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Sunday 2 February 2025 Yr C

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Next Sunday's second  
collection is for the SVP

### CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT

We hope you have now had a chance to browse through the booklets which were available at all Masses a fortnight ago, and that you have now started to gather your thoughts. Perhaps many of you are thinking *we have had these sorts of consultations before* and think that it is just a talking shop. However, if you read closely, the Archbishop is asking us how, in really practical ways, we can improve things in our parishes, deaneries and diocese to become an evangelising church.

You will notice that there are six themes but, except for theme 4, the third question always asks "*What other parishes could your parish team up with to do this better?*", or words to this effect.

Merging of parishes is not the only theme by any means, and it is not for the very near future, but it is on the horizon, and your opinions will be noted on this and other issues.

You are free to form your own groups, to meet as you feel fit, and to return your answers by the 6th April in the ways outlined in the booklet, but we thought it would also be good to have several sessions in the hall to make it easy for people to come along.

Clergy are not allowed to take part in any of the groups as the Archbishop wants to hear what **you** think. These sessions will take place at 7.30 p.m. in the hall on Tuesday 4th and 11th of March and the 1st April (not a joke.)

You can decide whether you wish to complete your answers in two or three sessions. As was said above, if none of these times suits your group, you are free to organise your own meetings at a convenient time and place. Some of you might, for example, want to set up a Zoom discussion group.

Fr Andrew

### REQUIEM MASS FOR KATHLEEN HAYES

10.00 am Mass on Tuesday 4 February

Kathleen was a parishioner at St Edmund's for many years. She volunteered for a range of roles and was reliable and generous with her time.

Kathleen has been cared for at Coloma Court for a number of years.

Her requiem is at the time of our usual morning Mass and the family would be happy to welcome old parish friends to this service.

### ST EDMUND'S WALKING GROUP

Sunday 2 February

The Walking Group invites all who wish, to join them on the walk from Beckenham to St Blaise's Well in Bromley. Meet at the Mansion in Beckenham Place Park at 2.00 pm or, for the shorter walk avoiding Bromley Hill, outside the Churchill Theatre at approx. 3.20 - 3.30 pm. Dress for winter weather and muddy paths.

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

Throats will be blessed at the morning Mass on Monday 3 February.





## SPECIAL JUBILEE MASSES

We will be celebrating our first Jubilee Mass on Friday 7 February at 7.00 pm.

This will be preceded by the Rosary which will start at 6.15 pm. Confessions will be heard whilst the Rosary is being prayed.

## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

invites you to join them in the Hall on  
Wednesday 5th February.

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Damian Ilodigwe

Followed by a talk on Reconciliation

10.00 pm Evening concludes



## MOTHERS' PRAYERS

This group was formed thirty years ago by two grandmothers who felt led by the Lord to pray in a special way for their children. They felt that they should bring all the pain and the worries they had for their children to Him and to trust in His words 'Ask and you will receive'.

Mothers' Prayers is now an international ecumenical group, and we have had one here at St Edmund's for several years.

We meet on the second and fourth Monday of every month after the 10.00 am Mass.

We keep to a simple format; we sing, we pray and we place the children into Jesus' care and protection.

Our next prayer meeting is on Monday, 10 February.

Please feel welcome to join us in the Committee Room next to the Hall to pray for our families and young people in the wider community.

Mothers' Prayers

## IS CONFESSION ON YOUR RADAR?

Do you have questions about the Sacrament of Reconciliation? How often should you go? Is it mainly for Easter and Christmas? Do we have to go to Confession apart from serious sin? What are the spiritual benefits from regular Confession? How should we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation? What difference will it make to my life?

Our Lady at Medjugorje has said, *"Monthly confession will be a remedy for the Church in the West. One must convey this message to the West."* (August 6, 1982)

Confession engages us body, mind, spirit and emotions. It is holistic. It is one of the three healing sacraments with the Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Most importantly our sins are completely forgiven through the ministry of the priest when the sacrament is approached with sincerity.

**The priest stands in for the person of Christ** - that is, in persona Christi. When we confess, we confess first and foremost to God whom we have offended. Then the priest - acting on the authority given to him by Christ through the Apostles - forgives us in the name of the Persons of the Blessed Trinity.

You can hear more about this wonderful sacrament and have your questions answered by Fr Damian Ilodigwe on Wednesday in the Hall following Holy Mass which he will be celebrating at 8.00 pm. The talk will begin at 9.00 pm. Fr Damian is a doctor of philosophy, seminary lecturer and author from Nigeria.

His book, **Discipleship and Integrity**, will be on sale (priced £15) and comes well recommended.

What a wonderful way to start the Jubilee year of hope. See the newsletter for Confession times.

**The evening is hosted by the Light of Christ Prayer meeting.**

## **SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE**

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has a number of forthcoming activities for youth and young adults.

For regular updates on events, sign up to its network at [www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork).

For queries on youth activities email [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)

## **ROMERO ROSARY**

Archbishop John Wilson has written a new book entitled The Romero Rosary. With introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero and the rosary, this beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory) and the NEW Romero Mysteries (Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at [www.paulineuk.org](http://www.paulineuk.org) and Annie has ordered copies for the church shop.

