interested in singing with us, no
audition necessary, please contact Cathy
Denne at:

cathpaints2@msn.com

BAPTISMS IN JUNE

Hermione Star Colgan
Arthur Michael Gregory
Maeve Elizabeth Edwina Clifton-Ruddy
Sophia Joyce Swain
Robert James Dunn
Victoria Valerie Clare Trimmings

Congratulations to these babies and young
children who were baptised during June.
In this half year alone our clergy team has
baptised 47 into our parish family.

**A DAY WITH MARY AT
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL**

Saturday 13 July, 9.45 to 5.00 pm

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

Saturday 24 August
Information from www adaywithmary.org or
<http://www.eventcatholic.com/>

Flyers in the porch

HISTORIC ST GEORGE'S CHURCH



In August St George's will host
three separate tours of the
church: its history, the stained
glass windows and the church-
yard – booking is through their
church office.

An introduction to the history of the
church and some of its monuments.

Friday 9 August at 10.00 am

Saturday 10 August at 2.00 pm

Stained glass.

Friday 9 August at 2.00 pm

Sunday 11 August at 11.30 am

The churchyard.

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PICTURES FROM INTERNATIONAL DAY



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 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
 8.00 am For the people
 9.30 am Barry Marchant RIP
FAMILY MASS IN CHURCH
 11.00 am Carmel Watt RIP
 5.30 pm Imelda Halpin - health & blessings
 on her birthday.

Monday 8 July **Feria**
 10.00 am Private intentions of Valentine
ADORATION UNTIL 11.00
 12.30 pm Requiem for Ann Brady

Tues 9 July **Feria (St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions)**
 10.00 am For the Claver Sisters

Wed 10 July **Feria**
 10.00 am Dec'd benefactors & promoters of
 the Claver Sisters
 8.00 pm **HALL** Light of Christ

Thurs 11 July **St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe**
 10.00 am Benefactors & promoters of the
 Claver Sisters
 8.00 pm **CLAVES** Adoration

Friday 12 July **Feria (St John Jones)**
 10.00 am Ints of Teresa Murphy

Sat 13 July **Feria (St Mildred, Abbess)**
 10.00 am Dec'd members of the O'Reilly
 Family
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** In honour of our Blessed Mother

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Church Suite Regular Giving	1737.25
TOTAL	3482.91



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Sunday 30 June 2024

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INTERNATIONAL DAY

For the many who receive the newsletter on a Friday afternoon, **TOMORROW** is International Day, beginning with Mass at noon and then a shared lunch and party in the Hall.

Everyone is welcome to come to celebrate the richness and diversity of our church in Beckenham.

If you have one, please wear your national costume and if you are coming to the Hall after Mass please be sure to bring a plate of food to share.

This weekend the church shop is opening in its new location in the old library (on the left as you leave the church). Please come and see our displays of rosaries, crosses, statues, candles, cards and gifts for many occasions. We also have a great selection of adult and children's bibles and prayer books. Everything is reasonably priced and all profits go to church funds.

We are looking for more helpers to open the shop after all masses - please leave your name and contact details in the shop or email anniepwilliamson@gmail.com for more information. Thank you for your support.

We are happy to report that much of the cost of the relocation was met by money raised by the **300 CLUB**, so thank you to those who are members, and also Isobel Blake-James for her work in increasing the number of members in the club.

This weekend's second collection is for **Peter's Pence**, to fund the Holy Father and the Apostolic See in their works of mercy and charity and their service of the Universal Church.

LAW SURGERY

Monday 1 July at 6.00 pm
No 9 Village Way

Please arrive promptly as the lawyers will leave after they have seen the last person.

There is no Law Surgery in August.

MASS INTENTIONS

We are sorry but we do not have any Masses without an intention until November.

We are not taking any intentions for 2025 until we have our new church diary - this is several months away still.

LECTIONARY APPEAL

Thank you to all who have responded so swiftly to our appeal for donations to assist in paying for our new Lectionaries. We are very grateful.

If you or your family would like to sponsor or contribute towards the lectionaries, please donate via this link: <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q5KV73Z2> or scan the QR code.

Donations can also be put through the Office letter box. Please include your name and your Gift Aid number if you have one.

Thank you



BOOK APPRECIATION GROUP

1 July after 10.00 am Mass

Everyone is invited to join this group which meets on the first Monday of each month after the 10.00 am Mass in the Hall Mezzanine.

Bring along a book you have enjoyed or just come along to listen to the discussion from other members on the books they have enjoyed.

This is a warm friendly and relaxing meeting of book lovers and you will be made very welcome.

A REMINDER ABOUT MARRIAGE PREPARATION

In our diocese couples wanting to marry in church must contact the parish priest **six months** ahead of their intended wedding date. This is to allow sufficient time for them to attend the Marriage Preparation Course but also to allow enough time for all the necessary paperwork to be completed.

