

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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Sunday 6 April 2025

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Appeal by the  
Little Sisters of the Poor

### CAR PARKING

Changes came into effect on 1 April.

Please remember that from now on all cars using the Sainsbury's car park will have to pay whatever time of the day or night they are parked there, and all cars will need to pay to park there on Sundays.

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

### ALL PARISH GROUPS

We are still waiting for a response from some parish groups. Would all group leaders please get in touch with the Parish Office to confirm that their group is still active.

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



Next Sunday, 13 April is Palm Sunday. As usual, those attending either of the 9.30 Masses are invited to assemble just inside the park entrance at 9.15 to be given their palms and form a procession into the church and the hall.

Here is advance notice of when Holy Week services will be. There are flyers in the porch and full details will be on the website.

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES WEDNESDAY

No Mass today as all priests will be at St George's Cathedral  
6.15 pm Stations of the Cross led by the RCIA

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

No morning Mass  
8.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Followed by procession to the Altar of Repose and watching until midnight, concluding with Night Prayer

### GOOD FRIDAY

9.30 am Service for children  
11.00 am Walk of Witness from St Edmund's to Beckenham Green for ecumenical service at 11.30  
3.00 pm Our Lord's Passion

### HOLY SATURDAY

9.30 am Blessing of Foods  
11.00 am until noon Confessions  
7.30 pm Easter Vigil

### Easter Day

Masses at 8.00, 9.30, 11.00 and 5.30

The Walk of Witness is an ecumenical service which has been taking place in Beckenham for over 30 years. It starts from the steps of St Edmund's and the procession follows the cross in silence as it moves up the High Street to Beckenham Green where a short service is held.

This year the service will be led by Fr Steve.

The Walk needs stewards both on the route and at Beckenham Green. Please email [davidjohnson127@talktalk.net](mailto:davidjohnson127@talktalk.net) if you could assist.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** are now ready for collection from the reading slope. Please take your box as you leave the church.

Blue boxes are for envelope donors.  
Pink bundles are for standing order donors to cover special collections.

Each box is marked with the donor's name and Gift Aid number.

Thank you for your continued support

### **SOUND SYSTEM**

Progress continues to be made.

### **A SAFE PLACE TO LAND**

The Landings team offers a non-judgemental forum to help you to reconnect with the Catholic faith.

Lay-led meetings are accepting, confidential and enriching for all who take part.

For more information contact Andrew at: [LandingsBeckenham@gmail.com](mailto:LandingsBeckenham@gmail.com)

### **INVITATION TO TAKE PART IN A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST**

This begins the Sunday after Easter, with daily Scripture reflections in a specially written course booklet, six weekly filmed talks pre-recorded at diocesan Jubilee shrines and churches and concludes with the closing Mass at the Jubilee Celebration Day at Aylesford Priory on Pentecost Saturday, 7 June. A coach will be leaving from St Edmunds. For details and to book please contact the parish office.

Booklets will be available from the parish to enable you to follow the course independently, or you can join our St Edmund's hub for filmed talks and discussion/sharing groups from Wednesday 30 April starting with Mass in the church at 7.30 pm for those who can attend and continuing in the hall straight afterwards, where you can register.

The evening will finish with refreshments at 9.30 pm.

**Triduum** is a Latin term meaning **three days**, used by the Catholic Church to denote the three days from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and ends after evening prayers at sunset on Easter Day.

### **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 so if you are able to read at any of them please contact Rosemary on 07956 109 465 or [r.ekong@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:r.ekong@ucl.ac.uk) and let her know which service you will be attending.

### **UNWANTED MOBILE PHONES FOR GHANA**

Fr Philip Addo, a disabled priest in Ghana, has asked Deacon Seán if he could send some second-hand phones for distributing to people living or working in and around the home for disabled people where he lives and serves as chaplain.

Fr Addo will arrange for phones to be wiped and repaired if necessary.

The care home, called Ahotokurom, is in a poor rural area where many people, especially those working on the land, cannot afford to buy even the most basic of phones. Any old or spare ones you can give would make a real difference to their lives.

With thanks in anticipation. **Deacon Seán**

*We are happy to take the phones in the Office, they can safely be put through the letter box, or they can be handed in at the sacristy on Sunday.*

**Please could items for the newsletter be with the Office by noon on Wednesday.**

**TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS  
(END OF LIFE) BILL - THIRD READING**

The third reading of this Bill is expected to be on Friday 25 April. It is thought that only a small number of MPs need to change how they voted previously and this Bill will not be passed.

There are postcards at the back of the church for parishioners to take away and sign and then post to their MP.

We also have a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop John Wilson on this Bill which is to be read at all Masses this weekend.



