

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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The second collection is for
Poor Parishes

CAR PARKING ON SUNDAYS

There are changes to the regulations governing the Sainsbury's car park. Parishioners who drive to Mass need to be aware of them.

From **1 April**, cars will be charged when using the car park after 7.30 am, seven days a week.

The hourly rate has increased to £1.00 for up to one hour, £1.80 for up to two hours and £2.60 for up to three hours.....

Charges are collected by the RingGo app with its mandatory 'convenience' charge of 20p per transaction each time it is used.

UPDATE: Since last week I have been contacting councillors, Bromley Council and the Property and Archive people at Archbishop's House. On Tuesday I was copied into an email from Archbishop's House saying that documents from the file would be with someone by "the end of the day," and I was hopeful. Unfortunately, the archivist only works on Mondays and Tuesdays so we have to wait another week to see what they contain. I have asked to go and see what they say myself.

The wording is critical and would have to be legally binding as Bromley Council says that *they have no record of any agreement with the church over parking, though they say they are "looking."* The onus of proof is on us and I just have to see what our records say, before I can do anything else. The Council has said that if we prove our case there could be a permit scheme whereby we would have to register you to have a permit to display on your dashboard. However, they have said *if we do not come up with legally binding proof of an agreement, "people will simply have to pay like everyone else"*. Fingers crossed that the archives contain sufficient proof.

Fr. Andrew.

ST EDMUND'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday 24 May

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help prepare the Hall for the reception after the Jubilee Mass. We now have a team of helpers but are happy to have more.

Traditionally our Parish has always tried to welcome and celebrate with our new Catholics after the Easter Vigil Mass - which this year is on Saturday, 19 April. Everyone at the Easter Vigil is invited!

As with so many occasions however, this celebration cannot take place without volunteers to help before, during and after the party.

Please do consider offering your services and show our new Catholics how welcoming the Parish community can be. For more information or to offer your help please email

drmargaretkelleher@hotmail.com

READERS FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday – April 17 at 8.00 pm

Good Friday – April 18 at 3.00 pm

Easter Vigil - Saturday April 19 at 7.30 pm

We need readers for all these services.

If you are able to read at any of them please contact Rosemary on 07956 109 465 or r_ekong@ucl.ac.uk and let her know which service you will be attending.

There are booklets on the table at the back of the centre aisle of the church to assist you if you are making a private journey of the Stations of the Cross. Please take one to use and return it when you have finished.

SOUND SYSTEM

Work on the sound system in the church started this week and good progress is being made.

The contractor continues to work around our morning Mass and any services and funerals that we have, and we will continue to allow him as much time as he needs in the church so the work can be completed before Holy Week.

We have not scheduled Adoration for the coming week. Stations of the Cross will continue on Wednesday after Mass and this week will be led by children from Bishop Challoner School.

The church remains open whilst the work is being done and parishioners are welcome to come in at any time

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 26 March

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Andrew Bishop

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and Healing Ministry.

10.00 pm Evening concludes

300 CLUB

Diane Alagar £100

Jan Banfield £50

Breda Murphy £25

Congratulations to the three winners in the March draw of the **300 Club**.

The organizer of the **300 Club**, Isabelle Blake-James, will be speaking at all Masses this weekend to encourage more parishioners to purchase a number and have a chance of winning one of the monthly prizes.



If you have a red Missio box please bring it to the Parish Office so it can be emptied. Boxes will be left on the reading slope to be collected.

If anyone would like to have a red box, please let the Office know.

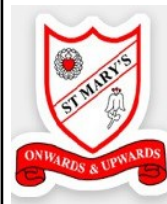
MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

JULY 12

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th+ wedding anniversary this year, and would like to be invited to this special Mass, please let us know by email as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May**.

In the subject line please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham and provide the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating. You will then receive an invitation from the Archbishop to attend this Mass when you can renew your vows. Contact us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk



We were thrilled to welcome children from St Mary's School to our morning Mass last Wednesday, the feast day of St Joseph, and to have them stay with us after Mass to lead the Stations of the Cross.

The children prepared a reading and a short reflection for each station and these were thought provoking and moving, linked to the feast day and to the issues the world is facing.

Every word rang out clearly in the church, so thank you to every child who participated.

ALL PARISH GROUPS

Would all parishioners who lead parish groups or activities of any type or size, please get in touch with the Parish Office to confirm your group is still active. If it still meets, could you please let us know when it meets, day/time/location and a contact name with email address and phone number.

If your group is no longer running please contact the Parish Office so records can be updated.

Thank you

CHRISTOPHER CARROLL RIP

Mr Carroll's family wishes to thank all at St Edmunds, the clergy and the parishioners for attending their father's funeral mass and for their kind messages of sympathy and prayers .

They are all very much appreciated at this sad time.



