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**The second collection is for
the SVP**

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

I have been less prominent in the parish in recent weeks and as a result and understandably, some parishioners have been enquiring of my whereabouts. Thank you for your concern - it's nice to be missed.

However, let me reassure you that I am still very much around, albeit celebrating Mass in other parishes from time to time in the Bromley Deanery, and occasionally beyond, when a priest is away or unwell. As the Dean of Bromley, I am expected by the Archbishop to fulfil this role but I can only do this because of the presence and support of Fr John and Fr Andrew, who jointly ensure Mass is celebrated and pastoral needs are met here at St Edmund's. Long may it continue.

I do hope the Called to Bear Fruit discussion groups are going well. Don't shy away from being honest in saying what you think and how you feel. All I ask is that you remain positive and do it all in a spirit of Christian charity.

Thank you,

God bless,
Fr Steve

FOLK CHOIR

If you have listened to our remastered album '**Decade**' (still available to download here:

<https://saintedmunds.net/index.php/st-edmunds-folk-choir/>

you will have noticed the superb guitar playing by our old friend Paul Newson. Paul relocated to Weymouth a long time ago but is visiting us this weekend and we have persuaded him to play with us at 5.30 Mass. We are looking forward to it!

The Folk Choir

Those who take a paper newsletter had only a small version to read last week. Our printer developed a problem late in the morning, and rather than have no printed version we asked Snappy Snaps to print what we needed. We decided on the small size (like the missalettes) to keep the cost down.

Thank you to Snappy Snaps who did an excellent job for us.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please sign up to Church Suite on the website, and you will have it delivered to your mail box every Friday afternoon.

300 CLUB

Some weeks ago we asked parishioners to let us know if they had any ideas on how we could improve our Hall.

We waited patiently.....no response, so here are a few ideas which might gain some backing and which might encourage some ideas of your own.

Research how we can improve the acoustic in the Hall.

Change the windows in the Mezz that overlook the Hall so that it can be used without noise from the Hall.

Decorate

Paint over the pine

Redecorate and soundproof the Mezz and introduce soft seating to make a comfortable, social space.

Do any of these appeal to you, or do you have some other ideas?.

Please get in touch by emailing the Parish Office or iblakejames@talktalk.net

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

invites you to join them in the Hall on
Wednesday 12 February.

7.45 pm Praise and Worship
8.00 pm Holy Mass
Celebrant Fr Uduak Abara
Followed by Adoration before
the Blessed Sacrament
10.00 pm Evening concludes

NEWT

Deacon Sean's Ghana charity is holding
a fundraising evening so it can continue to
support young people at school and
university, or in following apprentice training.

**Saturday 15 March
7.30 - 11.00 pm in the Hall**

Max & Dave will be playing music from the
60s to the 2000s.

There is a licenced bar and tickets at £20
include a fish & chip supper.

Tickets at www.newt.org or
call 07837 214601

LENT PROGRAMME

Churches Together in Beckenham is
promoting a programme of 5 evening
sessions to run during Lent.

Beginning on 11 March and ending on 8
April, participants can sign up for one of four
streams: Come and Sing, Lent in the early
days of Christianity, Resolve and Plenty!
Full details, and sign up forms are on the
reading slope.

SONGS OF PRAISE

St George's Cathedral
Saturday 15 March 1.00 - 4.00 pm
St George's Cathedral is delighted to be
working with Songs of Praise for their 2025
Easter Programme. If any parishioners
would like to be a part of it, they can [apply for
free tickets here.](#)

A DAY WITH MARY

Westminster Cathedral
Saturday 1 March
9.45 am to 5.00 pm

Further information available at

<https://www adaywithmary.org/> or [https://
eventcatholic.com/](https://eventcatholic.com/)

There is a poster in the narthex which shows
the complete year's diary for the churches
where A Day With Mary will be held.
This is the first time we have received this so
we hope that it will help you plan your
attendance at these days.

**YORK AND THE NORTH HEARTLAND
OF FAITH AND HOPE**

ACN PILGRIMAGE

July 21—26

Aid to the Church in Need is running this
pilgrimage which explores the rich history of
our faith in the north and some of the people
from there who died for it.

The spiritual director is Fr Dominic Robinson
SJ and the pilgrimage historian is Suze
Mathews.

There is a poster in the porch and more
information is available from
bridget.teasdale@acnuk.org

Parishioners have been on ACN pilgrimages
and rate them very highly.

On Monday 10 February please pray and
fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in
this country.

Pray especially that Assisted Suicide won't
be introduced.

For information on the days of Prayer and
Fasting contact; The Good Counsel Network
on 020 7723 1740.

Please Invite others to join us on the day, by
Inviting them via Facebook:
[https://www.facebook.com/events/61832997
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The Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel
welcomes donations so they can continue
their work.

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.

For queries on youth activities email 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 and Annie has ordered copies for the church shop.

The Archbishop 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.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Archdiocesan Jubilee celebration Aylesford Priory

7 June

This special day is to mark the Jubilee Year and also the 60th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Southwark.

Please put this date in the diary and we will give you more information as we receive it.

If there is enough interest we will consider hiring a coach.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son,
Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Pope Francis - Prayer (iubilaeum2025.va)

**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 9 Feb	Fifth Sunday
6.00 pm VIGIL	Bernie Walsh & Family
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
Monday 10 Feb	St Scholastica
10.00 am	John Walsh RIP
	No Adoration
11.15 am	Requiem of Gerard Lovett
Tues 11 Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes
10.00 am	The Fitzgerald Family
Wed 12 Feb	Feria
10.00 am	Ints of Marie Alford
8.00 pm HALL	Light of Christ Mass
Thurs 13 Feb	Feria
10.00 am	Monica Grima RIP
Friday 14 Feb	St Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop
10.00 am	Cornelius Donnelly RIP
Sat 15 Feb	The Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00 am	Hazel Barnes RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL	For the people
Sunday 16 Feb	Sixth Sunday
8.00 am	Remmie & Margaret Walsh RIP (anniv)
9.30 am	John Brookes RIP
9.30 am HALL	Anne Webster RIP
11.00 am	Katrina Fleming RIP (3rd anniv of funeral)
5.30 pm	Maureen Pinkett & 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: Fr Paddy Cannon, Michael Wright, Gaeton Leon Lewis, Isabel De Guzman, Beryl Arnot, Giulia Volken, Bridget Edwards, Keith Kench, Mary McQuaide.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Eamonn Murphy, Odette Shaw, Joanna & Dennis Duggan, Margaret Milan, Mary Leonard, Derek Crawford, Colette Woods, Carmen Roper, Marion Ryan, Eddie Griffin, Mary Morgan, Michael Lavender, Milagros Purvis, Fiona Davies, Doris Connor, Frank Twynan, Jacqui Lee.

Your prayers are asked for: Hedwig Harper, 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 10 Requiem for Gerard Lovett at 11.15 am
 Mon 10 CWL meeting 2.00 pm in Hall
 Tue 18 Requiem for Michael Wright at 10.00 am

June

Sat 7 Diocesan Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory

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.

Contemplative Saturday
 15 February - from 11-12 in the Hall.

OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 2.2 25

Plate Collection	919.00
Contactless	367.68
Bank Standing Order	846.33
Church Suite Regular Giving	2669.21
TOTAL	4802.22

Bank details to set up a regular standing order:

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 Sort Code: 60 02 12
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