Our priests prefer to be given a year to complete the paperwork and suggest that couples do not set a date for their wedding until they have first spoken to a priest.

Once you have decided to get married please email the Parish Office and a preliminary marriage application form will be sent to you.

If you intend to get married at a church other than St Edmund's, or overseas, the clergy at St Edmund's is still responsible for all the paperwork.

For parishioners born outside the UK we need to obtain documentation from their previous parishes. This can take some time.

There is also extra work to be completed for those who are having their ceremony abroad or for those who have had a previous marriage. So, in short, as soon as you decide to get married, please start the ball rolling by getting in touch with us.



AN EVENING OF GILBERT & SULLIVAN

Raising funds for Bromley Relief in Need

Saturday 6 July

7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

St Mary's Church, College Road, Bromley

Bromley Oecumenical Choir will be singing choruses from G&S operettas and there will be solo pieces from young violinist, Aaron Tian.

Proceeds to Bromley Relief in Need, a small charity that makes grants for essential household appliances and furniture to people in need in Bromley

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LONDON PIONEERS

London Pioneers are holding their annual reunion on Friday July 26 at Our Lady of Grace & St Edwards Church, 247 Chiswick High Road, London W4.

The reunion will begin with Mass at noon followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. Please advise all your Pioneer friends at home and abroad.

For further information please contact Denis Costello on 07960 308 886 or denispat1@hotmail.com or Alice Casey Kennedy on 07787-195 398 or at alice4552@googlemail.com

There is a history of the Pioneers on the reading slopes for you to take away.

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**LIGHT OF CHRIST
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Wednesday 3 July

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8.00 pm Holy Mass
Celebrant Fr Boniface Arapa
from Uganda
Followed by Lectio Divina
10.00 pm 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.

**A DAY WITH MARY AT
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL**

Saturday 13 July, 9.45 to 5.00 pm

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



**COLOMA EX STUDENTS
REUNION**

Saturday 6 July

Mass in the chapel at 11.15 am
Prosecco and canape reception
Two course lunch and
afternoon tea

To book tickets call Claire Tucker on
07774 659 966 or email:
colomaoldgirlsassociation@gmail.com

We, The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter
Claver would like to express our gratitude to
all our parishioners, for supporting us to
make the fundraising event of Afternoon Tea
successful.

We are happy to inform you all that we have
raised £2500 - for this event. With grateful
hearts we thank you each and everyone for
your wonderful support and prayers.

**INTERNATIONAL MASS
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SATURDAY 29 JUNE AT NOON

GENERAL ELECTION 2024

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consider how Gospel Values can inform how
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different way of looking at politics that puts the
common good before self interest. Visit
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lines of the Church's position on some of the
vital issues that need to be part of the election
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On Thursday 4 July, our Hall, will as usual be
used as the polling station for people living in
this part of Beckenham.

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THE CATENIANS

The Catenians play an important role in
strengthening Catholic communities. We
meet once a month and organise various
social events throughout the year.

Our focus is on faith, friendship and family
and we offer the chance to meet fellow
Catholics and their families from Beckenham,
Hayes and beyond.

We also give money to good causes. In the
last year the Beckenham Catenians have
raised over £1,250 for the Priest Training
Fund of the Southwark Archdiocese.

If you would like to join our association you
can be assured of a warm welcome. For
more information please phone Andy Holmes
on 07890 008 458 or email
acncarriman@ntlworld.com

MASSES

Sunday 30 June Saints Peter & Paul
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Johanna Pauline Piatek RIP
 (100th b'day)
 8.00 am Ints of the Dennis Family
 9.30 am Dr Michael Ekong RIP
 9.30 am HALL For the people
FAMILY MASS
 11.00 am Ivo Murru RIP
 5.30 pm Aquilina & Manuel Pampin
 Mosquera RIP

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 10.00 am Pat & John McAvoy RIP

Tues 2 July Feria
 10.00 am Edgardo Magtuba & Rodolfo
 Cabilin RIP

Wed 3 July St Thomas, Apostle
 10.00 am Hazel Teresa Friend-Pereira RIP
 8.00 pm HALL Light of Christ

Thurs 4 July Feria (St Elizabeth of Portugal)
 10.00 am Dec'd members of the Cotter
 Family
 1.00 pm Requiem of Maureen Barratt
 8.00 pm **CLAVER** Adoration

Friday 5 July Feria (St Anthony Zaccaria)
 10.00 am Arthur & Phyllis Long RIP

Sat 6 July Feria (St Maria Goretti)
 10.00 am Ints of Maks on his 18th b'day
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP

Sunday 7 July Fourteenth Sunday
 8.00 am For the people
 9.30 am Barry Marchant RIP
FAMILY MASS IN CHURCH
 11.00 am Carmel Watts RIP
 5.30 pm Imelda Halpin - health & blessings
 on her birthday.

