

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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**Sunday 16 February 2025 Yr C**

**Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver**  
**020 8313 3915**  
[sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com](mailto:sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com)

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Racial Justice**

### **75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF ST EDMUNDS 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.

#### **JUBILEE MASS**

Thank you to all our parishioners who came out on a miserable, cold and wet Friday evening to join with our three priests in celebrating our first Jubilee Mass. Let us hope that we can maintain and even build on this number.

#### **RACIAL JUSTICE COLLECTION**

This Sunday, 16 February, the second collection is for Racial Justice to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

#### **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

### **300 CLUB**

Thank you to the four parishioners who have emailed the Parish Office and Isabelle, the 300 Club organiser their ideas for improvements that could be made to our Parish Hall.

Four replies may not be many but the ideas that were suggested are sound and broadly in line with each other.

Please get in touch if you have any ideas by emailing:

[beckenham@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:beckenham@rcaos.org.uk)  
or [iblakejames@talktalk.net](mailto:iblakejames@talktalk.net)

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

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

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

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

**The event itself is free.** Our parish is hoping to organise 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.

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).

## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 19 February

This week Fr Damien Ilodigwe will speak again on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Part one was well attended and much appreciated. This time the focus will be on the benefits of this healing sacrament.

All welcome.

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Damian

9.00 pm Talk by Fr Damien Ilodigwe followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet him and obtain a copy of his book Discipleship and Integrity priced £15,

10.00 pm Evening concludes

## 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.

The organisers have had to make a few changes to the evening since it was first advertised so please read below.

## 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

**Tickets from [www.newt.org](http://www.newt.org) or  
call 07837 214601**

## 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](#).

## 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)

## 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.

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.



### **SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE**

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### **WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL**

Every half term, we welcome over zoom families with boys currently in Years 2, 3 and 4 who are keen to explore what it means to be a chorister. Our next session is on Wednesday 12 March at 6.30 pm

Contact Lucy Freeman at 020 7798 9081 or [lfreeman@choirschool.com](mailto:lfreeman@choirschool.com)

### **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.

### **LENT PROGRAMME**

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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.

#### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Friday 7 March at 3 – 4.30 pm  
Service at Beckenham Baptist Church  
1 Elm Road, Beckenham  
Located opposite the Beckenham Spa

The World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday 7 March from 3-4.30 pm at Beckenham Baptist Church. Men and women from every church in Beckenham are invited to celebrate 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.

Cook Islanders have celebrated 200 years of Christianity in the group of 15 islands spread over almost 800,000 square miles in the Pacific Ocean. Their first World Day of Prayer service was held on the island of Rarotonga in 1971. This year's readings, based on the words of Psalm 139, are inspired by the women of the islands, who share stories of their struggle during Covid-19, a devaluing of their culture and their perseverance, faith and dedication to bringing improvements in obstetric health care.

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.

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

## MASSES

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<b>Monday 17 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Anne O'Shea RIP
<b>Tues 18 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Requiem of Michael Wright
<b>Wed 19 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	James Dempsey RIP (anniv)
8.00 pm HALL	Light of Christ Mass
<b>Thurs 20 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Thomas Keane Jr RIP
<b>Friday 21 Feb</b>	<b>St Robert Southwell, Martyr</b>
10.00 am	Dan Shannon RIP
<b>Sat 22 Feb</b>	<b>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle</b>
10.00 am	Narciso Andrion RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL	Antonio & Maria Antonio Pacitti RIP
<b>Sunday 23 Feb</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday</b>
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 Brook RIP
5.30 pm	Dec'd members of the Huffe Family

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**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

### February

Tue 18 Requiem for Michael Wright at 10.00 am

### March

Thu 6 Requiem of Bridget Edwards at 10.00 am  
 Fri 7 World Day of Prayer at Beckenham Baptist Church at 3.00 pm

### April

Sat 12 Lenten Reconciliation Service

### May

Sat 24 St Edmund's 75th Anniversary Mass

### 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 9.2 25	
Plate Collection	853.17
Contactless	164.30
Bank Standing Order	1862.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1206.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4086.36</b>

### **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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### 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](mailto: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  
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**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](mailto: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  
0650531/](https://www.facebook.com/events/618329970650531/)

The Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel  
welcomes donations so they can continue  
their work.

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## **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 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.

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## **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)*

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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
<b>Monday 10 Feb</b>	<b>St Scholastica</b>
10.00 am	John Walsh RIP
	No Adoration
11.15 am	Requiem of Gerard Lovett
<b>Tues 11 Feb</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>
10.00 am	The Fitzgerald Family
<b>Wed 12 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Ints of Marie Alford
8.00 pm HALL	Light of Christ Mass
<b>Thurs 13 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Monica Grima RIP
<b>Friday 14 Feb</b>	<b>St Cyril, Monk, &amp; Methodius, Bishop</b>
10.00 am	Cornelius Donnelly RIP
<b>Sat 15 Feb</b>	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
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Contactless	367.68
Bank Standing Order	846.33
Church Suite Regular Giving	2669.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4802.22</b>

### 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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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.**

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## **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.

All the big names like John Lewis & Partners, Expedia, Argos, Just Eat and many more are ready to make a free donation at no extra cost to you.

Please sign up today and we could win one of four £250 donations: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stecb/VYD94V/c2s/ZdU7Z020/CE955/facebook/>



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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.

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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

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**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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No second collection this week.

### HOW TO OBTAIN THE JUBILEE PLENARY INDULGENCE AT ST EDMUND'S AS AN INDIVIDUAL

Take communion, make your sacramental confession to a priest and pray for the Pope's intentions - say one Our Father and one Hail Mary for this:

pray before the Blessed Sacrament for a suitable period (say 30 minutes)

finish by saying:

The Our Father

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Hail Mary, or another prayer to Mary such as the Memorare or the Hail Holy Queen.

We have Mass daily at 10.00 am Monday to Saturday, and Exposition till 11.30 am most days with a priest available for confession.

**OR** Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 am - join in saying five decades of the rosary with us. (If you say it on your own it's only a partial indulgence.)

#### AND

Make your communion, sacramental confession to a priest and pray for the Pope's intentions - say one Our Father and one Hail Mary for this.

Fr Andrew

### CONFIRMATION 2025

For young people in Yr 9 or above.

Please use this link to register:

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

**The link has been open for a couple of months and will close at the end of January**, so please, if you haven't already signed up, do it now.

### TAKE CARE OF YOUR BAGS

Please take care of your belongings whilst you are in the church. Don't leave anything in the pew when you go to communion, and if you leave a walker or a pushchair at the back of the church or in the porch please don't leave anything of value with it.

If you are approached by anyone asking for money please be careful. Some days we are aware that kind hearted parishioners give gifts that can easily total £30.

### HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR ARCHDIOCESE

In last weekend's pastoral letter the Archbishop invited you to play a vital role in shaping the future of our Archdiocese. He encouraged everyone to reflect on the themes in the ***Called to Bear Fruit*** booklet and participate in small group discussions over the coming weeks. Here's how you can get involved:

- **Form a group:** Gather 4–12 people.
- **Choose your schedule:** Discuss all six themes across six sessions, or combine them into fewer meetings - whatever works best for you.
- **Share your insights:** Submit your group's reflections via our online form or as a typed hard copy.

The more people who take part, the richer our understanding of the needs of our archdiocese will be. Let's work together to shape our future!

Thank you for your involvement.

## 300 CLUB

Here are the winners of the January draw  
for the 300 Club

Francesca Fear	£100
Anne Williamson	£50
James Young	£25

Congratulations to them all.

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### PISCES SWIMMING CLUB

Over 60 with mobility problems?

Every Friday at The Spa in Beckenham  
1.45 pm - 2.45 pm

Swim, meet people, chat or do your own thing in a safe environment.

There is a free cup of tea after your swim, and between 3.00-5.00 pm 15% off fish & chips at The Big Catch

This group is highly recommended by one of our parishioners.

### BAPTISMS AT ST EDMUND'S

If you want to have a child baptised at St Edmund's, you are asked to email the dedicated account

[beckenhambaptism@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:beckenhambaptism@rcaos.org.uk)

or use the link on our website

<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/forms/erbuetfw>



### YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse?

Retrouvaille has helped tens of hundreds of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom 27 February to 2 March: email: [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk) or call or text 0788 729 6983.

### GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST RETREAT

This weekend takes place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance.

Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory, places are limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you.

### Dates for 2025:

March 21-23 & October 10-12

For details phone 01622 717272 or email [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)

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## **BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope**

To celebrate Jubilee 2025, a one day Building a Better Marriage opportunity will be held in the following nine Southwark deaneries. The day starts at 9.30 am and finishes at 4.30 pm, and is free to attend.

To join one of these days please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

25 January - St Stephen's, Welling  
1 February - Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs  
15 March - Our Lady Queen of Peace, East Sheen  
12 April – St Mary's, West Croydon  
28 June – St Raphael's, Kingston  
5 July - St Thomas More, Dulwich  
13 September – Southwark Cathedral  
4 October – Holy Cross, Catford  
1 November – St James the Great, Petts Wood.

The Light of Christ  
Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting  
invites you to join them in the Hall on  
**Wednesday 29th January.**

7.45 pm Praise and Worship  
8.00 pm Holy Mass  
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## **LENT COURSE 2025**

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

Beginning on March 11 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.