**FUNDRAISING  
FEIJOADA  
Saturday April 26  
6.00 - 10.00 pm  
St Edmund's Hall**



**A fabulous evening of  
traditional Brazilian food, desserts,  
music and dance**

**Tickets are £20 for an adult, with  
no charge for under 12s. Tickets available  
from 07734 440 834**

**All money raised will go to support  
the work of Living Well**

**LAW SURGERY**

Monday 7 April  
Committee Room in the Hall  
Please come at 6.00 pm to be seen in  
order of arrival.

Fr Simplicio D'Souza underwent major heart surgery on Tuesday. We are happy to tell you that it went well and he is improving daily but he has a long way to go in his recovery.

Please keep him in your prayers

**THE LIGHT OF CHRIST PRAYER MEETING**

Wednesday 9 April

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

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR  
Second Collection**

The Little Sisters of the Poor run a Catholic Care Home in Vauxhall where they care for the elderly poor.

*'We welcome the elderly as we would Jesus Christ himself and we care for the elderly poor in the spirit of Jesus Christ himself and serve them with love and respect until death.'*

They have cared for many elderly Southwark priests including our own Canon Jack.



The Sisters have their Spring Fair on 3 May, and the greatest hat designer in the world Philip Treacey has designed a hat for them to raffle at £5 a ticket. They will be selling tickets for this whilst they are here so seize the opportunity - someone has to win!

**PARISH 75TH CELEBRATION**

We would like to have a picture display in the Hall to illustrate our parish's history. If you have photographs of special occasions at St Edmund's, baptisms, first holy communions, weddings, International day, social events, we would like to borrow them for a short time. We will take good care of them whilst we make a copy and return them to you quickly.

If you could identify the people in them and give a date or at least a year it would be helpful.

Please bring them to the Office or put them through the letter box making sure your name and telephone number are on the envelope.

Thank you

## MASSES

**Sunday 6 April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 6.00 pm VIGIL Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta RIP  
 8.00 am For the people  
 9.30 am FAMILY MASS Patricia Hanrahan RIP  
 11.00 am For Catenian vocations  
 5.30 pm Pet Kilcullen RIP  
 The Third Scrutiny

**Mon 7 April Feria**  
 10.00 am Ints of Niko Taktikos

**Tues 8 April Feria**  
 10.00 am Ken Holt RIP

**Wed 9 April Feria**  
 10.00 am For the intentions of Marlene  
 Stations of the Cross and  
 confession  
 8.00 pm HALL Light of Christ Mass

**Thurs 10 April Feria**  
 10.00 am In thanksgiving - Michelle  
 Alagaratna  
 6.00 pm CLAVER Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday 11 April Feria**  
 10.00 am Michael McGing RIP  
 3.00 pm CLAVER Stations of the Cross  
 6.15 pm Stations of the Cross & confession  
 7.00 pm Jubilee Mass  
 Welfare and intentions of Andrew  
 Baker

**Sat 12 April Feria**  
 10.00 am David Flynn RIP  
 4.00 pm Lenten Reconciliation Service  
 6.00 pm VIGIL Marina Diaz (1st anniv) RIP

**Sun 13 April PALM SUNDAY**  
 8.00 am Monica Grima RIP

**For both 9.30 Masses please gather in the park  
 at 9.15 for the procession into the church and  
 the hall.**

9.30 am Fr John Smethurst RIP  
 9.30 am Hall For the people  
 FAMILY MASS  
 11.00 am Peter Calderwood RIP  
 5.30 pm William Brady RIP

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

### Offertory for week ending 30 March

Plate Collection	1040.04
Contactless	561.92
Bank Standing Order	783.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1830.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>4215.42</b>

**We pray for all who have died:** Linda Travell, Martha Mary Gray, Pauline Ann Robinson, Lucy Yong, Tina Valentino, Canon Leo Mooney, Roy Coutinho, Richard Greenfield, Romana Erskine, Magdalene Thompson, Sylvia Gallagher.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Mary & Jack O'Malley, Anne Barber, Jay Leader, Martin Calver, Paddy Keegan, Viktor Ugincius, Kate Marshall, Pet Kilcullen, Patrick Hunt, Monica Richardson, Moses Ganya, Basil Howells, Nicholas Gorman, John Edet, Terence Arnaud, Rainer Stuper, Harry Bradford, Marina Diaz.

**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, Mark Humphreys, James Smith, Fr Simplicio D'Souza.

## DIARY

### April

Mon 7 Law Surgery in the Committee Room at 6.00 pm  
 Sat 12 Lenten Reconciliation Service in the church at 4.00 pm  
 Wed 23 Requiem for Tina Valentino at 11.30 am

### May

Thur 8 Funeral of Sylvia Gallagher at 12.30 pm  
 Sat 24 St Edmund's 75th Anniversary Mass at 6.00 pm

### June

Sat 7 Diocesan Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory. Please book your place in the coach. **Tickets are £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 5 April 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  
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