

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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Sunday 30 March 2025 Yr C



The second collection  
is for Sycamore

## CAR PARKING ON SUNDAYS

As I write this on Thursday evening, I have counted 17 emails I have sent today and yesterday dealing with this issue, so please understand that I am doing my best to find out what was agreed in 1979 when the archdiocese sold the land.

Bromley Council has, quite as I expected, claimed they have no record of protected free Sunday parking for parishioners and the onus is on us to prove our case. They have stated that if we cannot prove anything we will have to pay for parking like everyone else.

I have contacted the Council Parking Department and six individual councillors from the Beckenham Town and Kelsey wards. I do not want to be party political, but it is interesting that, whereas the Parking Department and the two opposition councillors have corresponded with me, the four from the party running the council have not even acknowledged my email, or deigned to reply.

A search through parish records and diocesan records has produced nothing relevant. I have therefore obtained documents from the land registry. These are not of the actual sale because, as many of you are aware, the land and the car park no longer belong to Sainsbury's itself. These documents have shown that we have rights of access to inspect, maintain and repair the church, tower and presbytery. **There is, however, no mention of parking rights.** If there had been any type of written statement about parking, unfortunately the Land Registry does not keep those sort of records from before 1986 or so.

There remains a slim chance of Archbishop's House finding something in old paper records, but the main grounds for hope are the advice I have been given - I am lucky that several parishioners with legal knowledge and experience are advising me - concerning the original planning permission in 1979. The permission may have been granted with

guarantees to overcome the church's objections about parking. I have therefore asked the council to send me copies of the original papers from that time. I have also spoken to the manager at Sainsbury's, who is supportive. Finally, I should say that I am not entirely sure *exactly* what land was sold: I am told a house or houses, which were demolished, where the vehicular access to Sainsbury's now is. Certainly a narrow strip of land immediately next to the church and presbytery, essentially the path. Whilst people remember a car park, I am not sure how it was accessed, or even if it belonged to the archdiocese. If it did not, and what was sold was space for access rather than the land where Sainsbury's and the car park now stands, it would not be a surprise that we do not have parking rights as the land was not ours and the only hope would be from the planning permission documents. We will continue to pursue the issue and have discussions to see how we can best respond to the situation as a parish.

In the meantime please let me know if you have any written evidence, or other knowledge from that time that could be helpful, and please be careful next week. The council is apparently repainting yellow lines in Village Way and may be extending the extent of them and adding extra times in the evening when you cannot park.

Fr. Andrew

Our church shop will be open this Sunday after the confirmation commitment mass at 5.30 pm. We will be selling very reasonably priced cards, gifts and mementoes to celebrate your child's confirmation.

The shop is located on the left of the church in the main porch.

We take card and cash payments and any profits are given to the church.

### **SOUND SYSTEM**

Work on the sound system in the church continues.

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.

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

Thank you to those who have already given us some beautiful hand made flowers for our Easter flower swathe. It will be installed for the Easter Vigil and is going to look lovely. We would be happy to receive more flowers over the next week or so, so please, either put them in the box in the porch or bring them to the Office.



Thank you

### **300 CLUB**

Following Isabelle Blake-James appeal at all Masses last Sunday we are pleased that a few parishioners have come forward to buy a ticket for the 300 Club.

There are application forms hanging on a board in the narthex, so please, if you are interested, take one home with you to complete and return to the Office.

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

The Second Collection this weekend will be for **Sycamore**. This is an online video course presented by Father Stephen Wang, and has been introduced to the Parish this year for use by RCIA for their enquirers.

So far the course is going well and feedback from our enquirers is very positive. Sycamore is designed for other parish activities, including Confirmation, Adult Formation, and refresher courses for existing Catholics. We hope in future to extend the use of Sycamore in our parish but understandably we are asked to make a donation to them so this great work can continue both here and abroad.

Sycamore are trying to raise £60,000 this year to help them increase knowledge of Christ, the Catholic Church, and to bring more souls to God. So, on behalf of St Edmund's PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

Thank you,  
Cathy and Mary RCIA

To learn more about Sycamore and what it offers take a look at Fr Stephen talking on:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMCqCesGlxU>

### **READERS FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

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### **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.**

**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.



We are very grateful to the 5th Beckenham South Scouts who have donated £500 to the parish from the proceeds of the firework display they organised at Croydon Rec last year.

Thank you so much

### **CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT**

Tuesday 1 April

7.30 pm in the Hall

This will be the final meeting on Called to Bear Fruit.