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.

OFFERTORY - WEEK ENDING 23.6.24	
Plate Collection	913.30
Contactless	115.07
Bank Standing Order	850.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1096.91
TOTAL	2975.28



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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 30th 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 19th 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



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**Second collection for
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NEW LECTIONARY TO BE LAUNCHED IN ENGLAND AND WALES FOR ADVENT 2024

The Lectionary is a book which contains the readings for Mass (Sundays and Weekdays), for Saints and Sacraments, and other occasions, such as funerals. It is the big book on the ambo in our churches and it comes in four large volumes.

The Lectionary is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued to work through all the other liturgical rites. The changes are intended to make biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, using better, more up-to-date biblical scholarship and a text which is more pro-claimable.

How much will the Lectionaries we use in the church cost?

The 4-volume Lectionary will be available in three sizes: a full-size Ambo Edition (£695) for our churches, a smaller Chapel Edition (£395) for use in small chapels, and a Study Edition (£250) that is needed by priests and the parish office for liturgy and homily preparation. This represents an unavoidable cost for both the parish and our clergy, and orders must be placed by 30 June to have them in time for the first Sunday of Advent when they come into use at the start of the church's year.

Sponsorship

Would you or your family like to sponsor or contribute towards one of these editions, perhaps in memory of a loved one? If so, please donate via this link <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q5KV73Z2> or scan the QR code. You can also post your donation through the Office letter box. Please include your name and your Gift Aid number if you have one.



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The Mass will be offered as a Mass for Peace with Justice in the World.

The musicians are having a practice at 4.00 pm on Friday 28. All are welcome.

Fr. Andrew.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN UNITED KINGDOM

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Jerry Lohan will be visiting our parish this weekend on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need and will have some items for sale to raise money for their work.

Aid to the Church in Need supports persecuted Christians in over 140 countries around the world and is currently involved in 5,000 projects. ACN works directly with bishops, priests and religious sisters and brothers to make sure that any aid goes directly to those that it is intended for. Many of these religious risk their own lives every day to provide help and spiritual support to our suffering brothers and sisters. Your kind prayers and support would be greatly appreciated.



SOUTHWARK YOUTH DAY

The next Youth Day of the Archdiocese of Southwark is to be held on 6 July at St. John Fisher School, Chatham.

We encourage parents and youth ministers to bring children ages 10-14 to this event, which will be a day packed with catechesis, games, sports, crafts, music, and adoration. Sign up at:

www.tinyurl.com/yday6july

LORETTO – A NEW DEANERY WORSHIP NIGHT

The youth ministry team in Bromley Deanery is launching a new Friday night of worship, prayer, adoration and fellowship with an inspiring talk on “*Worshipping God in an age of distraction*”.

Whether you're 18 - 35 or young at heart, you are warmly invited to join us for the evening in a relaxed and welcoming space in which we can encounter God, dwell in His presence and grow in your relationship with Him and with one another.

Friday 28 June 7.30 pm-9:00 pm
(doors open at 7.15 pm, close at 9.30 pm)
St. James the Great Community Centre,
Lakeswood Road, Petts Wood, Orpington
BR5 1BJ

Come and see - experience Friday night worship! Please register today:

<https://lorettouk.charitysuite.com/events/2xqd8pzd>

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.

300 CLUB

The winners of this month's 300 Club draw are:

£100 Philippa Ryan
£50 Joan Kairis
£25 Ben Clark

Congratulations to them. If you would like to join the 300 Club and have a chance of winning one of the monthly prizes please send your name and email address to the Office and we will forward it to the organiser.

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<https://kindsofcatholic.buzzsprout.com>

MASS OF ANOINTING Change of Date

The date of this important event has had to be changed. It will now be on Saturday 21 September at 2.30 pm followed by refreshments in the Hall.

The Church Shop now has a supply of priests' silver jubilee cards.

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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

***Silver and Silk - Baroque Music of the
Jesuits from Latin America and China***

Friday 28 June at 7.30 pm
Church of the Immaculate Conception
114 Mount Street
London W1K 3AH
(entrance on Farm Street)

Tickets - £15 if purchased in advance online
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Life issues

These vital issues of course include life issues which made 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; 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/>

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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
Monday 24 June	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
10.00 am	Deacon Charlie Bianco RIP
Tues 25 June	Feria
10.00 am	In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
Wed 26 June	Feria
10.00 am	Intentions of Mary Bradford
8.00 pm HALL	Life in the Spirit
Thurs 27 June	Feria (St Cyril of Alexandria)
10.00 am	Mark Clapson RIP and George Mariathas RIP
8.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration
Friday 28 June	St Irenaeus, Bisho & Martyr
9.00 St Mary's	Yr1 (not Mass)
10.00 am	In thanksgiving and the intentions of Maria Mariathas
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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!