### **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)*

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**MASSES**

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Sunday of the Word of God**  
 6.00 pm VIGIL Bruno Panetta RIP  
 8.00 am Ints of the Cotter Family  
 9.30 am Geoffrey & Frances Sisley & their dec'd relatives & friends  
 9.30 am HALL For the people  
**CHILDRENS MASS**  
 11.00 am May & Sharon O'Reilly  
 5.30 pm For the wellbeing of Nicole Hudson

**Monday 27 Jan Feria (St Angela Merici)**  
 10.00 am Janet Maureen Dunn Browne RIP & dec'd family members

**Tues 28 Jan St Thomas Aquinas**  
 10.00 am Gerald Baker RIP

**Wed 29 Jan Feria**  
 10.00 am Tom Walsh RIP  
 8.00 pm HALL Light of Christ Mass

**Thurs 30 Jan Feria**  
 10.00 am Dick, Sean, Paul & Mary RIP

**Friday 31 Jan St John Bosco**  
 10.00 am Gerard Baker RIP

**Sat 1 Feb The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 10.00 am Ints of the Judge Family  
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**Contemplative Saturday 25 January** between 11 and 12 in the hall.

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Plate Collection	940.36
Contactless	194.26
Bank Standing Order	1106.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3150.78</b>

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collection is for Pax Christi

## I GOT DRUNK, GOT ANGRY, SMASHED UP MY FRIEND'S HOUSE AND BROKE A WINDOW. HOW CAN I BE FORGIVEN AND PUT THINGS RIGHT?

While everyone seems pleased that the Archbishop has designated St Edmund's as a place where the Jubilee Indulgence may be obtained, I also picked up quite a bit of scepticism about indulgences. I am afraid living in (what was) a Protestant country we have often been subject to Martin Luther's criticism of them as attempts to buy forgiveness. Put simply he was wrong because he mixed up two things: forgiveness of the sin - in theological language "Justification" - and growing holy - Sanctification. Penance is often seen as a sort of punishment but it would be better seen as medicine for the soul to help it rid itself of sin. Of course medicine can be somewhat nasty, even if it is doing us good in the long run.

I can best explain this with a little story. One Saturday evening at a party at my friend's house I get blind drunk, trash the furniture and smash a window. The next morning I sober up and realise what I have done; I ask forgiveness of my friend and he forgives me. Relations are restored and we remain friends. (The friend in my story is God who is merciful and always forgives, we might be less perfect.) So I am forgiven, "justified", and do not suffer punishment - my friend could have called the police and have me sent to gaol. Hmm, I got off that. BUT, BUT.....if I am truly sorry I should repair the damage I caused, pay for the broken window, or otherwise compensate my friend. AND, AND I have a drink problem and an anger management problem. Both need dealing with or I will certainly commit other sins if I don't change. I need to grow holier.

I cannot do anything to earn God's grace and forgiveness, it is His gift to me. But I can co-operate with Him to become holier, I can take the medicine of penance. An indulgence can be considered a little boost to help us on the way, we are given a help from the "treasury of the satisfaction of Christ and the saints." Remember we are never alone.

Fr Andrew

### HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR ARCHDIOCESE

In today's pastoral letter the Archbishop invites you to play a vital role in shaping the future of our Archdiocese. He encourages everyone to reflect on the themes in the ***Called to Bear Fruit*** booklet and participate in small group discussions over the coming weeks. Here's how you can get involved:

- **Form a group:** Gather 4–12 people.
- **Choose your schedule:** Discuss all six themes across six sessions, or combine them into fewer meetings - whatever works best for you.
- **Share your insights:** Submit your group's reflections via our online form or as a typed hard copy.

The more people who take part, the richer our understanding of the needs of our archdiocese will be. Let's work together to shape our future!

Thank you for your involvement.

**At St Mary's Primary School**, the children have been learning that 2025 is a Jubilee year. The theme for the year is **Pilgrims of Hope**. We know that pilgrims travel to Holy places that help them to grow closer to God. So, in this Jubilee year our classes are going to go on a pilgrimage to St Edmund's! The children are looking forward to walking to the church to join the congregation for 10 o'clock Mass. They will prepare the bidding prayers and some hymns to sing. We will start with Year 6 on Friday 24 January, Year 5 on Friday 7 February and Year 4 on Friday 28 March. We hope that our other classes will be able to have their pilgrimage later in the year.

We are really looking forward to celebrating Mass with you!

Mrs Beirne RE Leader  
St Mary's Catholic Primary School

## 300 CLUB

Thank you to all the 300 Club members: your involvement is invaluable. In 2024 we peaked at 227 members, generating just under £9,000 for the Parish (before deduction of the monthly draws). This funded the refurbishment of the book shop as well as the purchase of new smart and stackable chairs for the Parish Hall, as well as garden furniture for the Hall Garden. The year ended with three lucky winners in the December draw, Jim Lennox who won the first prize of £250, Clare Huijnen who won £100 and Bernadette Lyons who won a beautiful Christmas Hamper.

We are now looking for new projects to fund and if you have any ideas, please email Isabelle at [iblakejames@talktalk.net](mailto:iblakejames@talktalk.net) who would be delighted to hear from you.

We have a rough attrition annually of about 10% of members which means that we are starting 2025 with "only" 202 members. Please do consider joining the Club: the annual contribution is £39 for a number and has remained the same for many years; there is a monthly draw when you can win £100, £50 or £25 and a Christmas draw which is the BIG one as mentioned above.

You can collect a registration form at the back of the church or email Isabelle Blake-James if you have any questions.

Let's make 2025 the best year ever and get to 300 Club Members!

### 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.

### ADVENT SERVICE 2024

We are delighted to tell you that after our JustGiving page closed at the end of the year we had raised a total of £671.00 for St. Christopher's Hospice!

Thank you very much for your generosity.



## PAX CHRISTI PEACE SUNDAY 19 January

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and not the Parish Office

**YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse?

Retrouvaille has helped tens of hundreds of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom *27 February to 2 March*: email: [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk) or call or text 0788 729 6983.

### GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST RETREAT

This weekend takes place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance.

Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory, places are limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you.

### Dates for 2025:

March 21-23 & October 10-12  
For details phone 01622 717 272 or email [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)

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## SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

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Dorio Melfi, a parishioner at St Mark's, West Wickham, died on 18 December. In past years Dorio often played the organ at Masses at St Edmunds, particularly during the week.

Dorio's cremation service will be at the Bluebell Crematorium at 12.30 pm on Wednesday 22 January. His family is happy to welcome anyone who wishes to join them at this service.

## MARRIAGES

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## MOTHER AND TODDLERS - Church Hall

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## BLYTHSWOOD CARE

We have received a letter from Blythwood thanking you for your wonderful and generous response to their Shoe Box Appeal. We were able to send them 65 shoe-boxes filled with lovely gifts and practical items for young people in Kosovo who have absolutely nothing.

Many thanks as ever to Susie and Lucienne who have organised this appeal for such a long time.

The Light of Christ  
Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting invites  
you to join them in the Hall on  
**Wednesday 22nd January.**

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Damian Oligigwe  
Followed by Adoration and healing  
before the Blessed Sacrament.

10.00 pm Evening concludes

**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 19 Jan Second Sunday Peace Day**  
 6.00 pm VIGIL Baby Charlotte Flannery RIP  
 8.00 am Ints of the Ewings Family  
 9.30 am For the people of the parish  
 9.30 am HALL Sr Pat Devine  
 CHILDRENS MASS  
 11.00 am Ellen Keane RIP  
 5.30 pm Noreen Dowling RIP

**Monday 20 Jan Feria (St Fabian, Pope & Martyr)**  
 10.00 am Esther Browne RIP

**Tues 21 Jan St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr**  
 10.00 am For the family of Mary Long

**Wed 22 Jan Feria (St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr)**  
 10.00 am Tony Simmonds  
**NO ADORATION**  
 Noon Requiem of Christopher Power

**Thurs 23 Jan Feria**  
 10.00 am Clive Somers RIP

**Friday 24 Jan St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**  
 10.00 am Eileen & Paddy Murphy RIP  
 Yr 6 from St Mary's will be joining us for this Mass  
 2.00 pm—4.00 pm A Quiet Time for Prayer & Reflection - Guided meditation in the Lady Chapel. Please feel free to leave at ant time.

**Sat 25 Jan The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle**  
 10.00 am Buddy Gibbons RIP  
 6.00 pm VIGIL Bruno Panetta RIP

**Sunday 26 Jan Third Sunday Sunday of the Word of God**  
 8.00 am Ints of the Cotter Family  
 9.30 am Geoffrey & Frances Sisley & their dec'd relatives & friends  
 9.30 am HALL For the people  
 CHILDRENS MASS  
 11.00 am Mary & Sharon O'Reilly  
 5.30 pm For the wellbeing of Nicole Hudson

**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.**

<b>OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 12.1.25</b>	
Plate Collection	916.40
Contactless	377.90
Bank Standing Order	616.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1340.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3250.38</b>

**We pray for all who have died:** Roy Edwards, Fr Wenna Henry Tiku, Fr John Lawrence, Dorio Melfi, Keith Gard, Christopher Power, Jacqueline Mary Galea, Fr Paddy Cannon, Kathleen Hayes, Sam Candasamy, Bridget Obiageli Ildigwe, Gaetan Lewis Goa.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Baby William 'Wotsit' Pemberton, Maureen Finch, Linda Turp, Geoffrey Sisley, Samuel Sana, Emily Edwards, Eleanor Harrington, Patrick McInally, Monica Cronin, Michael O'Sullivan, Nikolaos Klokanos, Colm Byrne, Dr Alexander Uchwe, Walter Grubb, Juana Chacaltana, Joan Salmon, Mary Callaghan, Katrina Maria Fleming, Brigitte-Savreux-O'Driscoll, Kathleen Phelan, Mabel Graves, Raymond Willis, John O'Hagan, Monica Hyland, Anne Lymbery, May McMahan, Dr Eamon Fenton, Tom Gower, Jean Cullen, John O'Sullivan, Cheryl McGoldrick, Gibson Sikaleya, Frank Donagh, Alice Appiah-Gyan, Caroline Pearson, Bill Boyd.