Everyone is welcome to attend even if this is the only meeting you can come to.



### **CARITAS NEWS BULLETIN**

Copies of the latest newsletter can be found on the reading slopes.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CLAVER CONVENT**

The time of the weekly Adoration at the Claver Convent has been changed to every Thursday at 6.00 pm.



We invite you, dear parishioners to join us to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

Sr Reena

**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

The collection for Cafod's recent Family Fast Day raised at least £2300.00. This is a wonderful result and does not include the donations that parishioners will have made direct to Cafod's own website

Thank you so much for your generosity.

### **THE LIGHT OF CHRIST PRAYER MEETING**

Wednesday 2 April

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Damian Ilodigwe

Followed by Lectio Divina.

10.00 pm Evening concludes

### **MUSIC NIGHT FOR DEACON SEAN'S CHARITY**

The music night in the hall on 15 March raised some £3,000 for Deacon Seán's Ghana charity. We are very grateful to all those who attended or made cash donations, to local businesses and others who donated items and vouchers for the raffle, and to all those who helped to organise and run the show.

Money goes a very long way in Ghana so £3,000 will help us to fund our many students through secondary schooling, apprenticeships, teacher-training, nursing college and university, as well as support many other charitable activities.

With grateful thanks,

The Trustees, Nankesido Education and  
Welfare Trust

Any items for the newsletter should be with the Office by noon on  
Wednesday.

## MASSES

<b>Sunday 30 Mar</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
6.00 pm VIGIL	Dec'd brothers of Beckenham Catenians Second Scrutiny Colin Dowling RIP
8 00 am	Jackie Cox RIP
9.30 am	For the people
9.30 am HALL FAMILY MASS	
11.00 am	David Stephens RIP
5.30 pm	Confirmation Commitment Mass For the Confirmandi, their parents and catechists
<b>Mon 31 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Tony Duggan RIP
<b>Tues 1 April</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Margaret Murray RIP
<b>Wed 2 April</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	In thanksgiving - Charlotte, Michael & Jacqueline Ekong Stations of the Cross and confession
8.00 pm HALL	Light of Christ Mass
<b>Thurs 3 April</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Frankie Thornton RIP
6.00 pm CLAVER	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Friday 4 April</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.00	St Mary's Whole School Mass Gerry Lucas RIP
10.00 am	Kathleen Earl RIP (1st anniv)
3.00 pm CLAVER	Stations of the Cross
6.15 pm	Stations of the Cross & confession
7.00 pm	Jubilee Mass Tom Doolan RIP
<b>Sat 5 April</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Mary Mullins RIP
12.00 pm	Jubilee Mass for Healing
6.00 pm VIGIL	Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta RIP
<b>Sunday 6 April</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
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

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

### Offertory for week ending 23/3/25

Plate Collection	1049.24
Contactless	312.94
Bank Standing Order	847.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1021.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>3230.61</b>

**We pray for all who have died:** George Hext, Linda Travell, Martha Mary Gray, Pauline Ann Robinson, Lucy Yong, Tina Valentino, Canon Leo Mooney, Roy Coutinho.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Austin Waldron, David Stephens, Marise Howells, Mary Margaret Fitzgerald, Hugh Beck, Dcn Ray Zacaroli, Daphne Rowe, Jose-Urbano Blanchet, Sandra Naughton, Johanna Walsh, Mario de Pascalis, Kathleen Scanlon, Mary J Edet, Peter Abbott, Jane Keappock, Gian Bianca Inzani, Constantino Basconcillo, Dr Peter Rodrigues.

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

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- 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

- 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.**

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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](mailto:drmargaretkelleher@hotmail.com)

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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 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup>+ 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](mailto: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.

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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](http://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](http://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

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 8.00 am Colin Dowling RIP  
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**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.

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## OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 16.3.25

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



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### CAR PARKING

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.

We are well aware that when land was sold to build the car park in Monsignor Strand's time, over 40 years ago, there was an agreement that parishioners would never have to pay to come to church on a Sunday. As the landowner was the **Archdiocese of Southwark**, not the parish, we have asked the diocesan department concerned to check their records to see what the conditions attached to the sale were, with a view to taking action.

### CHURCH SHOP

The church shop now has a stock of Easter cards and some adult and children's pamphlets about the Stations of the Cross.

We also have St Patrick's day cards and Mother's Day cards and a small selection of Mother's Day gifts.