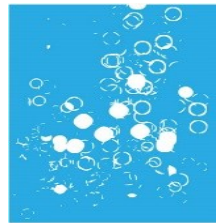
We really appreciate your kindness and generosity.

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**

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Celebrant Fr Uduak Abara

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 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

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OFFERTORY - WEEK ENDING 9.6.24	
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Contactless	379.57
Bank Standing Order	2046.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1246.51
TOTAL	4817.52



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There will be a few things to organise as we restart this Mass so please try to arrive early so we can discuss them.

PET KILCULLEN RIP

Brendan and all the Kilcullen family would like to thank everyone for their Mass cards, sympathy cards, condolences and prayers on the occasion of Pet's recent death.

All these are still a source of great comfort.

Mass will be offered for your intentions.

CORPUS CHRISTI

It was so lovely to see so many boys and girls who had recently made their first communion reuniting at last Sunday's 9.30 Mass. It made Corpus Christi an even more special feast day as the parish was able to welcome them.

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.



THIS WEEKEND IS OUR QUARTERLY COLLECTION FOR THE FOOD BANK. THERE WILL BE TROLLEYS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS AND WE WILL ALSO TAKE A SECOND COLLECTION AS LIVING WELL NOW NEED TO BUY MUCH OF WHAT THEY GIVE OUT.

Living Well is in **desperate** need of the following:

Tinned vegetables,
Tinned pulses
Tinned rice pudding
Custard
Toilet paper
Shampoo/shower gel/
toothpaste/deodorant

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

The Light of Christ Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting invites you to join them in the parish hall on Wednesday 12 June.

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Frazer Bellfield who spent a short time at St Edmund's is to be ordained to the priesthood next month.

His ordination will be on Saturday 20 July at 12.30 pm at St George's Cathedral, and he will celebrate his first Mass the following day, Sunday 21 July, also at 12.30 at St Theresa's, Biggin Hill.

Frazer would be delighted if any parishioner would like to join him at either celebration.

The NEWT table sale on 15 June has been postponed until the autumn.

**INTERNATIONAL MASS AND CELEBRATION
SATURDAY 29 JUNE AT NOON**

THANK YOU

The family of Dr Michael (Mike) Ekong thanks everyone who was able to join them last Saturday for the Mass of celebration of his life.

The love, kindness and support you have all shown to our family will always be remembered.

God bless you all

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Day for Life is the day dedicated to celebrating the Sacredness of Life. The proceeds from this collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and assist other life related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to Catholic charities working in the particular field determined by the theme of the year.

We have been asked by the Archbishop to repeat his invitation to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23 to 30 August. Details of this can be found at <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/events/archbishop-john-leads-diocesan-lourdes-pilgrimage-23-30-august-2024>

SUMMERTIME 2024

29 July – 1 August

Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre
£189 for 11-16 years old

If you are an altar server or a regular Mass goer, this residential trip might be of interest. This annual event has been held for over 20 years and is a few days in a great social atmosphere, with activities including football, sports and a visit to Thorpe Park.

For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St Stephen:
Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel:01322 220 075.

ST EDMUND'S WALKING GROUP

Thursday 13 June

A linear walk of 6 miles from Kew Bridge to Putney Bridge.

Meet at 10.30 am by the Information Desk on Waterloo mainline station for the 10.52 train to Kew Bridge. We will then begin a linear walk following the Thames Path along the South Bank. We will stop for lunch in Barnes where there are multi-choice options, and then finish at Putney Bridge.

Walkers can opt out at Barnes where there is a train service back to Waterloo.

If you intend to join this walk please email Kevin at macnamara@btinternet.com

**Welcome to our annual family
SUMMER FAIR**

**SATURDAY 15 JUNE 2024 | 12 - 4 PM
BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL, BROMLEY**

BBQ // DOG SHOW // BOUNCY CASTLE // GAMES // PTA CAFE & BAR //
HANDMADE CRAFTS / CANDY FLOSS / FACEPAINTING / STREET FOOD //
TOYS / SILENT AUCTION / RAFFLE / HOMEMADE BAKING //
CONFECTIONERY ... JUST TO NAME A FEW

**ENTRANCE:
ADULT - £1
KIDS FREE
DOGS WELCOME**

If anyone is interested in having a stall at our fair, please email us to book:
pta1@bcswb.co.uk
Pitch for a stall = £20
Food Vendors: Please enquire for price

**Featuring:
DONKEY RIDES**

MASSES

Sunday 9 June Tenth Sunday
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Jean Porter RIP
 8.00 am Birthday thanksgiving for Valentine
 9.30 am Fr David Whitehead RIP
CHURCH PARADE
 9.30 am **HALL** Jeanne & Pierre Champetier RIP
FAMILY MASS
 11.00 am Ints of Sr Pat
 5.30 pm **Confirmation Mass with Bishop Philip Moger**
 For the people

Monday 10 June Feria
 10.00 am Bortolo Cominetti RIP
NO ADORATION

Tues 11 June St Barnabas, Apostle
 10.00 am The Claver Sisters

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 8.00 pm **HALL** Life in the Spirit

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Sunday 26 May 2024 Yr B

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SAY YES TO MARY

My wife and I travelled last week to Medjugorje with 24 other pilgrims. Everything in Medjugorje flows from the visions of Our Lady who, it is claimed, first appeared to the six children (as they were then), in 1981 and continue to this day. This once obscure village in southern Bosnia is Europe's third most visited apparition site: under the control of the Vatican but with no official verdict on the veracity of the visions.