**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.

**DIARY**

**January**

Wed 22 Requiem for Christopher Power at noon  
 Fri 24 Christian Unity Week - A Quiet Time for Prayer & Reflection 2.00 - 4 00 pm. In the Lady Chapel

**February**

Tues 4 Requiem for Kathleen Hayes— 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.

**Contemplative Saturday 25 January** between 11 and 12 in the hall.

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

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 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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**Deacon Seán Murphy** - 07960 958 441 - [seanmurphy@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:seanmurphy@rcaos.org.uk)  
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Sunday 12 January 2025 Yr C

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## CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

Just before Christmas the CWL completed their latest charity led activity, this time for PACT, an organisation that supports the families of prisoners,

and those being released.

Many prisoners are socially isolated and have almost no belongings when they leave the prison. PACT tries to ensure that they are given a bag or rucksack containing a range of basic necessities, including a change of socks and underwear.

We produced 19 well equipped packs, which were collected by a prison outreach officer and taken to two prisons in Sutton.

We have not yet decided on a project for 2025.

As always, new members are very welcome to join us. We meet in the Hall every second Monday of the month at 2.00 pm. Our next meeting is this Monday.

## LOST & FOUND

A Sunday missal has been handed in to me, inscribed 'To S.... On your First Holy Communion 11 May 2024 with love from Dad.'

Please see me if it is yours. Fr. Andrew

## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

invites you to join us in the parish hall on  
Wednesday 15th January at

7.45 pm Praise and Worship  
8.00 pm Holy Mass - Celebrant  
Fr Kenneth Iwunna  
Followed by Informal Prayer meeting  
10.00 pm Evening concludes.



## CHURCH SERVICES TV

Our live stream facility and recordings are provided by Church Services TV, a company based in Dublin. They provide us with a daily email of the number of viewers and it is noticeable that during this very cold period significantly more people are joining Mass from their home.

During last year we totalled 50,171 views of our services which amounts to a viewing time of 75,145 hours!

## BIBLE IN A YEAR GROUP

All are welcome to the **Bible in a Year** group who are meeting on Friday 17 January at 7.30 pm in the committee room next to the Hall.

Please contact Annie at [anniepwilliamson@gmail.com](mailto:anniepwilliamson@gmail.com) for more information.

## CHURCH SUITE

Is the database on which we hold parishioners contact details.

We chose Church Suite as it gives parishioners the ability to input and update their own record, but we do rely on you to keep the information current. You can do this at: <https://saintedmunds.net/index.php/new-parishioners/> but if you need the

Office to assist you please either email the changes to us or write them down and post them through the door.

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## ST MARK'S CHURCH, WEST WICKHAM CONGOLESE CHAPLAINCY

Thanks to a request from a parishioner, and with the approval of the archbishop, St Mark's will be hosting a regular Sunday Mass organised by the Congolese chaplaincy in London. The Mass will be celebrated in French and Lingala.

All are welcome to these Masses which will fulfil the Sunday obligation. As far as I am aware there are few celebrations of Mass in our diocese in either French or Lingala so we hope that these celebrations will be a good way of welcoming French speaking African Catholics to St Mark's.

The first Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 19 January at 3.00 pm and initially they will be every fortnight.

Fr Ashley Beck

## FLAME 2025 SATURDAY 15 MARCH

Happy Jubilee New Year!

As we enter the Jubilee Year as *Pilgrims of Hope*, the FLAME2025 theme **UNSTOPPABLE: Fan the Flame of Hope** invites young people and those young at heart, to join the Catholic Youth Ministry Team of Bromley Deanery for this Big Youth Day Out. Don't miss the opportunity to join 10,000 other like-minded Catholics at an inspirational one-day event to hear from a line-up of acclaimed key note speakers and UK's top faith music acts such as Guvnor B, One Hope Project and Adeniké.

For a limited time, tickets are £20 each, including the return journey to and from OVO Wembley Arena.

For more information and payment details, visit the registration link [here](#) or scan the QR code after viewing our [Deanery Promo Video!](#)

Please get your tickets now and jump on board the coach with us! Let's be

***Unstoppable, together!***



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Prayer for Peace on Earth will be celebrated in the Catholic Church of England and Wales on Sunday 19 January. The work of Pax Christi, the international Catholic Movement for Peace, is based on the Gospel and inspired by Faith. It has a vision of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, the movement works with all who share the values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Special envelopes for donations are available in the porch to support Pax Christi's vision.

## CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL

Your donations at the crib this year are for the Catholic Children's Society and will be used to care for families living within Southwark diocese who need some help.

Donations can be put in the wall safe by the shop or you can use the QR code.



## CONFIRMATION 2025

For young people in Yr 9 or above.

Please use this link to register:

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

## 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.

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### COLOMA PAST PUPILS

Many ex-Coloma pupils will remember Mrs Gill Tripper who was their Head of Drama for many years.

Sadly Gill died shortly before Christmas after a long illness.

There will be a Mass said for the repose of Gill's soul at 10.00 am on March 21.

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**BROMLEY COUNCIL'S PUBLIC AFFAIRS TEAM**, in collaboration with Bromley's Public Health team, have asked us to publish the following seeking feedback from residents in the borough on their experiences using their local pharmacies.

### HOW CAN PHARMACIES IN YOUR LOCAL AREA IMPROVE?

Please complete the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Survey and have your voice heard to help shape the future of pharmacies in our borough.

Could you spare a few minutes to share your experiences with the pharmacies you visit and use in the borough? Your feedback will help identify the need for support and services delivered by pharmacies in your local area.

Visit [www.bromley.gov.uk/PharmaceuticalNeedsAssessment](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/PharmaceuticalNeedsAssessment) to complete the survey which closes on 28 February.

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### MASSES

<b>Sunday 12 Jan</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>
6.00 pm VIGIL	Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta
8.00 am	Maureen Harrow (rcntly dcscd) & the dcscd members of the Bean & Harrow families
9.30 am	Private Ints of James Conner
9.30 am HALL	For the people of the parish
CHILDRENS MASS	
11.00 am	Monica Grima RIP
5.30 pm	Seeking God's protection & health for my mother
<b>Monday 13 Jan</b>	<b>Feria (St Hilary, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the church)</b>
10.00 am	Welfare & intentions of Raphael Fleming
<b>Tues 14 Jan</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	For the children & grand children of Howard & Mary Long
<b>Wed 15 Jan</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Douglas Arthur RIP (12th anniv)
<b>Thurs 16 Jan</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Margaret Baker RIP
<b>Friday 17 Jan</b>	<b>St Anthony, Abbot</b>
10.00 am	For Little Mo RIP
	<b>No Adoration</b>
Noon	Requiem for Keith Gard
<b>Sat 18 Jan</b>	<b>Feria (Blessed Virgin Mary)</b>
10.00 am	Alfonso & Mariuccia Nesti RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL	Baby Charlotte Flannery RIP
<b>Sunday 19 Jan</b>	<b>Second Sunday</b>
	<b>Peace Sunday</b>
8.00 am	Ints of the Ewings Family
9.30 am	For the people of the parish
9.30 am HALL	Sr Pat Devine
CHILDRENS MASS	
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Contactless	488.60
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Church Suite Regular Giving	2001.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5502.36</b>

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### DIARY

#### January

- Mon 13 CWL meeting at 2.00 in the Hall
- Fri 17 Requiem for Keith Gard at noon  
Bible in a Year group 7.30 pm in Hall Meeting Room
- Wed 22 Requiem for Christopher Power at noon
- Fri 24 Christian Unity Week - A Quiet Time for Prayer & Reflection 2.00 - 4 00 pm. In the Lady Chapel

#### February

- Tues 4 Requiem for Kathleen Hayes--time tbc

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Sunday 5 January 2025 Yr C

**Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver**  
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I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and New year. On behalf of the clergy and staff a big thank you for your good wishes, gifts and cards throughout the Advent and Christmas Seasons. May I also express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who throughout the year have individually and collectively worked selflessly behind the scenes to keep the parish functioning as it should. Without these people we would, quite frankly, be struggling. I hope their example will inspire more of you to step up and lend a hand in the numerous facets of parish life. Remember the more parishioners we have getting involved, the less arduous the workload will be.

As many of you will know we are now currently at the beginning of the Jubilee Year (24<sup>th</sup> December 2024 -6<sup>th</sup> January 2026), the theme of which is HOPE, ("Hope does not disappoint" – Romans 5:5).

However, what you will not be aware of is that St Edmund's has been designated a Jubilee Church during this period. This means that the faithful can obtain the Jubilee Year Indulgence here. More detailed information about the indulgence will be on the noticeboard in the church foyer.

Last but certainly not least it's my pleasure to introduce to you Liam Murphy, a seminarian, currently based at Valladolid Seminary in Spain. Liam, who will be staying with us for a month until 29<sup>th</sup> January hopes to gain some understanding of the life and ministry of a priest in a parish. My hope is that it will be an enjoyable and positive experience for him and I know you will play your part by making him feel most welcome.

Wishing you all a very happy new year.

