

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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The second collection is for the Clergy Support Fund

### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF ST EDMUND'S Saturday 24 May

This is the day we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the consecration of our church.

We will have a special Mass that day presided over by Bishop Paul Hendricks and a reception afterwards.

Volunteers will be needed to assist in making this day a success, so please listen out for how you can help.

#### WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

The 75th anniversary of the consecration of a Catholic church is a special occasion. The consecration of a church is a significant event because it involves a sacred ceremony where the church building is dedicated to God. The consecration is a blessing that transforms the building into a holy place where Mass and other sacraments are celebrated.

Here's a closer look at the significance of the 75th anniversary:

**Historical Reflection:** It marks 75 years of our church serving as a place of worship, community, and spiritual nourishment. It's an opportunity to reflect on the history of our parish, the lives that have been touched, and the growth of the faith community over the years.

**Spiritual Renewal:** Anniversaries like this often serve as moments of renewal and recommitment to the mission of the church. It's a time for parishioners to reflect on their spiritual journey, rededicate themselves to the faith, and come together to celebrate God's presence in their lives.

**Gratitude and Celebration:** It's an opportunity to express gratitude for the generations of Catholics who have worshipped, prayed, and lived their faith at

St Edmund's. The 75th anniversary is a time to honour past priests and deacons, as well as the lay community that helped sustain and build our parish.

**Legacy of Faith:** For Catholics, the consecration of a church is a sacred act because the church is seen as the 'House of God.' The anniversary is a reminder of the deep spiritual significance of the building as a place where the faithful gather to experience God's grace through the sacraments.

**Reaffirming the Role of the Church:** Churches are not only places of individual worship, but they are also the centre of community life, serving as a place for education, fellowship, and outreach. This anniversary serves as a reminder of how the church has contributed to the spiritual, social, and cultural fabric of Beckenham over the decades.

**Looking Forward:** While the anniversary is a moment to look back with gratitude, it's also a time to look forward to the future. What will the next 75 years hold? What new opportunities will arise for our church to serve our community and grow in faith?

In essence, this anniversary is not just about celebrating the church building itself, but about recognizing God's continuing presence and the continuing work of the Church in the lives of us all. It's a chance to reflect on our faith journey, celebrate past blessings, and anticipate future graces.



#### PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

This is just a reminder for those who have already decided to attend the support group, that it will start on Thursday 6 March, 6 00 - 7.30pm.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

**ARCHDIOCESAN  
JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT THE  
FRIARS, AYLESFORD  
7 JUNE**

Led by our Archbishop we will gather at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. There will be activities, for children as well as for adults.

This will be the centrepiece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

**The event itself is free.** Our parish is organising a coach so please register your interest by emailing [beckenham@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:beckenham@rcaos.org.uk) putting Aylesford in the subject line. We don't yet know the price of a seat on the coach.

There will also be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars (2 - 6 June).

You can find out more about the day, including how to join the walking pilgrimage, and the wider Jubilee Year plans in the Archdiocese at [rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025](http://rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025)

**CLERGY SUPPORT FUND  
SECOND COLLECTION  
23 FEB**

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes.

**You** make supporting our clergy in retirement possible. Find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF) or scan the QR code below.

You can also donate Mon - Fri by calling **020 7960 2504** or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes at the back of Church.

Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.



**300 CLUB**

The winners of the February draw are:

Dawn Weeks £100

Tsui-Ta Smith £50

Patrick Reilly £25

Congratulation to our winners. If you would like to join the 300 Club please send an email to [iblakejames@talktalk.net](mailto:iblakejames@talktalk.net)

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Friday 7 March at 3 – 4.30 pm

Beckenham Baptist Church

Elm Road, Beckenham

Men and women from every church in Beckenham are invited to attend this annual service, which this year has been written by the Christian women of the Cook Islands.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served after the service.

Please join us in celebrating this wonderful wave of prayer that encircles the globe, praying with and for the Cook Islands and its people. It is quite special to be part of something so huge, and to enjoy meeting people from many other churches afterwards.



**ANNUAL RALLY FOR  
SOUTHWARK ALTAR SERVERS**

Aylesford Priory, Kent

Monday 5 May

All altar servers are invited to attend, including anyone who wishes to 'Come and See', to learn more about serving. For more

details see: [https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/events/guild-of-st-stephen-altar-servers-rally-2025/?](https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/events/guild-of-st-stephen-altar-servers-rally-2025/?d=638820369000000000)

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## DEACON SEAN'S GHANA CHARITY

Deacon Sean's Ghana charity **NEWT** (Nankesido Education and Welfare Trust) 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 - 10.30 pm in the Hall**

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

There is a licenced bar and tickets are £10.