It's hard to describe the feeling of love and holiness which envelopes this place which overflows with God's grace and with the devotion of the residents and pilgrims. It would be easy to be sceptical about the visions (I certainly have been in the past), which it is claimed still occur for three of the visionaries at 5.40 pm every day; when the Church bells chime and everyone pauses whatever they are doing. The fruits of Medjugorje are difficult to ignore and the testimonies of those whose lives have been transformed are extraordinarily powerful. We were blessed during our pilgrimage to be supported by a local guide, who spoke from the heart about her experiences and their impact on her life. She was an eloquent ambassador for her birthplace and for the devotion to Our Lady that the apparitions have generated. We later discovered that she is related to one of the visionaries. In the church of St James Mass is held in many different languages and the thunderous responses and fully engaged congregation are something that I have not experienced before. From 5pm every day pilgrims queue to make their Confession, face to face, in the open air in multiple languages.

Early on Tuesday morning we reached the top of Križevac (or Cross) mountain with our fellow pilgrims, having followed a most prayerful stations of the cross. We stood at the foot of the cross, just as Our Lady stood at the foot of the true cross, a relic of which is buried within the concrete cross itself. It's easy to feel pride and a sense of accomplishment until one remembers that just below the peak is a stone



marked with a bronze plaque. This marks the place where Fr Slavko, spiritual director to the visionaries died in 2000 after having completed his daily climb to the top of the mountain with the villagers. Many of the projects which make Medjugorje so special started with Fr Slavko, and his many books are another fruit of the apparitions.

More than 1 million people visit Medjugorje each year and it's estimated that more than 30 million have visited since the apparitions began. I have never prayed the rosary so often, and my eyes have never filled with tears so often as when we heard the stories of those touched by Our Lady's call. I am so glad that we said yes to Mary.

Regardless of the veracity, or otherwise, of the visions our pilgrimage brought us closer to Mary and through her to Christ. It has been said that "for those who believe, no proof is necessary. For those who don't believe, no proof is possible", this is especially true of Medjugorje. We discovered that there is nothing to be lost, and so much to be gained, in accepting the call of Our Lady.

Deacon Ray

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CORPUS CHRISTI



Last Saturday 72 children of our parish received their First Holy Communion in two beautiful services. We congratulate them and their families and assure them of our prayers as they grow in their faith.

We also thank our First Holy Communion catechists who have supported their journey - Katherine, Rachel, Anna, Carmen, Dervla and Mike and their team of parent helpers.

We would love it if any of these children would like to come to 9.30 am Family Mass on Corpus Christi in their special clothes so that the parish can celebrate with them, and afterwards come to a small celebration in the Hall.

ST PETER'S CARE HOME, VAUXHALL LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Our second collection this weekend is for the Little Sisters of the Poor who run St Peter's Care Home in Vauxhall which is known to many of us and has provided a home and end of life care to our friends and family for many years.

Please give generously so their work can continue.

[https://www.paypal.com/donate?](https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=TUIMymm-prD8L0E-ASiEF2079cZXkHT3OZYOYasqJAxD94YG6OUFw8mc2q32ALopaRdoLIONUeOoCf39)

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Mary, Carmel, and Kevin Dutton and family would like to thank everyone for the Mass Cards, cards, and letters of condolence and prayers on the death of John RIP which are very much appreciated at this sad time.

Mass will be offered for your intentions.



St Edmund's Hall
Saturday 15 June
10am - 12:30 pm
Table hire £12
available by contacting
ticcy.colling@gmail.com
**Raising funds for NEWT
Deacon Sean's Ghana charity**

INTERNATIONAL MASS AND CELEBRATION SATURDAY 29 JUNE

We had a very successful meeting on Thursday evening and are now asking for people to help us in the following ways.

- 1 People to read the Bidding Prayers in their own language and in English.
- 2 Youngsters to process in with flags at the start of mass.
- 3 Symbolic gifts to represent your country at the offertory. (These are to be collected at the end of mass, not kept!). Examples might be pottery, artwork, sombrero hat etc
- 4 We need people to bring a plate of food for sharing in the Hall afterwards
- 5 Please wear national clothing to the event

Thank you to those who came to the meeting.
Any other ideas or offers of help to me please.