**Fr Steve**

**SUNDAY 5 JANUARY**  
**2.30 PM IN THE HALL**

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7.45 pm. Praise and Worship

8.00 pm. Holy Mass

Celebrant. TBC

Followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament



**MASSES**

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 8.00 am Fr William Bradley RIP  
 9.30 am Emily Esinam Abonie (birthday)  
 11.00 am Vincenzina Grillo RIP  
 5.30 pm For the people of the parish

**Monday 6 Jan Feria of Christmas Time**  
 10.00 am Ints of the Flynn & Ruddy families

**Tues 7 Jan Feria of Christmas Time**  
 10.00 am Requiem for John Brooks  
**NO ADORATION**

**Wed 8 Jan Feria of Christmas Time**  
 10.00 am Patricia Griffin RIP

**Thurs 9 Jan Feria of Christmas Time**  
 10.00 am Stewart, Elena & Sullivan families

**Friday 10 Jan Feria of Christmas Time**  
 10.00 am Eileen Monica O’Sullivan RIP

**Sat 11 Jan Feria of Christmas Time**  
 10.00 am The Gibbons family  
 6.00 pm VIGIL Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta

**Sunday 12 Jan The Baptism of the Lord**  
 8.00 am Maureen Harrow (rcntly dcscd) & the dcscd members of the Bean & Harrow families  
 9.30 am Private Ints of James Conner  
 9.30 am HALL For the people of the parish  
 CHILDRENS MASS  
 11.00 am Monica Grima RIP  
 5.30 pm Seeking God’s protection & health for my mother

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**LAW SURGERY**

Monday 6 January  
 In the Hall at 6.00 pm

**MONDAY MEDITATION**

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 The next **Contemplative Saturday** is on 25 January.

**CONFIRMATION 2025**

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 Please use this link to register:  
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<b>OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 29.12.24</b>	
Plate Collection	1437.92
Contactless	214.32
Bank Standing Order	573.33
Church Suite Regular Giving	1748.87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3974.44</b>

**Bank details to set up a regular standing order:**  
 Account name: RCAS Beckenham  
 Sort Code: 60 02 12  
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 Link to set up a regular donation through ChurchSuite:  
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Sunday 22 December 2024 Yr C

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The collection on Christmas Day is your gift to our priests



At Christmas we celebrate the incredible generosity of God, our creator, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity and so to become, through His Passion, a remedy for sin itself.

James Tissot was a French Catholic artist who, having experienced a religious vision late in life, returned to the faith and explored exclusively biblical scenes in his late career. Famously he depicted the life of Christ in a wonderful series of paintings with forensic archaeological detail. This painting, *The Adoration of the Shepherds*, is one of several nativity scenes which are extraordinary in emphasising the vulnerability and humanity of the newborn Christ, the divine light of God incarnate, and His transformative impact upon Mary and the shepherds.

As we reflect upon this work of art, I invite you to give thanks for everything that you have been given by God, every blessing, and to remember that the Word became flesh so that He could suffer as humanity does and so free us from the shackles of sin.

This Christmas let us give thanks to God for the greatest gift of all, Himself.

God bless,

Deacon Ray



### PARISH ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Thank you to all who came to our Parish Advent Carol Service last Saturday and to anyone who joined in online.

Special thanks to all the singers, musicians and readers who participated.

The collection on the night came to £381.51 in aid of St. Christopher's Hospice.

It is not too late if you wish to donate: the JustGiving page will be open until 31 December.

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

or you can drop a donation into the Parish Office marked 'St. Christopher's Collection'.

Thank you for your generosity.

We wish you a happy, holy and safe Christmas!

Combined Choirs & Musicians

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## JUST PRESS PLAY! – THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Last December I wrote a piece for the newsletter, inviting fellow parishioners to consider a new year's resolution to become more familiar with the bible. I mentioned in particular the **Bible in a Year** podcast, led by Fr Mike Schmitz, a youngish and very enthusiastic American Catholic priest. Over 365 days he reads the entire 73 books of the Catholic bible with a prayer and a reflection on how the scripture relates to our lives today. The podcast varies from 15 to 25 minutes a day. This daily routine has had such a massive impact on my life of faith that I wanted to share my experience. I set up and lead a group of around 12 parishioners who meet fortnightly to discuss how what we have heard has 'spoken' to us. We discuss scripture and faith together and encourage and support each other. We are not all at the same point in the bible reading plan, some are almost 'finished', others are taking it more slowly - it doesn't matter.

Fr Mike is keen to emphasise 'transformation – not information transfer' and this has resonated strongly with me and the others in the group.

What we read from God's word has truly helped me to live out my faith and has given me a daily focus, rooted in God's word and the teaching of the Catholic Church.

The podcast is available free on Hallow app, Ascension app or on YouTube. You can also use the QR code on the flyers located on the notice board by the side entrance of the church.

My invitation to you is – just give the **Bible in a Year** a try. You have nothing to lose and so much to gain. If you have any questions/comments or if you would like to join our BIAY group, please contact me on [anniepwilliamson@gmail.com](mailto:anniepwilliamson@gmail.com) or leave your contact details with the parish office or clergy and I will get in touch.

Annie Williamson



"As cradle Catholics, we hear Scripture at Mass and occasionally in self study but never like this. *The Bible in a Year* brings it all together."

—Ignacio G.

Join over 1 million Catholics listening to this podcast!

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Scan this QR code with your phone to download the Ascension App – the best place to listen to *The Bible in a Year*.



Dear St Edmunds,

We want to thank you so much for your generous donations of food to our Christmas Appeal.

We expect to give out over 250 adult bags and 80 family bags this week and are grateful for your contributions towards making this possible.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas  
Lesley, Kate and Emily

The Light of Christ Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We will not be meeting on the next two Wednesdays but look forward to seeing you in the Hall on Wednesday 8 January at:

7.45 pm. Praise and Worship

8.00 pm. Holy Mass

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## SVP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We welcomed 85 guests who enjoyed a super three course Christmas lunch. On arrival they were greeted by our special quartet of cellists from the South East London Orchestra. Rose played the piano throughout until the Year 5 Mini Vinnies from St. Mary's arrived and sang a lovely selection of old and new carols absolutely beautifully. They had also made Christmas cards which they handed out to all our guests. Stephen Hoare won the Christmas hamper in the raffle.



**We pray for those who have died:** Sandra Jones, Roy Edwards, Keith Gard.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Aldo Signorelli, Merle Whittle, Tessa Gould, Glen Le Fleur, John Sheehan, Joseph Fennessy, Glenys Warren, Gabriela Krakowska, Ellen Frances Whelan, Leo Tindemans, Ann Lynch, Joan Guiseppi, Agnes Fahy, Elvire Foster, Felix De Souza, Alan Clarke, Keith Garraway, Peg & Joe O'Donnell, Marion Skelly, William O'Neill, Ralph Lilly, Janusz Kopczynski, Iolene Durham, John Kelsall, John Keogh, Cicely Welsh, John Flood, Sybil Brocklehurst, Joseph Gibney, Betty Norman, Salome Cabili, Dirce Elvira O'Donnell, Ted Northwood, Larry Brady, Dorothy Pask, Evelyn Dias, Richard Graves, Anthony Richins, Brian Miller, Patrick Flaherty, Joan Dempsey, Lloyd Carpenter,

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## MONDAY MEDITATION

There will not be a meeting on either Monday 22 December or on Monday 6 January.

**There will be a meeting on Monday 30 December.**

There is no **Contemplative Saturday** on 21 December. The group will resume on 25 January.



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**MASSES**

**Sunday 22 Dec** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 6.00 pm VIGIL Maurice Tydings RIP & Mary, Lena & Esther Coleman RIP  
 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

**Monday 23 Dec** **Feria**  
 10.00 am Maria Paolo Collu RIP

**Tues 24 Dec** **Feria**  
 10.00 am For my Dad, Alan, on his 90th birthday

**Christmas Eve Vigil Masses**

**4.00 pm Children's Mass**  
 Agnes Achempong RIP & Mr & Mrs Rene Panglose RIP

**4.00 pm Mass at St Mary's School**  
 Dec'd members of the Brelu-Brelu & Panglose Family

**6.00 pm** David Stephens RIP & Paul Stephens RIP

**8.00 pm** In thanksgiving - Edet & Ekong Families

**11.30 pm Vigil Service with carols and readings**

**Midnight Mass** Michael Stannard RIP  
 Mary Neila RIP

**Wed 25 Dec** **The Nativity of the Lord**  
 8.00 am Bill, Nora & Margaret Spillane RIP  
 9.30 am For the people  
 11.00 am Joseph Phuoc Duong RIP

**Thurs 26 Dec** **St Stephen**  
 10.00 am Claudette & Roy Seebooruth RIP & Christiane & Guy Saide RIP

**Friday 27 Dec** **St John, Apostle**  
 10.00 am Domenico Liem RIP

**Sat 28 Dec** **The Holy Innocents**  
 10.00 am Martin McEvelly RIP  
 6.00 pm VIGIL Mrs Rita Costelloe RIP

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OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 15.12.24	
Plate Collection	949.65
Contactless	272.50
Bank Standing Order	830.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	989.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3041.70</b>

**MASSES**

**Sunday 29 Dec** **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
 8.00 am For the people  
 9.30 am Iolene Durham RIP  
 9.30 am HALL For our families around the world  
**CHILDRENS MASS**  
 11.00 am Andrew Bready RIP  
 5.30 pm Hugh Richards RIP

**Monday 30 Dec** **Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity**  
 10.00 am Narciso Andrion RIP

**Tues 31 Dec** **Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity**  
 10.00 am Michael Stannard RIP

**Wed 1 Jan** **Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
 10.00 am Andrew, Miriam & Mark - in thanksgiving

**Thurs 2 Jan** **Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church**  
 10.00 am Barbara Pisano RIP

**Friday 3 Jan** **Feria of Christmas Time**  
 10.00 am Howard Long RIP & members of his family, living and dec'd

**Sat 4 Jan** **The Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese**  
 10.00 am Lena Lenehan RIP  
 6.00 pm VIGIL Johnny Lennon RIP

**Sunday 5 Jan** **The Epiphany of the Lord**  
 8.00 am Fr William Bradley RIP  
 9.30 am Emily Esinam Abonie (b'day)  
 11.00 am Vincenzina Grillo RIP  
 5.30 pm For the people

**This newsletter covers the 22nd and 29th of December. There will be an abridged issue on the 5th January.**

**The Office will be closed on December 24 and will re-open on January 3. In an emergency please ring the priests on their direct lines.**

**LAW SURGERY**

Monday 6 January  
 In the Hall at 6.00 pm

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 Sort Code: 60 02 12  
 Acc No: 14282887

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Sunday 15 December 2024 Yr C

Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver  
020 8313 3915  
[sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com](mailto:sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com)

No second collection

### ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Saturday 14 December

7.15 pm

in the church and  
online at [www.saintedmunds.net](http://www.saintedmunds.net)



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### SVP GIFT CARD APPEAL FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

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

Donations can be made by bank transfer to:

Sort code 60-60-04

Account number 46076190

Reference gift cards 2024

Cash and cheques can be posted through the parish office door

### 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.



### READERS FOR THE 11.30 CHRISTMAS VIGIL & MIDNIGHT MASS

Tuesday Night - 24th December

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

If you would like to read at these celebrations, please contact Rosemary at [r.ekong@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:r.ekong@ucl.ac.uk) or on 07956 109 465.

