

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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There is no second collection this Sunday.



This Sunday 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 blessed palms and form a procession into the church and the hall.

FR SUNITH NONIS RIP

Fr Sunith, the Parish Priest of St Anthony of Padua in Anerley, our neighbouring parish, died suddenly on Sunday night. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Our sympathy and prayers are with all his parishioners at this difficult time.

Fr Steve as the Dean of Bromley, has responsibility for ensuring that St Anthony's are able to continue with their usual program of services and indeed are able to have services over the Triduum.

In the short term, he personally is celebrating their weekday Masses with them.

This is no easy task at what is the busiest time of the church's calendar, so please keep him and our clergy team in your prayers as they all assist at St Anthony's.

Posters for Holy Week are at the back of the church. Please take one if you can display it in a window.

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

COLLECTIONS AT EASTER SERVICES
These will be on the contactless machines or you can use the baskets for cash or envelopes.

Maundy Thursday - Collection for Living Well

Good Friday - Collection for the Holy Places connected to Our Lord's Passion.
These have always been places of veneration and pilgrimage and this collection goes towards their upkeep and maintenance and also towards maintaining Christian schooling in the area.

Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

All offerings at these Masses are your personal gifts to the priests of the parish.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR EASTER TRIDUUM

There will be two rehearsals for altar servers:

1.00 pm on Thursday (17th) covering that evening's Mass of the Lord's Supper (8.00 pm), and the Passion on Good Friday (3.00 pm)

1.00 pm on Saturday (19th) for that evening's Easter Vigil (7:30 pm).

Anyone wishing to serve must attend the relevant rehearsal. This is because all three services are very different from what happens at Sunday Mass. We are sorry but anyone who does not attend the rehearsal(s) will not be allowed to serve.

Would parents please remember that these services are much longer than Sunday Masses, and those on Maundy Thursday and Holy Saturday end very late.

My Day by Day Easter These little booklets are now available from the table at the back of the church. There are editions for adults, juniors and infants.

If you take one we would be grateful for a donation of £1.00 which should be put in the wall safe near the shop marked 'papers'.

THE INDUCTION LOOP SYSTEM HAS BEEN UPGRADED.

We are delighted to let you know that we are now fully compliant with the British Standards. This means that whatever volume level you set your hearing aid to in your normal day to day activity; you should be able to walk into our church, switch to your 'T'/Loop mode, and hear the service perfectly well.

There are many different types of hearing aids and not all have a Loop facility. However we have two important tips:

1 - Due to the nature in which a Loop system works, it is important to keep your head looking forwards. If you look down you will notice a drop in volume. Our Sound Engineer advises that if you concentrate on looking the Priest in the eye, your volume will remain constant.

2 - If your hearing aid is whistling, you are not in the Induction Loop mode.

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

Blessing of Easter Food, Wine and Flowers

Holy Saturday
19 April at 9.30 am

Families are invited to bring a basket of food that will be shared and eaten with family and friends on Easter Sunday.

All are welcome!

We would like to ask you to bring not only your own food/wine/flowers for blessing but also an additional item of non-perishable food which will be taken to Living Well Food Bank for distribution to needy families.



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 a place on the coach, 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.

SAINSBURY'S CAR PARK

The Sainsbury's car park will continue on a paying basis on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday (a bank holiday). I objected to this when I met Councillors Harris and Tickner on Wednesday, since Easter Sunday remains a day on which shops cannot open. Apparently Christmas Day will be free, the one day of the year!

On a more positive note I have asked the Council to come and check the yellow lines and notices outside the church and hall, so that people can be safely dropped off, perhaps with a marked bay to do so. I have also reminded them of the need to accommodate funeral corteges and wedding cars.

It seems that we would not, for legal reasons, be able to issue permits for people to park on the yellow lines: to do that you need to be entitled to a blue badge. If you think you are eligible please do persist in following this option with your doctor so you can park for free, and where you are otherwise not able to do so.

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.



**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**

THE PASSION OF JESUS

Saturday 18 April, Noon and 3.15 pm

Supported by the Mayor of London, one hundred Wintershall players bring their electric and moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus to Trafalgar Square. The production is open air with visibility maximised using a large screen.

There is a realistic interpretation of the crucifixion so parental guidance is advised. British sign language interpretation is provided. Book [here](#).

Please be very careful with your possessions when you are in church over the next few days.

The church will be packed and there will be many unfamiliar faces. Please take all bags with you when you go to receive communion.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

There are still many boxes to be collected from the Narthex.

ST MARK'S WEST WICKHAM

There is no Mass in our church on Wednesday when all the priests of the diocese attend the Chrism Mass at the cathedral to collect the oils to be used in the coming year, but there will be Mass in the Hall at 8.00 pm.

Fr Ashley at St Mark's, will be saying an earlier Mass than usual at 8.00am on Wednesday which is open to all.

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

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.

MASSES

Sun 13 April	PALM SUNDAY
6.00 pm VIGIL	Marina Diaz (1st anniv) RIP
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
Mon 14 April	Monday of Holy Week
10.00 am	Ellen McGrath RIP Adoration and confession
Tues 15 April	Tuesday of Holy Week
10.00 am	Wellbeing of Winnie Farragher Adoration and confession
Wed 16 April	Wednesday of Holy Week
There is no Mass this morning	
6.15 pm	Stations of the Cross led by the RCIA
7.00 pm	Holy Hour against Assisted Suicide (with confession)
8.00 pm HALL	Light of Christ Mass (with Fr Kenneth Iwunna)
THE EASTER TRIDUUM	
Thurs 17 April	Maundy Thursday
There is no Mass this morning	
8.00 pm	Mass of the Last Supper Barbara Panglose RIP Maria Locke Gertrude Nnorom RIP
Friday 18 April	Friday of The Passion of the Lord
9.30 am	Children's Service
11.00 am	Walk of Witness from St Edmund's to Beckenham Green
3.00 pm	Solemn Action of the Lord's Passion
Sat 19 April	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
9.30 am	Blessing of Foods
7.30 pm	Dec'd members of the Brelu-Brelu & Panglose Families Elisea Zamudio RIP Gaetan Leon Lewis Goa RIP
Sun 20 April	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
8.00 am	For the People
9.30 am	Teodoro Diaz Escalante RIP (6 mths)
9.30 am Hall	Thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness
FAMILY MASS	
11.00 am	Keith Kench RIP
5.30 pm	Welfare of Christian Panglose

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

We pray for all who have died: Martha Mary Gray, Lucy Yong, Tina Valentino, Canon Leo Mooney, Richard Greenfield, Romana Erskine, Sylvia Gallagher, Fr Sunith Nonis, Mark Humphreys and Magdalene Thomas

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Sarah Chaplin, Ellen McGrath, Zoran Jovic, David Gardner, Mike Eilers, Fr Michael Hayes, Ann Elmer, Vincenzo Colonnese, Sheila Wilson, Margaret Baker, Clifford Hart, Mary MacNamara, Fr Tom Laundry, Stephen McConnell, Kevin Twomey, Patricia Paa, Don O'Reilly.

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, James Smith, Fr Simplicio D'Souza, James Creedon

DIARY

April	
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.

There will be no Meditation on 14 April.

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 safeguardingSG3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

Offertory for week ending 6 April

Plate Collection	1039.73
Contactless	401.51
Bank Standing Order	1972.50
Church Suite Regular giving	2206.89
TOTAL	5620.63