Fr Andrew

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

The Fifth Seminar - Transformation

Parish Mass in church at 7.30 pm

8.00 pm in the Hall - Praise and worship

followed by speaker Gary Stephens

streamed from the Cathedral.

Concluding with groups and refreshments.

300 CLUB

£100 Mr Chris Power

£50 Mr Michael Hitchens

£25 Mr Hugo da Cruz

Our May winners!

Congratulations to all three of them.

If you wish to join the club,
please contact the Office.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR THE LATE DR MICHAEL (MIKE) EKONG

Dr Michael (Mike) Ekong, who was a parishioner at St Edmund's for over 25 years, sadly passed away unexpectedly in January this year.

His family would like to invite anyone who knew him to attend both the Mass in celebration of his life and the reception afterwards.

Date: Saturday 1 June

Time: 3.00 pm Mass

Location: St Edmund's Church

Reception: Follows after Mass in
the Church Hall.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Diary Date

Thursday 4 July at 6.30 pm

Cancelled -New date to be advised

Saturday 21 September at 10.30 am

Anyone who has a DBS certificate with the parish is encouraged to attend one of these sessions which last for 90 minutes including a break for refreshments.

Training will be delivered by Yvonne Epale who is our Parish Safeguarding Rep.

FAMILY MASS FOOD BANK DONATIONS

This is to remind families to bring donations for our local Food Bank each Sunday at the Family Mass.

This is a visible way of encouraging our children to share with those who are in need and something we would like to sustain.

Food items* and toiletries can be taken to the altar by the children, with the offertory gifts.

**Food items should be non-perishable as the Food Bank does not have large cold stores. The Food Bank is unable to accept alcohol of any kind.*

One of our long-standing parishioners will be bringing some wooden toys he has made to the Hall after the Family Mass on Sunday.

He is very keen for the young children to have a play with them and to tell him what they think, so please, mums and dads, take your children over after Mass this Sunday.

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

This Sunday thousands of children will be gathered in St Peter's Square and the Olympic Stadium in Rome for the church's first *World Children's Day*, dedicated to boys and girls aged between 5 and 12. One of the highlights of the event will be a period of dialogue between the Pope and the children: a chance for him to announce the joy of the Gospel to them and "to listen to the Gospel that's brimming in them, in this their early season of life".

Visit www.worldchildrenday.org to find out more about what promises to be quite an event.

STARTER PACKS FOR THE HOMELESS

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Remember,

O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come: before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen

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 Erminia & Graham Stirling RIP
 10.00 am

Tues 28 May Feria
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No Adoration
 11.30 am Requiem for Dr Peter Rodrigues

Wed 29 May Feria (St Paul VI, Pope)
 10.00 am Peppino & Peppina Montis RIP
 7.30 pm Maria Theresa Amyaratnam

Thurs 30 May Feria
 10.00 am Estella Campos Chacaltana RIP
 (2nd anniv)

Friday 31 May The Visitation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
 10.00 am Ints of Maria Locke

Sat 1 June St Justin, Martyr
 10.00 am In thanksgiving to Our Blessed
 Mother
 3.00 pm Memorial Mass for Dr Michael
 Ekong RIP
 6.00 pm VIGIL Ronald & Eileen Furlong RIP

Sunday 2 June CORPUS CHRISTI
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OFFERTORY - WEEK ENDING 19.5.24	
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Contactless	289.57
Bank Standing Order	848.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1004.91
TOTAL	3577.59

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FAMILY MASS

It was with great sadness that last October we stopped celebrating Mass for our young children and their parents in the Hall.

Over the previous 18 months this Family Mass developed into a wonderful celebration with child appropriate readings and homilies and music. The numbers attending each week grew to about 140 which made it our best attended Mass.

Now though we have a full complement of priests and I am delighted that we are in a position to resume this Mass.

After discussion with the Family Mass Team I have decided that every FIRST SUNDAY both Masses will join together in the church, but on all other Sundays the Family Mass will be in the Hall.

I look forward to welcoming our young families back to the Hall for their special Mass. Let's see how we go. We will review this in the autumn.

Fr Steve

INTERNATIONAL DAY - 29 JUNE

I looked, and there was an enormous crowd- no one could count all the people! They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language. Revelation 7:9

St Edmund's is a large and diverse community and many of us have links to other parts of the world. Our International Day has become an annual tradition and this year Fr Steve has asked me to organise it.

I need help in three ways please: help with the Mass itself so it includes music etc from around the world, including songs in different languages, help after the Mass with the entertainment in the hall, and I also need people to bring food from around the world.

There will be a short meeting in the Presbytery on Thursday 23 May at 7.30 pm to help organise things.

Please email me to let me know if you can attend the meeting. If you are unable to but would like to help, I would also appreciate an email to let me know how you would like to be involved.