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.

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**THE LIGHT OF CHRIST  
CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

invites you to join them in the Hall on  
Wednesday 18 December

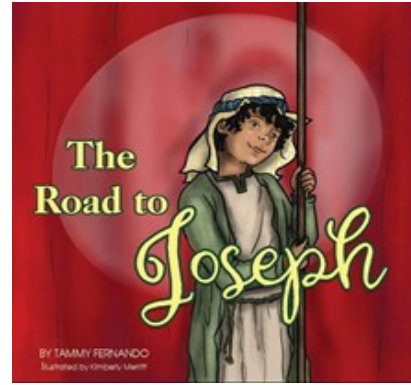
7.45 pm Praise and Worship

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**

To view Sunday's readings in full, follow the link below to the Universalis website <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>, then go to the menu on the right hand side of the page and select Sunday's date.

You can do this each week to access the Sunday readings.

**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](mailto: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.



JOY



**MASSES**

Saturday 14 Advent Reconciliation Service at 3.00 pm  
 6.00 pm VIGIL Monica Grima RIP  
 7.15 pm Advent Carol Service

**Sunday 15 Dec Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday**  
 8.00 am Fitzgerald Family RIP  
 9.30 am Jeanne & Pierre Champetier RIP  
 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

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Contactless	N/A
Bank Standing Order	1992.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1453.63
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4319.34</b>

**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.

**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, Fitzroy Maxima Saunders, Paul Hixson, Susan McWilliams, Mary-Jo McCarthy, Peter Lake, Jacqueline Djasrabe.

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**

**December**

Sat 14 Advent Reconciliation Service at 3.00 pm  
 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:**

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Christmas Donations for  
Living Well

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### SVP GIFT CARD APPEAL FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

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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.

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.

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[drmargaretkelleher@hotmail.com](mailto:drmargaretkelleher@hotmail.com)

### SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2.30 PM IN THE HALL

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](http://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.

**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  
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invites you to join them in the Hall on  
Wednesday 11 December

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant is Fr Damien Ilodigwe  
(Norbury)

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament  
10.00 pm Evening concludes.

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Mass at Midnight.

If you would like to read at these celebrations,  
please contact Rosemary at  
r.ekong@ucl.ac.uk or on 07956 109 465.

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.

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS 2024**

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

You can sign-up to receive them each morning  
by going to: [tinyurl.com/adventreflections2024](https://tinyurl.com/adventreflections2024)

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](http://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.



## 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**

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**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**



## LINK TO SUNDAY'S READINGS

To view Sunday's readings in full, follow the link below to the Universalis website <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>, then go to the menu on the right hand side of the page and select Sunday's date.

You can do this each week to access the Sunday readings.



## 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**

<b>Sunday 8 Dec</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
6.00 pm VIGIL	Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
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9.30 am HALL	For the people
<b>CHILDRENS MASS</b>	
11.00 am	Thomas Lee RIP
	Rite of Acceptance for RCIA candidates
5.30 pm	Michael Stannard RIP
<b>Monday 9 Dec</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
10.00 am	All persecuted born & unborn children
<b>Tues 10 Dec</b>	<b>Our Lady of Loreto</b>
10.00 am	Dr Michael Ekong RIP
<b>Wed 11 Dec</b>	<b>St Damasus 1, Pope</b>
10.00 am	Joe Doyle RIP (3rd anniv)
<b>Thurs 12 Dec</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
10.00 am	Rosalind Dunn & dec'd family members
	<b>No Adoration</b>
7.00 pm`	St Mary's KS2 Carol Service
<b>Friday 13 Dec</b>	<b>St Lucy, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b>
10.00 am	Dec'd benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
<b>Sat 14 Dec</b>	<b>St John of the Cross, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>
10.00 am`	Mick Westgarth RIP (2nd anniv)
3.00 pm	Advent Reconciliation Service
6.00 pm	Monica Grima RIP
7.15 pm	Advent Carol Service
<b>Sunday 15 Dec</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
8.00 am	Fitzgerald Family RIP
9.30 am	Jeanne & Pierre Champetier RIP
9.30 am HALL	For the people
<b>CHILDRENS MASS</b>	
11.00 am	Giacco & Chona (wedding anniv)
5.30 pm	Maureen & Bridie Howard 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 from Monday to Saturday, unless otherwise announced.



OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 1.12.24	
Plate Collection	1051.71
Contactless	130.26
Bank Standing Order	598.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	2539.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4319.34</b>

**We pray for those who have died:** Bishop John Hine, Sandra Jones and David Fletcher.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Mary Beck, Margaret O'Neill, Lucas Campos, Elizabeth Lynch, Sharon Elizabeth Wigner, Melvin Deakin, Jane Bogue, William Ross, Thomas Lee, Mary Sullivan, Spencer Hoyles, Chris McBurney, Pamela flood, Teresa Basquill, Mick Westgarth.

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**DIARY**

**Dec**

- 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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### 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.

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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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8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant is Fr Steve

Followed by AGM

10.00 pm Evening concludes.

**SVP CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
MONDAY 9 DECEMBER**

The SVP is taking bookings for its annual  
Christmas lunch.

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

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the Parish Office by Wednesday 18 December

Thank you.



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

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

Requested items are: tinned ham/comed beef/salmon/  
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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 CHALLENGOR SCHOOL

**CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024**

**Sunday 1 December**

**12.00 - 3.30 pm**

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Why not come and enjoy carols and readings,  
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for Christmas?

If you wish to join us online there will be a  
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12 December.

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### **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>

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**8.00 am**

**9.30 am**

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**THERE IS NO EVENING MASS**



**MASSES**

<b>Sunday 1 Dec</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
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
<b>Monday 2 Dec</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Jean-Paul Schoens
<b>Tues 3 Dec</b>	<b>St Francis Xavier</b>
10.00 am	Benefactors & Promoters of the Claver Sisters
	Francis D'Souza RIP
	<b>No Adoration</b>
7.00 pm	Bishop Challoner School Advent Carol Service
<b>Wed 4 Dec</b>	<b>St John Damascene</b>
10.00 am	For all the souls in Purgatory
<b>Thurs 5 Dec</b>	<b>Feria (St John Almond)</b>
10.00 am	Berthe Reynaud
<b>Friday 6 Dec</b>	<b>St Nicholas, Bishop</b>
10.00 am	Howard Long & his parents Arthur & Phyllis RIP
<b>Sat 7 Dec</b>	<b>St Ambrose, Bishop</b>
10.00 am`	The Holy Souls
2 - 3.00 pm	Reconciliation for First Holy Communion candidates
6.00 pm	Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
<b>Sunday 8 Dec</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
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**DIARY**

<b>Dec</b>	
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

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

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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



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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.

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### 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](http://www.tinyurl.com/scys1) or join the Southwark Catholic Youth network for regular updates at [www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://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](http://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

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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](http://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](mailto:r.ekong@ucl.ac.uk)) or leave a message with the Parish Office by Wednesday 18th December Thank you.

### **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.

### **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

### ***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

<b>Sunday 24 Nov</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>
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
<b>Monday 25 Nov</b>	<b>St Catherine of Alexandria</b>
10.00 am	Crescenzo Panetta RIP
<b>Tues 26 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Paulo & Armando Cogoni RIP
<b>Wed 27 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	John Murnane's Medjugorje pilgrim friends, living & deceased
<b>Thurs 28 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Giovanni Campanaro RIP
<b>Friday 29 Nov</b>	<b>St Cuthbert Mayne &amp; Companions</b>
10.00 am	Welfare & intentions of Rae Fleming
<b>Sat 30 Nov</b>	<b>St Andrew, Apostle</b>
10.00 am`	Robert Swan RIP & intentions of Colleen Swan
6.00 pm	For the people of the parish
	<b>Faith in Action Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 1 Dec</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
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

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10.30 - 11.00 am and 5.00 - 5.55 pm.

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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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2962.47</b>

**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.

Meditation every Monday in the Hall (not bank holidays) from 5.30 - 6.20 pm. except for the first Monday of each month and 25 November when it is in the Lady Chapel.  
Please respect the need to arrive promptly and observe the silence.

## DIARY

<b>Nov</b>	
Sat 30	St Mary's Christmas Fair 11am to 3pm
<b>Dec</b>	
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 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

### 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/>

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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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](http://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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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

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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.