SUPPORTING OLDER PEOPLE

Holy Cross Catholic Church
Hartley Hall
208 Sangley Rd, Catford
SE6 2JS

Saturday 29 March

11.00 am - 3.00 pm Lunch provided
Developing Friendship & Belonging

This is a day for those who are involved in some way in caring for the elderly. There are flyers in the porch.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

There are sixteen Designated Jubilee Churches and Shrines in Southwark

South-west London Area

Cathedral of St George
Sacred Heart, Wimbledon
St Ann, Kingston Hill
St Mary's (Our Lady of Reparation),
West Croydon
St Boniface, Tooting
St Elizabeth, Richmond

South-east London Area

St Saviour's, Lewisham
Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham
St Edmund of Canterbury, Beckenham
St Thomas More, Dulwich
St Stephen, Welling

Kent Area

St Thomas of Canterbury, Canterbury
Our Lady of Hartley, Hartley
The Friars, Aylesford
St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate
St Jude's Shrine, Faversham

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 be made available at no cost 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

SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION

St George's Cathedral is hosting a Shroud of Turin Exhibition until 21 April.

At the exhibition you can see a life-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin and learn more about this artefact, which many believe to have been used to wrap the body of the Lord Jesus after his crucifixion.

The exhibition is free and you can find the Cathedral's opening hours at stgeorgescathedral.org.uk.

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)

MASSES

Sunday 23 Mar **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

6.00 pm VIGIL Carmel Cardiff RIP (3rd anniv)
 8.00 am James Dougan RIP
 9.30 am Mary McQuaide RIP
 First Scrutiny
 For the people
 9.30 am HALL
FAMILY MASS
 11.00 am Luzminda Eguia RIP
 5.30 pm Eddie Griffin RIP (5th anniv)

Mon 24 March Feria
 10.00 am Ints of the Fitzpatrick Family

Tues 25 March The Annunciation of the Lord
 10.00 am Dr Michael Ekong, Caroline Anaele, Mary & John Edet RIP, & dec'd Ekong & Edet Family members.

Wed 26 March Feria
 10.00 am Fr Eric Spenser RIP
 Stations of the Cross .
 Led by pupils from Bishop Challenor School
 Requiem of Anne Flynn
 12.00 pm Requiem of Anne Flynn

Thurs 27 March Feria
 10.00 am Janet Maureen Dunn Browne RIP & dec'd family members
 8.00 pm **CLAVER** Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 28 March Feria
 10.00 am Fabiola Zorilla RIP
 3.00 pm **CLAVER** Stations of the Cross
 6.15 pm Stations of the Cross
 7.00 pm Margaret Bennett RIP

Sat 29 Mar Feria
 10.00 am Carmel Newton RIP
 6.00 pm VIGIL Dec'd brothers of Beckenham Catenians
 Second Scrutiny

Sunday 30 Mar **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
 8.00 am Colin Dowling RIP
 9.30 am Jackie Cox RIP
 9.30 am HALL For the people
FAMILY MASS
 11.00 am David Stephens RIP
 5.30 pm Confirmation Commitment Mass
 For the Confirmandi, their parents and catechists

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

We pray for all who have died: Graham Murray, Derek Attwell, George Hext, Sr Mary, Linda Travell, Patrick Naughton, Anne Flynn, Martha Mary Gray, Pauline Ann Robinson, Lucy Yong.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Sadie Rance, Yvonne Morrison, Martin Leigh, Catherine O'Marney, Pat Parfitt, Baby John Hobson, Patrick Pettican, John Taylor, Beth Rose Nee, Kweku Ansah, Susannah Hayes, Fr Barry Hughes, Sydney Perkins, Maureen Turner

Your prayers are asked for: Hedwig Harper, Fr Ray Brennan, Terry Woollard, Wendy Adams, Elizabeth, Rosanna Sookram, 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, Mark Humphreys, Jessica Ram, Zygmunt Sobelewski.

DIARY

March

Sat 22 Contemplative Saturday from 11-12 in the Hall.
 Wed 26 Requiem for Anne Flynn at noon

April

Tues 1 Final meeting on Called to Bear Fruit in the Hall at 7.30 pm
 Mon 7 Law Surgery in the Committee Room at 6.00 pm
 Sat 12 Lenten Reconciliation Service in the church at 4.00 pm

May

Sat 24 St Edmund's 75th Anniversary Mass at 6.00 pm

June

Sat 7 Diocesan Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory. **Book your coach tickets now. £20 from the Office**

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 on 22 March from 11-12 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/>

Our Parish Safeguarding rep is Yvonne Epale who can be reached at safeguarding-SC3@safeguardraos.org.uk

OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 16.3.25

Plate Collection	864.65
Contactless	385.76
Bank Standing Order	770.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	986.27
TOTAL	3006.68