My email is andrewbishop@rcaos.org.uk

With thanks,

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 18 May

Please keep in your prayers the children who will be making their First Holy Communion here at St Edmund's this Saturday in two very special Masses.

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Diary Date

Thursday 4 July at 6.30 pm

Saturday 21 September at 10.30 am

The training will contain a basic introduction to safeguarding of adults and children.

Anyone who has a DBS certificate with the parish is encouraged to attend. The sessions will last for 90 minutes including a break for refreshments.

Training will be delivered by our Parish Safeguarding Representative Yvonne Epale

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The Fourth Seminar - Growth

Parish Mass at 7.30 pm in the church
8.00 pm Praise in the Hall followed by the talk given by Allegra Mutanda
Concluding with Group Discussion and Refreshments



St Edmund's Hall

Saturday 15 June

10am - 12:30

Table hire £12

available by contacting

ticcy.colling@gmail.com

Raising funds for N.E.W.T

Several pairs of spectacles have been left in the church and are now in the Parish Office. Please call in before 1.30 pm to see if they might be yours.

There is also a small rucksack with baby items which was left behind last Sunday.

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 10.00 am Dec'd members of the Finnegan Family
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Friday 24 May Feria
Anniversary of the Consecration of St Edmund's.
 10.00 am Emilia Wallner

Sat 25 May St Bede the Venerable
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Contactless	163.26
Bank Standing Order	651.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	985.58
TOTAL	2736.12

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This year's RCIA programme finishes this week and we congratulate our neophytes (new Catholics) Alda, Philip, Ruth, Tony, Jake and Glauca and assure them of our prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

On behalf of the parish we also thank our RCIA team who have supported their journey - catechists Mary, Cathy and Annie and helpers Gavin, Pat and Olli.

FAMILY MASS FOOD BANK DONATIONS

This is to remind families that we encourage you to bring donations for our local Food Bank to Mass each Sunday.

Food items* and toiletries can be taken to the altar by the children, with the offertory gifts.

This is a very visible way of encouraging the children to share with those who are in need and something we would like to sustain.

**Food items should be non-perishable as the Food Bank does not have large cold stores. The Food Bank is unable to accept alcohol of any kind.*

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CHURCH SHOP

Work on our new shop is going well. The floor has now been raised to enable step free access. We will need to install cupboards to store our stock and wonder if anyone is having a kitchen makeover and could let us have some of their old base cabinets.

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Participants are reminded about the Seminar retreat day on Saturday 18 May at St George's Cathedral.

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Please contact Tom 07982 999 319 for

BISHOP CHALLENGOR SCHOOL

VACANCY: TEACHING ASSISTANT

We are seeking to appoint a committed and enthusiastic Teaching Assistant to work across the whole school.

For an application pack please contact the Head's PA, Miss Carolyn Chamberlain.

cchamberlain@bcswb.co.uk

Closing date for applications:

Monday 27 May at 9.00 am

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Pope Francis

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'RECLAIM OUR WORLD, Oh Holy Spirit!'

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This weekend's second collection is one that will be taken in all Catholic churches in England and Wales. It is to support the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN) which is the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN provides professional channels of communication and support in promoting the gospel through the media, it provides up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts, and trains spokesmen and women.

MASSES

Sunday 12 May **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Dowling, Banfield & Foggo Families
 8.00 am Mary Theresa Hooks RIP
 9.30 am The wellbeing of Nwosu, Cogi & Chidolue families
FAMILY MASS
 11.00 am Michael Ekong RIP
 5.30 pm For the people of the parish & for Peter Chow RIP

Monday 13 May **Feria (Our Lady of Fatima)**
 10.00 am George Wallner RIP

Tues 14 May **St Matthias, Apostle**
 10.00 am Monica Grima RIP

Wed 15 May **St John Stone, Priest & Martyr**
 10.00 am Bridget Barry RIP

Thurs 16 May **St Simon Stock, Priest**
 10.00 am Peggy & Peter Gwynn RIP

Friday 17 May **Feria**
 9.00 am St Mary's May Procession
 10.00 am Umberto Ferrando (6th anniv)

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We will beat leprosy together

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Lepra provides holistic care to the sufferer. If it is detected early enough it is curable with multi-drug therapy and Lepra offer physical and mental health support.

Please give generously so that this dreadful disease can be eradicated.

Donate today at donate.lepra.org.uk, with cash in the basket or by scanning the QR code.



On Tuesday work will start on fitting out the old baptistry to become the new enlarged church shop.

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When we have the Church Diary for 2025 we will let you know.

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER

CAFOD
Just one world

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies.

A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including an online session on Saturday 4th May to learn more.



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Third Week - New Life

Wednesday 8 May

7.30 Parish Mass in the Church

This is also the vigil Mass for the Feast of the Annunciation on Thursday

Praise and Worship at 8.00 pm in the hall
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Celebrating over 45 years of music making
Tickets from:

<https://bcb180524.eventbrite.com>

or on the door

Tickets £10, concessions £5,
children free.



PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

22 September to 1 October

Pilgrimage to Rome, Loreto, Assisi and San Giovanni.

For more information and booking forms please contact Diane on 07951 194036.

Brochures are available in the narthex.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS CONFERENCE

11 - 12 May

This is being held at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Forest Hill. There are flyers in the porch giving more details of what looks to be a very interesting couple of days. Do take one home with you or take a look at www.catholicmothers.co.uk

Bishop Philip will celebrate a Mass for New Catholics, on behalf of Archbishop John, on Wednesday 15 May at 7pm.

This invitation is for all our new Catholics (neophytes) along with any friends, family or supporters they may wish to come along. We do ask that people register via the link, below, to help our host parish to plan refreshments.

Mass for New Catholics (15-May-2024) . ChurchSuite Events (main celebrant: Bishop Philip Moger)

St Peter the Apostle, 103 Woolwich New Road, Woolwich, SE18 6EF

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23 to 30 August.

Details of the pilgrimage can be found on the Archdiocesan website: rcaos.org.uk.

THE LONDON MIGRANT WORKERS MASS & THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

Celebrating the valuable contribution migrants make to life in our city of London

Bank Holiday Monday 6 May at 12.30 pm
St George's Cathedral
Everyone welcome to this Mass.

For those who may have missed the list on the noticeboard, Fr Steve's playlist for NEWT's very successful Desert Island Discs was:

The Zombies

Diana Ross

James Taylor

Buena Vista Social Club - Chan Chan

Joni Mitchell

Neil Young

Sheryl Crow

Holst

Faure

Time to Move

Remember Me

Fire & Rain

Harry's House/Centrepiece

Only a Dream

All I want to do is have some fun

Jupiter from The Planets

In Paradisum from the Requiem



MASSES

Sunday 5 May Sixth Sunday of Easter
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
 8.00 am Ivor Nazareth RIP
 9.30 am For the people of the parish
FAMILY MASS
 11.00 am Martino Anni & Franca Carta RIP
 5.30 pm In thanksgiving for the Sacred Heart & the Immaculate Heart.

Mon 6 May Feria
 10.00 am Geraldine Muir RIP

Due to building work there will be no Adoration from Tuesday to Friday

Tues 7 May Feria
 10.00 am Paul McCarthy RIP

Wed 8 May Feria
 10.00 am Kathleen Earl RIP
 7.30 pm **VIGIL Mass of the Ascension**
 Dowling, Banfield & Foggo Families

Thurs 9 May The Ascension of the Lord
 9.00 am **ST MARYS** Whole School Mass
 10.00 am Jean Porter RIP
 12.00 pm For the people
 7.30 pm Angela Tilley RIP

Friday 10 May Feria
 10.00 am Intentions of Maria Locke

Sat 11 May Feria
 10.00 am Ints of Angela Dowling & family
 1.00 pm Nuptial Mass of Hilary & Uche
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Dowling, Banfield & Foggo Families

Sunday 12 May Seventh Sunday of Easter
 8.00 am Mary Theresa Hooks RIP
 9.30 am The wellbeing of Nwosu, Cogi, Chidolue families
FAMILY MASS
 11.00 am Michael Ekong RIP
 5.30 pm For the people of the parish & for Peter Chow RIP

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

There is normally Rosary every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am. After the 10.00 am Mass there is normally Adoration Monday to Saturday unless there is a funeral or as this week when there is building work.

We pray for those who have died: Anthony Hale, Fr Barry Hughes, Dr Peter Rodrigues, Fr David Standley, John Dutton, Angela Ransley.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week: Rosalita Mamboyo, Rosemary McWilliams, Gilberte Van Der Steen, Edward Burton, Mary Brown, John Cleary, Barbara Webster, Len Bill, Henry King, Michael Caulfield, Betty Quijano, Maureen Bull, Grace Odoki-Olam.

We pray for all in our parish 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, Marie Rennie, Elizabeth, Rosanna Sookram, Anne Flynn, Ursula Dyer, Michael Stannard, Hans Halpin, Paul, Margaret Ziolek, Norma Powell, Joan Morris, Catherine Sanders, Claudette, Kathleen Hayes.

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 4 May from 11-12 in the Hall.

DIARY

May
 Mon 13 Law Surgery 6pm in Hall meeting room
 Thurs 23 Requiem for Angela Ransley at 12.30
 Tues 28 Requiem for Dr Peter Rodrigues at 11.30

June
 Sat 15 NEWT Table Sale 10-12
 Sat 22 Afternoon Tea at the Claver Convent. 1.00 - 4.00 pm
 Sat 29 International Day

OFFERTORY - WEEK ENDING 28.04.24	
Plate Collection	835.34
Contactless	224.24
Bank Standing Order	676.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1939.10
TOTAL	3674.68

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