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## 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

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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

<b>Sunday 17 Nov</b>	<b>Thirty-third Sunday World Day of the Poor</b>
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
<b>FAMILY MASS IN HALL</b>	
11.00 am	Esseline Nunes d'Agrella RIP
	There will be a baptism at this Mass
5.30 pm	Mrs Ginette Lishing How RIP
<b>Monday 18 Nov</b>	<b>The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles</b>
10.00 am	Welfare & intentions of Raphael Fleming
<b>Tues 19 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	John Dutton RIP
<b>Wed 20 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Ann Moys RIP (anniv) & Alice Castle RIP
<b>Thurs 21 Nov</b>	<b>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
10.00 am	Birthday thanksgiving of John Conner
<b>Friday 22 Nov</b>	<b>St Cecilia, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b>
10.00 am	Tommy Ruddy RIP
<b>Sat 23 Nov</b>	<b>St Clement 1, Pope &amp; Martyr</b>
10.00 am	Dec'd benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
6.00 pm	Alek Pasiniewicz RIP
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## DIARY

### Nov

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### Dec

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Sale of calendars for Claver Sisters charity outside church

Mon 9 SVP Christmas lunch

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Acc No: 14282887

Link to set up a regular donation through ChurchSuite:

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Sunday 10 Nov 2024

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**The Second Collection is  
for the Archbishop's Appeal**

### ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November

This collection has been launched to invest faith, hope, love and charity into the missionary work of the Archdiocese throughout South London and Kent, specifically in the areas of Youth and Evangelisation, Faith in Action (compassion for our brothers and sisters, and care of our common home) and Clergy Care and Formation.

Every gift is welcome. To find out more or to donate online go to :  
[www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal)  
or scan the QR Code.



Cash/Cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes at the back of church.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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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Followed by Eucharistic Adoration with  
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### 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.

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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.

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**Monday 11 Nov**      **St Martin of Tours, Bishop**  
 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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**We pray for those who have died:** Joel Oluka Okiror, Francis Ekamolott Onapito, Bernadette Murray, John Moylan, Carmel Fahey.

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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, Hans Halpin, Paul, Norma Powell, Joan Morris, Kathleen Hayes, Marie Rennie, Fitzroy Maxima Saunders, Paul Hixson, Susan McWilliams, Rachel Cain.

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**DIARY**

**Nov**  
 Sun 17      Sale of Christmas and Advent items in Hall after 8.00 am and 9.30 am Mass

**Dec**  
 Sun 1      CWL Table sale after 9.30 Mass  
 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

<b>OFFERTORY</b>	
<b>WEEK ENDING 3.11.24</b>	
Plate Collection	1104.51
Contactless	317.54
Bank Standing Order	1916.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	2178.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5516.56</b>

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### Holy Hour for the Dignity of the Human Person

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This comes in response to the assisted suicide legislation currently before the UK Parliament. The Bishops' Holy Hour will start at **5.30 pm on Wednesday 13 November**.

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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](mailto: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.

### ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November

The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas), and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2024

Every gift is welcome. Find out more, or donate online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal) or scan the QR Code.

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Lewisham

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**DAY OF HEALING**

**Saturday 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

**CLAVER SISTERS FUNDRAISER**

**Cheese & Wine Evening  
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Tickets are £10 per person to include a  
selection of delicious cheeses and your first  
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Cash only please.

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

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Bank Standing Order	785.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3376.20</b>

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 Acc No: 14282887

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 Desmond Trant-McCarthy, Margery May,  
 Fr Martin Breen, Brian Cooper, Harry  
 Leamon, Mark Parsons, Fr John Redford,  
 Valentine Potts, Sandra Richards, Jim Byrne,  
 Eileen Hixson, Dorrien Muriel Flood, Megan  
 Grey, Mary Phelan, Cardinal John Heenan,  
 Fr Robin Mountford, Mary Ward,

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 Fr Ray Brennan, Terry Woollard, Wendy  
 Adams, Elizabeth, Rosanna Sookram, Anne  
 Flynn, Hans Halpin, Paul, Norma Powell,  
 Joan Morris, Kathleen Hayes, Marie Rennie,  
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Contemplative Saturday on **2 November**  
 in the Hall from 11-12.noon.

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<b>DIARY</b>	
<b>Nov</b>	
Mon 4	Law Surgery in Hall Meeting Room
Tues 5	Requiem for Fabiola Zorilla Corrigan at 2.00 pm
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<b>Dec</b>	
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**The Second collection is  
for Missio**

### THE LETTER - a Postscript

On 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
[www.tinyurl.com/frassatieve](http://www.tinyurl.com/frassatieve)  
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**BECKENHAM CHRISTMAS  
SHOEBOX APPEAL 2024**



**STOP PRESS**

**LAST WEEK TO BRING YOUR SHOEBOX  
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Michael Wright, a long time parishioner at St Edmunds has recently moved into a care home.

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Poppy templates are available at the back of the church but please feel free to do your own design.



### 300 Club

The winners of the October draw are:

Helena Krawczyk	£100.00
Louisa Warren	£50.00
Bernard Wilson	£25.00

Congratulations to them all

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Numbers are £39 each

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 9.30 am **FAMILY MASS** For the people  
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 5.30 pm Tim Baron

**Monday 28 Oct Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles**  
 10.00 am Wellbeing of Rajini Arigaratnam

**Tues 29 Oct Feria**  
 10.00 am Requiem for Francis D'Souza

**Wed 30 Oct Feria**  
 10.00 am Welfare & intentions of Raphael Fleming  
 11.30 am Requiem of Benito Valentino

**Thurs 31 Oct Feria**  
 10.00 am Anne Elizabeth Leach RIP  
**VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS**  
 7.30 pm The Holy Souls

**Friday 1 Nov ALL SAINTS**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**  
 10.00 am Colin Dowling RIP  
 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

**Sunday 3 Nov Thirty-first Sunday**  
 8.00 am For the people  
 9.30 am **FAMILY MASS** Ints of the Dennis Family  
 11.00 am Mike Ekong, Caroline Anaele, Mary & John Edet & all dec'd members of Edet & Ekong families  
 5.30 pm Anna Murgia RIP

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<b>OFFERTORY</b>	
<b>WEEK ENDING 20.10.24</b>	
Plate Collection	818.33
Contactless	183.84
Bank Standing Order	947.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	970.22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2919.39</b>

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

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 Sort Code: 60 02 12  
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**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Clive Rumsey, Patricia Forsyth, Joan Conrath, David Edwards, Sr Stella Ighodaro, Frank Mattinson, Sadie Keegan, Pauline Estorquia, Colin Dowling, John McKeown, Michelle Kuhn, Patricia Furlong, Kathleen Roche.

**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.

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**DIARY**

**Oct**  
 Sat 26 Day of Recollection in Streatham  
 Tues 29 Requiem for Francis D'Souza at 10.00  
 Wed 30 Requiem for Benito Valentino at 11.30

**Nov**  
 Tues 5 Requiem for Fabiola Zorilla Corrigan at 2.00 pm  
 Sat 9 Fundraising Cheese & Wine for the Claver Sisters mission work.

**Dec**  
 Mon 9 SVP Christmas lunch



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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](http://righttolife.org.uk)



## EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN UGANDA APPEAL - This weekend

This Charity provides a future through education for some of the poorest children in the world. Judi Fawcett, Founder and Trustee, will give a brief talk at all Masses this weekend and there will be a second collection for their work.

Further information is available on their website at <http://www.evcuganda.org>

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# BECKENHAM CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2024



## LAST WEEK TO BRING YOUR SHOEBOX TO THE OFFICE

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/>

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**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.**

## SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR?

I would personally like to thank everyone involved in making our Hog Roast and Band Beggars evening such a resounding success. To Ticky and Margaret and their fabulous teams, through to the very generous donations of Guinness, wine, time and table decorations and to those of you who bought tickets to support the evening and danced the night away! A grand total of £2,220.49 was raised towards upgrading the church sound system.

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**MASSES**

<b>Sunday 20 Oct</b>	<b>Twenty-ninth Sunday</b>
6.00 pm <b>VIGIL</b>	Manuel Pampin Mosquera RIP (2nd anniv)
8.00 am	Jane Harris RIP
9.30 am	Jeanne & Pierre Champetier RIP
9.30 am <b>FAMILY MASS</b>	For the people
11.00 am	Lee Cabilin RIP
5.30 pm	Edward Piatek RIP
<b>Monday 21 Oct</b>	<b>Feria (St Margaret Clitherow)</b>
10.00 am	Giampaolo Manca RIP
<b>Tues 22 Oct</b>	<b>Feria (St John Paul II)</b>
10.00 am	Intentions of the Banfield family
<b>Wed 23 Oct</b>	<b>Feria (St John of Capistrano)</b>
10.00 am	Theresa & George Halpin (RIP)
12.00 noon	Funeral of Robert Swan 'Bob'
<b>Thurs 24 Oct</b>	<b>Feria (St Anthony Mary Claret)</b>
10.00 am	For all the souls in purgatory
<b>Friday 25 Oct</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	John & Betty Diaz
<b>Sat 26 Oct</b>	<b>Saints Chad and Cedd (Bishops)</b>
10.00 am	Ints of Michelle Alagaratnam for success in her exams
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Contactless	328.20
Bank Standing Order	576.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1047.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3001.99</b>

**DIARY**

<b>Oct</b>	
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Sat 26	Day of Recollection in Streatham
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### BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK

9-15 October

This week provides an opportunity for the baby loss community and others to come together to honour and remember the babies we have loved and lost. It is also a time to raise awareness of the profound impact of pregnancy and baby loss, the importance of bereavement support, and the ongoing work needed to improve pregnancy outcomes and save babies' lives.

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.

Locally, Beckenham Crematorium will hold a remembrance service called '*Remember Our Babies Ribbon Service*' on Sunday 13 October at 3.30 pm in the Chapel.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION

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#### Secondary School applications

Thursday 17 October 3 - 5pm and 6 - 8pm

Sunday 20 October 10.30pm - 12.30 pm

**So far we have 8 families who have booked an appointment. This must leave many families applying to Catholic secondary schools who have not yet made contact. Please get in touch straight away as these are the only times Fr Steve will be signing the forms.**

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### MASS FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

Last Monday evening, on the anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East, we held in the church a short period of Adoration followed by the Rosary.