There will be snacks and refreshments available

**Please book your tickets at:  
www.newt.org or call 07837 214601**

## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 26 February

- 7.45 pm Praise and Worship
- 8.00 pm Holy Mass  
Celebrant Fr Regis Rubaya
- 9.00 pm Adoration and healing before  
the Blessed Sacrament
- 10.00 pm Evening concludes

## PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE, ARS AND PARAY-LE MONIAL

4 – 10 June

This 7 day pilgrimage celebrates the 350<sup>th</sup> jubilee year of the feast of the Sacred Heart.

£845 per person sharing, £945 in single room.

Leaflets are on the reading slopes in the narthex.

Further information from Diane Brelu on 0795 119 4036.

Our Parish Safeguarding rep is Yvonne Epale who can be reached at [safeguarding-SC3@safeguardraos.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding-SC3@safeguardraos.org.uk)

## HOPE IN ADORATION

As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John is encouraging people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic adoration and have their hopes "fulfilled by Christ".

The campaign, Hope in Adoration, will share testimonies from parish priests and laity throughout the year on how Eucharistic adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Resources will also be made available for free and there is a comprehensive list of times of Eucharistic adoration in parishes across the Archdiocese. Find out more about the campaign at

[rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration](http://rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration)

## ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS

St Edmund's would like to install a floral swathe in the Church as part of our Easter celebration.



Please could those who are able, make knitted, crocheted or fabric flowers in bright colours that will be attached to the swathe and can be used each year at Easter.

Completed flowers can be placed in the box in the narthex but please, before Monday 7 April which gives time to create the swathe. Patterns are available on the internet and also at the back of the Church



Whenever you're doing a food shop online, please consider using #easyfundraising!

If you shop online at Tesco, Morrisons, ASDA, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Iceland and Ocado you can raise regular donations for St Edmund's at no extra cost to yourself! If you're not supporting us on easyfundraising yet, please sign up here: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stecb/VYD94V/c2s/618TPvFU/CE024/facebook>

Thank you

## MASSES

<b>Sunday 23 Feb</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday</b>
6.00 pm VIGIL	Antonio & Maria Antonio Pacitti RIP
8.00 am	Grace Mary Friend-Pereira RIP
9.30 am	For the people
9.30 am HALL	Oleksandr Milinievsky RIP (2nd anniv)
11.00 am	John Brooks RIP
5.30 pm	Dec'd members of the Huffe Family
<b>Monday 24 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Dec'd members of the Keane Family.
<b>Tues 25 Feb</b>	<b>St Ethelbert, King</b>
10.00 am	Alfred Lutz RIP
<b>Wed 26 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Janet Maureen Dunn-Browne & dec'd family members
8.00 pm HALL	Light of Christ Mass
<b>Thurs 27 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Efisio & dec'd members of the Floris family RIP
<b>Friday 28 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Maisie & Paul O-Keefe RIP
<b>Sat 1 Mar</b>	<b>St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales</b>
10.00 am	Fr Michael Cronin RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL	Aquilina Pampin Mosquera RIP (2nd anniv)
<b>Sunday 2 Mar</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday</b>
8.00 am	Dec'd members of the Cotter Family
9.30 am	Pedro Ibanez RIP
11.00 am	Beatrice Daga & her husbands Francesco & Angelo RIP
5.30 pm	For the people

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, Beryl Arnot, Bridget Edwards, Keith Kench, Ken Kench, Oludayo Adeodu, Vincent Bagatta

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** James Greenan, Brenda & Anthony Boyle, Terence McCarthy, Agnes Chambers, Anthony John Earley, Kieran Fleming, Oleksandr Milinievskyi, Charles Gerrard, Angela Bowers, John Chilton, Mary Ann Booth, Bill McConnell, David Flynn, Georges Sinon, Paul Morris, Mary O'Keeffe, Arleen Vince, Raymond Tesniere, Marie Hayock, Bridget Eileen Scully, Ronan Commane, Anthony Osei, George Halpin, Terry Davies, Margaret Fennessy, Joseph Duong.

**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, Janice McIntosh.

## DIARY

<b>March</b>	
Thu 6	Requiem of Bridget Edwards at 10.00 am
Fri 7	World Day of Prayer at Beckenham Baptist Church at 3.00 pm
Wed 12	Requiem for Keith Kench at 11.15 am
<b>April</b>	
Sat 12	Lenten Reconciliation Service at 4.00 pm
<b>May</b>	
Sat 24	St Edmund's 75th Anniversary Mass at 6.00 pm
<b>June</b>	
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.

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

<b>OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 16 .2 25</b>	
Plate Collection	926.30
Contactless	416.27
Bank Standing Order	760.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	593.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2696.41</b>

### **Bank details to set up a regular standing order:**

Account name: RCAS Beckenham  
Sort Code: 60 02 12  
Acc No: 14282887

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<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/donate/>