The Archbishops warmly invites everyone to the book launch on Wednesday 12 February at 6.00 for 6.30pm at Amigo Hall, adjacent to St George's Cathedral.

## **EASYFUNDRAISING**

A big thank you to our amazing supporters who raise free funds for us on Easyfundraising.

If you're not signed up yet, please join today and you can raise free donations for St Edmunds every time you shop online.

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## **EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES**

An exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles by Carlo Acutis will be displayed in St Thomas's RC Church, 12 Granville Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1ER from 1 February until 16 February. The church will be open each day between 10.00 am and noon, and 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm. Carlo Acutis, who died in 2006 at the age of 15, was beatified in 2020 and will be canonised on 27 April on Divine Mercy Sunday.

There are several YouTube videos describing the first millennial saint on the path to sainthood.

Everyone is welcome to visit this exhibition. For further information please contact Colleen Lockyer on 07768 453460

## **A YEAR OF HOPE**

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR**

How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year? Find out by watching this inspirational event - find it and other Jubilee resources at [cafod.org.uk/jubilee](http://cafod.org.uk/jubilee).

Featuring Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and more. Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year.

## **HOUSEBOUND & WANTING COMMUNION?**

Do you know of any parishioners who are housebound and unable to come to Mass? Would they like to receive communion at home? If they would, please contact the parish office with their details, and home visits can be arranged for them.



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

### MASSES

**Sunday 2 Feb The Presentation of the Lord  
Candlemas**  
6.00 pm VIGIL Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta RIP  
8.00 am Thomas Keane Snr RIP  
9.30 am May & John Hackett RIP  
11.00 am For the people  
5.30 pm Ints of the Hickey Family

**Monday 3 Feb St Laurence of Canterbury**  
10.00 am Welfare & ints of Raphael Fleming  
To include Blessing of Throats

**Tues 4 Feb St Henry Morse, Priest & Martyr**  
10.00 am Requiem for Kathleen Hayes

**Wed 5 Feb St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**  
10.00 am Ints of the Alagar Family  
8.00 pm HALL Light of Christ Mass

**Thurs 6 Feb Saints Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**  
10.00 am Private ints of James Conner

**Friday 7 Feb Feria**  
10.00 am Dolly & Herbert Browne RIP  
We will be joined at this Mass by Y5 pupils from St Mary's School.

**6.30 pm Rosary**  
**7.00 pm Jubilee Mass**

**Sat 8 Feb St Josephine Bakhita**  
10.00 am Josef Wallner RIP  
6.00 pm VIGIL Bernie Walsh & Family

**Sunday 9 Feb Fifth Sunday**  
8.00 am Alonzo Chin RIP  
9.30 am Michael Dilworth RIP (20th anniv)  
9.30 am HALL For the people  
11.00 am Victor Castelino RIP (4th anniv)  
5.30 pm Welfare of the Brelu-Brelu Family

**There is Rosary every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 am and Adoration after morning Mass. from Monday to Saturday, unless otherwise announced.**

**Confessions are every Saturday from 10.30 - 11.00 am and 5.00 - 5.55 pm and usually during Adoration**

**We pray for all who have died:** Roy Edwards, Fr Wenna Tiku, Fr John Lawrence, Fr Paddy Cannon, Kathleen Hayes, Eileen Sheehan, Isabel De Guzman, Michael Wright, Beryl Arnot, Gerard Lovett and Giulia.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Derek Ransley, Dolly Lock, Patricia Jenkins, Mary Li, Gaynor Mullane, Mary Weeks, Richard Armstrong, Mary 'Kate' Morley, Christian Petersen, David Clifton Young, Aileen Dunning, Michael Greaves, Richard Armstrong, Susan Ringwood, Lionel Fannin, Amon D'Souza, Berenice Goodwill, Anne Guinle, Cyril Fleming, Jeanette Whiting, Clive Parfitt.

**Your prayers are asked for:** Hedwig Harper, Keith Kench, Fr Ray Brennan, Terry Woollard, Wendy Adams, Elizabeth, Rosanna Sookram, Anne Flynn, Hans Halpin, Paul M Williams, Norma Powell, Joan Morris, Fitzroy Maxima Saunders, Paul Hixson, Susan McWilliams, Mary-Jo McCarthy, Jacqueline Djasrabe, Christine Parker, Paul, Margaret Brocklehurst, Leyla Pattison.

### DIARY

#### February

Mon 3 Law Surgery in Hall at 6.00 pm  
Tue 4 Requiem for Kathleen Hayes – at 10.00 am  
Mon 10 Requiem for Gerard Lovett at 11.15 am (*This is a change of date*)  
Mon 10 2.00 pm in Hall CWL meeting  
Tue 18 Requiem for Michael Wright at 10.00 am

Meditation every Monday in the Hall 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.

### OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 26.1.25

Plate Collection	707.81
Contactless	418.88
Bank Standing Order	691.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	644.18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2461.87</b>

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