Fr Andrew then led us in a quiet, reflective and peaceful Mass.

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

### PRISONERS SUNDAY - 13 OCTOBER

We will remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. Prisons are in crisis and life for prisoners and their families in our communities is challenging. PACT, the national Catholic prison charity supports prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. There will be a second collection to support this important work.

### CLAVER SISTERS FUNDRAISER

**Cheese & Wine Evening  
Saturday 9 November  
7.00 - 9.00 pm**

Tickets are £10 per person to include a selection of delicious cheeses and your first glass of wine, and can be purchased from the Parish Office.

Cash only please.

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

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If you have any questions then do get in touch with us  
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**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.**

## **EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN UGANDA APPEAL - 19/20 OCTOBER**

This Charity provides a future through education for some of the poorest children in the world. Judi Fawcett, Founder and Trustee, will give a brief talk at all of the Masses next week. There will be a second collection for their work.

For further information please go to their website at <http://www.evcuganda.org>

The collection for Missio  
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it is not a Charismatic Mass.

**Being formed in the likeness of Christ we strive to become a truly Christ  
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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](https://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](https://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.

The 2025 Church Diary is now available for Mass Intentions. Please email or post through the Office door the Masses you would like, with full contact details in case we need to contact you.

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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](https://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**

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

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**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  
 Wed 30 Requiem for Benito Valentino at 11.30

**Nov**  
 Sat 9 Fundraising Cheese & Wine for the Claver Sisters mission work.

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 Sort Code: 60 02 12  
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Sunday 6 Oct 2024

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Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver  
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[sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com](mailto: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

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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.

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## 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](mailto:admin@stmaryscp.co.uk)

### 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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### BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK Remembrance Tree at St. Edmund's Church (9th-15th October)

As part of Baby Loss Awareness Week (BLAW), St. Edmund's Church will host a special Remembrance Tree from 9th to 15th October. Now in its 22nd year, BLAW provides an opportunity for the baby loss community and others to come together to honour and remember the babies we have loved and lost. It is also a time to raise awareness of the profound impact of pregnancy and baby loss, the importance of bereavement support, and the ongoing work needed to improve pregnancy outcomes and save babies' lives.

The loss of a baby or pregnancy is a heart-wrenching experience faced by families across the UK every day. During this meaningful week, we invite you to join us in remembrance by attaching a ribbon with your baby's name to our Remembrance Tree. Pink, blue, and white ribbons will be available, and they will remain throughout the week as a tribute to all the babies we hold in our hearts.

### 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.

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## MASSES

<b>Sunday 6 October</b>	<b>Twenty-seventh Sunday</b>
6.00 pm VIGIL	Paul Stephens RIP
8.00 am	Peter & Phelim Kelly RIP
9.30 am FAMILY MASS	Deceased members of the Ransford & Marbach families
11.00 am	André Batarseh RIP
5.30 pm	Stephen & Nancy Dennis RIP
<b>Monday 7 Oct</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>
10.00 am	John Murnane & orphans, living & dec'd
7.00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.30 pm	Mass for Peace & Reconciliation
<b>Tues 8 Oct</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Benefactors & promoters of the ClaverSisters
<b>Wed 9 Oct</b>	<b>St John Henry Newman</b>
10.00 am	Dr Michael Ekong RIP
<b>Thurs 10 Oct</b>	<b>Feria (St Paulinus of York)</b>
10.00 am	Ian Scott RIP
<b>Friday 11 Oct</b>	<b>Feria (St John XXIII, Pope)</b>
9.00 am ST MARYS	Yr4 Mass
10.00 am	Berthe Reynaud
<b>Sat 12 Oct</b>	<b>Feria (St Wilfrid, Bishop)</b>
10.00 am	Jean-Paul Schoens
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There will not be Meditation this Monday 7 October.

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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.

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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](mailto: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**  
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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).

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*one place left*

Fr Stephen Boyle is leading a trip to Fatima. For more details please contact Fr Stephen Boyle, [Dartford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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)**

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**26 - 28 October 2024**



**Whitefriars, Tanners Street, Faversham, Kent**

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**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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## **BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK**

### **Remembrance Tree at St. Edmund's Church**

**(9th-15th October)**

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The loss of a baby or pregnancy is a heart-wrenching experience faced by families across the UK every day. During this meaningful week, we invite you to join us in remembrance by attaching a ribbon with your baby's name to our Remembrance Tree. Pink, blue, and white ribbons will be available, and they will remain on display throughout the week as a tribute to all the babies we hold in our hearts.

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<b>Tues 1 October</b>	<b>Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus</b>
10.00 am	Ubalina DeSouza RIP
<b>Wed 2 October</b>	<b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>
10.00 am	Laury Pensa RIP
<b>Thurs 3 October</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Caroline Pearson
1.30 pm	Requiem of Sue O'Donnell
<b>Friday 4 October</b>	<b>St Francis of Assisi</b>
9.00 am ST MARYS	Whole School Harvest Mass
10.00 am	Anne O'Shea RIP
<b>Sat 5 October</b>	<b>St Faustina Kowalska</b>
10.00 am	In Thanksgiving - Rosemary Ekong
6.00 pm VIGIL	Paul Stephens RIP
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Contactless	380.19
Bank Standing Order	974.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3334.18</b>

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<b>Nov</b>	
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St George's Cathedral

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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.

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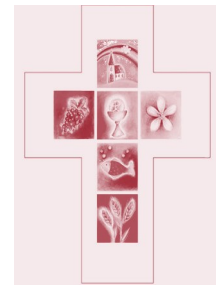
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Admission £5 cash at the door

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

This event is organised to support aid for  
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For more information, please contact  
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## 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, abuse .....the 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.

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 8.00 am with thanks to all from  
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 9.30 am Robert Swan RIP  
 Church Parade  
 9.30 am For the people of the parish  
**FAMILY MASS IN THE HALL**  
 11.00 am Jeanne & Pierre Champetier RIP  
 5.30 pm Lily Beavis & Tony Colonnese RIP

**Monday 23 Sept** **St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)**  
 10.00 am Ints of Mary Bradford

**Tues 24 Sept** **Our Lady of Walsingham**  
 10.00 am Ints of the Dennis Family

**Wed 25 Sept** **Feria**  
 10.00 am Christy Colgan RIP

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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

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3026.46</b>

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Second collection for the  
Catholic Agency for the  
Support of Evangelization



### THE LETTER

**Tuesday 17 September at 7.30 pm**

The Letter is an 80-minute documentary inspired by Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical **Laudato Si'**, which explores ancient Catholic teaching on creation in the light of today's ecological crisis.

**It would be lovely to see a crowd of parishioners in the Hall watching this film together and discussing it afterwards.**

### MASS OF ANOINTING

**Saturday 21 September at 2.30 pm**

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

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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](mailto:faithhub.28@gmail.com), or phone Mary Deering on 020 8650 9650.

During all Masses this weekend, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be asked to come forward to renew their commitment.

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Sevenoaks to Kemsing in honour of St Edith



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**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**Sunday 15 September**

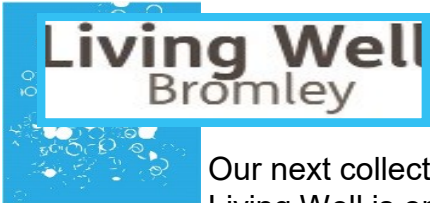
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Our next collection for Living Well is on October 6.

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.

Thank you so much for you constant generosity to Living Well



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Contactless	403.18
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10.00 am	Ints of the Keane family
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10.00 am	Samantha Walker RIP
1.30 pm	Requiem for Graziano Ferrari
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10.00 am	Christine Wallner RIP
<b>Friday 20 Sept</b>	<b>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest &amp; Paul Chong Ha-sang, &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b>
9.00 am	St Mary's Yr6
10.00 am	Pat & John McAvoy RIP
	<b>NO ADORATION</b>
12.00 pm	Requiem for Michael Stannard
<b>Sat 21 Sept</b>	<b>St Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b>
10.00 am	Dr Alexander Uche RIP
<b>2.30 pm</b>	<b>Mass of Anointing</b>
6.00 pm	Marianne Martin RIP
<b>VIGIL</b>	
<b>Sunday 22 Sept</b>	<b>Twenty-fifth Sunday</b>
8.00 am	with thanks to all from Mary Dutton
9.30 am	Robert Swan RIP
	Church Parade
9.30 am	For the people of the parish
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5.30 pm	Lily Beavis & Tony Colonnese RIP

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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.

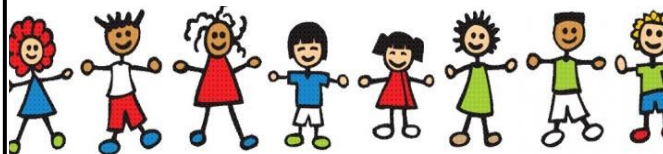
We are blessed in our parish to have two Catholic schools - many parts of the country have none.

Please give with your usual generosity.

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### 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  
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During all Masses next weekend, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be asked to come forward to renew their commitment.

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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.

### THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

invites you to join them in the Hall on  
Wednesday 11 September

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Mass - the celebrant is Fr Wojtek Mikolajek who is our guest at St Edmund's.

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10.00 pm Evening concludes

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### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Saturday 21 September at 10.30 am

This is an introduction to safe-guarding within the Catholic Church, and the role of volunteers within this community in creating safe environments for young people and the vulnerable.

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.



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8.00 am	Stephen & Nancy Dennis RIP
9.30 am	Caetano & Violanta Fernandes
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<b>FAMILY MASS IN THE HALL</b>	
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5.30 pm	Ania & Cornel (24th wedding anniversary)
<b>Monday 9 Sept</b>	<b>St Peter Claver, Priest</b>
10.00 am	Therese Beston RIP
<b>Tues 10 Sept</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	The Claver Sisters
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10.00 am	In honour of St Clare
<b>Thurs 12 Sept</b>	<b>Feria (The Most Holy Name of Mary)</b>
10.00 am	Ints of the Denne Family
<b>Friday 13 Sept</b>	<b>St John Chrysostom, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>
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### LAW SURGERY

The next Law Surgery will be in the Hall on Monday 2 September from 6.00 pm. Please arrive promptly so that the solicitors are able to leave after seeing the last person waiting.

### MASS OF ANOINTING

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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.  
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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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Tickets are limited and  
**MUST ALL BE PURCHASED AND PAID FOR IN ADVANCE.**

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](mailto: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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**PAT GOODMAN RIP**

Pat's Requiem Mass is on Tuesday 3rd September at 10.30 am at St James the Great in Petts Wood, then at Bluebell Crematorium, with the reception at The Railway Pub at West Wickham.

Anyone who knew Pat is most welcome to attend.

**THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

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7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Uduak Abara from Beckenham Hill.

Followed by Lectio Divina

10.00 pm Evening concludes.

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



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**ST EDMUND'S BOOK APPRECIATION GROUP**

Meets on Monday, 2 September after 10.00 am mass in the mezzanine room of the church hall. Do join us to chat about a good read or just listen to recommendations.

**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.**

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



**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](http://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:

[www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

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## MASSES

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<b>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</b>	
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5.30 pm	Mike Howard & Monica Howard RIP
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10.00 am	Ints of Maureen Pinkett
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10.00 am	Olga & Laurie RIP
<b>Wed 4 Sept</b>	<b>Feria (St Cuthbert, Bishop)</b>
10.00 am	Ints of the Keane Family
<b>Thurs 5 Sept</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Berthe Reynaud
<b>Friday 6 Sept</b>	<b>Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart</b>
9.00 am	St Mary's Beginning of Term Mass
10.00 am	Thomas Cronin RIP
<b>Sat 7 Sept</b>	<b>Feria (The Blessed Virgin Mary)</b>
10.00 am	Jean-Paul Schoens
6.00 pm VIGIL	Ints of Sean Murphy
<b>Sunday 8 Sept</b>	<b>Twenty-third Sunday</b>
8.00 am	Stephen & Nancy Dennis RIP
9.30 am	Caetano & Violanta Fernandes
9.30 am	For the people
<b>FAMILY MASS IN THE HALL</b>	
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5.30 pm	Ania & Cornel (24th wedding anniversary)

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Some parishioners attend St Mark's, West Wickham on a Tuesday evening for Mass.

Fr Ashley has asked us to let you know that, in his absence there will not be an evening Mass for the next three weeks, 3, 10 and 17 September.

There will not be any financials in the newsletter for the next couple of weeks.

### COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

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Contemplative Saturday - **7 September** from 11 to 12 in the hall.

Please respect the need to arrive promptly and observe the silence

## DIARY

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Tues 17	Showing of <i>The Letter</i> in the Hall at 7.30
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Sunday 25 August 2024

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### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY BAND BEGGARS

Saturday 12 October

For our next planned social evening we will be welcoming the Band Beggars, an Irish traditional and contemporary acoustic music band who are already known to many of our parishioners.

Put the date in your diary and watch this space for more information.

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### FROM FR ANDREW

In Russia, in the good old days of Tsar Alexander II, a group of young monks was delighted when their abbot announced they were going to be visited by a famous *starets* (a spiritual director or religious teacher). The man was famous for his deep spirituality, renowned for his profound theological writings, and known for his holy and practical wisdom. They couldn't wait for his arrival and looked forward to receiving many profound spiritual insights.

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."

### LAW SURGERY

The next Law Surgery will be in the Hall on Monday 2 September from 6.00 pm. Please arrive promptly so that the solicitors are able to leave after seeing the last person waiting.



### THE LETTER

Tuesday 17 September at 7.30 pm

The Letter is an 80-minute documentary inspired by Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which explores ancient Catholic teaching on creation in the light of today's ecological crisis. The film features an exclusive dialogue between the Pope and five people from different parts of the world, all of whom have experienced the ecological crisis and are working to solve it.

Everyone is invited to attend this screening in our Church Hall. There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions afterwards and there will be refreshments.

There are flyers in the porch.

### PAT GOODMAN RIP

Pat Goodman who taught at Bishop Challoner School from 1959 - 1992 passed away on 30th July, two weeks after celebrating his 98th birthday.

Pat's Requiem Mass is on Tuesday 3rd September at 10.30 am at St James the Great in Petts Wood, then at Bluebell Crematorium, with the reception at The Railway Pub at West Wickham.

Anyone who knew Pat is most welcome to attend.

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### THIS BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

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.

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7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Boniface Arapa. (This will be Fr Boniface's last Mass with us before he returns to his parish in Uganda.)

Followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament with Prayer and Praise

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### **MICHAEL STANNARD RIP**

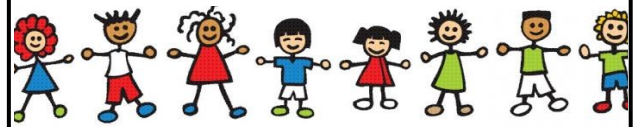
Michael Stannard who for 50 years was a member of the Chorale, and for many years its leader, died peacefully earlier this week.

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.

Michael's funeral will be at noon on September 20 and anyone who wishes to attend will be most welcome.

**May he rest in peace.**



### **BABIES AND TODDLERS' GROUP MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER**

The group restarts in a couple of weeks. They would like a few more adult helpers. If you have time on your hands on a Monday morning during term time, please give the Office a call.



### **NAT WEST BANK CLOSURE ON 3 SEPTEMBER**

Many of you will know that the Beckenham branch of NatWest will close in a few days. 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.

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### **MAGNIFICAT**

Many parishioners use the Magnificat to follow the readings at Mass.

Subscriptions at £49.00 a year can be made at <https://catholicherald.co.uk/magnificat/> or by sending a cheque payable to Catholic Herald Ltd to Catholic Herald Ltd, 8 Cromwell Place, London, SW7 2JN

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 10.00 am Margaret Spillane RIP

**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)  
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**OFFERTORY  
 WEEK ENDING 18.8.24**

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

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### 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.

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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:

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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.

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](mailto:acncarriman@ntlworld.com)

## CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT



When it is time to enrol for the Confirmation Preparation (at the earliest in the autumn) there will be announcements at Mass, on the website and in the newsletter.

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There is no charge 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.

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Living Well is struggling to meet the demands made on it to fill the food parcels they distribute each week. Demand is especially high during the school holidays. We are happy to receive donations for them in the Office or donations can be left at many of the local supermarkets.



## 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.

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Sunday 11 August 2024

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**There are no second  
collections during August**

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

Living Well is struggling to meet the demands made on it to fill the food parcels they distribute each week. Demand is especially high during the school holidays. We are happy to receive donations for them in the Office or donations can be left at many of the local supermarkets.



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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**

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 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)**  
 10.00 am Ian Roy Ward RIP  
 6.00 pm **VIGIL** Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP

**Sunday 18 August Twentieth Sunday**  
 8.00 am Stephen & Nancy Dennis RIP  
 9.30 am Francis Fernandes  
 9.30 am Berthe Reynaud  
**FAMILY MASS IN HALL**  
 11.00 am Gesuino Collu RIP  
 5.30 pm For the people.  
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<b>OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 4.8.24</b>	
Plate Collection	992.63
Contactless	328.50
Bank Standing Order	1761.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	2932.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6014.70</b>

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**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Dominic Geoghegan, William Wood, Laurence Job, John Elmer, Howard Jones, Celia Dodd, Roy Brocklehurst, Dilys Toomey, Dcn Philip Gummett, Kathleen Lenzie, Patricia Holland, Bobby Goveron, Gwen Cooper, Jackie Henderson, Cyril Alexander Kidd.

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**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](mailto: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

There will not be a Mass on  
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

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.

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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.

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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**  
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Bank Standing Order	676.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1240.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3259.56</b>

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/>

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### 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](mailto: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](http://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

**Sunday 4 August July Seventeenth Sunday**  
 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 Christina & Wander Arraes & family members living & dec'd.  
 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.

<b>OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 21.7.24</b>	
Plate Collection	911.39
Contactless	75.03
Bank Standing Order	905.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	564.88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2455.30</b>

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. Remember that churches in some holiday areas rely heavily on the donations received during the holiday season to keep their church open throughout the year.  
<https://www.catholicdirectory.org/>

**We pray for those who have died:** Ted Billy, Dolores Jones, John Robert Fry, Ammeina Swaine.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:** Peter Brabyn, John Xamena, Babies Olivia & Isabelle English, Betty Clark, Anthony Pinkett, John Cameron McShane, Peter Warren, Ivan Farnon, Peter Devine, Cormac Hargreaves, Zolzislaw (Jess) Jaworski, Emma Panas, Joanne Cummins-Hylton, Christina Byrne, Malcolm Hyland, Sally Battle, Les Humble, Flora Alvina Kennedy.

**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, Paul Hixson, Francesca Walkington

Meditation in the Hall every Monday from 5.30 - 6.20 pm except bank holidays.  
**First Monday of the month in the Lady Chapel.**  
 Contemplative Saturday on 24 August from 11-12 in the Hall.

**DIARY**

**August**  
 Sat 3 Dementia Awareness Session from 10.30 in the Hall.  
 Wed 14 Requiem for Dolores Jones at noon.

**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