If the shop is not open after your Mass (a particular issue with 5.30 pm Mass) it is because there are no volunteers to open it! Please consider whether you can give 15 mins of your time after Mass to open the shop. Any offers of help are greatly appreciated. Please email

[anniepwilliamson@gmail.com](mailto:anniepwilliamson@gmail.com)

or leave a message with the Parish Office

### RCIA - RITE OF ELECTION

Last Saturday Cathy, Gavin and Mary, together with Father Andrew, accompanied the RCIA enquirers to the Rite of Election at St Georges Cathedral. On a lovely spring day we joined other enquirers from across the Southwark diocese - 430 in total, together with their sponsors and family members. The Archbishop called them individually by name, both the unbaptised, and those who hope to receive confirmation and reception into the Church at Easter.

Our Catechumen and Candidates will soon be participating in the Lenten Scrutinies, which begin at the 9.30 Mass on Sunday 23 March. The second Scrutiny will be during the 6.00 pm Mass on Saturday 29 March, and the third Scrutiny during the 5.30 pm Mass on Sunday 6 April. Please join us if you can.

We ask you to pray for Tim, Ellie, Francisco, Robert, Lee and Elisabeth as they undergo a period of Lenten preparation for their reception into the Church.

### ST EDMUND'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday 24 May

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help prepare the Hall for the reception after the Jubilee Mass. We have our team in place now.

### READERS FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday – April 17 at 8.00 pm

Good Friday – April 18<sup>h</sup> at 3.00 pm

Easter Vigil - Saturday April 19 at 8.00 pm

We need a number of readers for the services over the Triduum. If you would like to read at any of these please contact Rosemary on 07956 109 465 or [r.ekong@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:r.ekong@ucl.ac.uk) and indicate which service you will be attending.



### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

was yesterday, Friday 14 March when we were encouraged to eat simply and pray for Cafod's work bringing hope to the poorest communities throughout the World.

You can make a donation to this work by returning the Cafod envelope in the second collection this weekend. Alternatively, you can give online at <http://www.cafod.org.uk/envelope>

This link will enable your donation to be added to others from St Edmund's Parish. You can also find more information about Cafod's work on the website.

Remember that if you can Gift Aid your donation its value is increased by 25% at no extra cost to you. Thank you for your support.

The Cafod team

### SOUND SYSTEM

Work on the sound system in the church should start this week.

The company will work around our morning Mass and any services and funerals that we have, but we will need to allow them as much time as they need in the church to complete the work.

Because of this we have not scheduled Adoration in the Church Diary for the coming week but we will have Stations of the Cross on Wednesday which will be led by children from St Mary's School.

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Celebrant Fr Kenneth Iwunna  
(St. Saviours, Lewisham)

Followed by Informal Prayer meeting.

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A key was found in the church last Sunday. If you are missing one please ask at the sacristy after Mass. It has a very distinctive fob.

Sarah-Marie Kench thanks all the parishioners who have given her such support during the long illness and death of her beloved husband Keith.

Your prayers have given her strength and comfort.

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### SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION

St George's Cathedral in Southwark is hosting a Shroud of Turin Exhibition from 12 March to 21 April.

At the exhibition you can see a life-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin and learn more about the 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](http://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

<b>Sunday 16 Mar</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
6.00 pm VIGIL	Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
8.00 am	Dominic Geoghegan RIP
9.30 am	Eileen Sheehan RIP
9.30 am HALL	For the people
<b>FAMILY MASS</b>	
11.00 am	Dr Michael Ekong RIP
5.30 pm	Dr Alexander Uche RIP
<b>Mon 17 March</b>	<b>St Patrick, Bishop</b>
10.00 am	Kathryn Fitzpatrick RIP
<b>Tues 18 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Vincenzino Grillo RIP
<b>Wed 19 March</b>	<b>St Joseph</b>
10.00 am	Rosina Porta & Enrico Carboni RIP Stations of the Cross to be led by pupils from St Mary's school.
<b>Thurs 20 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Nancy & Cormac Hargreaves RIP
8.00 pm CLAVER	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Friday 21 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Gill Tipper RIP
3.00 pm CLAVER	Stations of the Cross
6.15 pm	Stations of the Cross
7.00 pm	Brendan Bannon RIP
<b>Sat 22 Mar</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Raymond Kelly RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL	Carmel Cardiff RIP (3rd anniv)
<b>Sunday 23 Mar</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
8.00 am	James Dougan RIP
9.30 am	Mary McQuaide RIP
9.30 am HALL	For the people
<b>FAMILY MASS</b>	
11.00 am	Luzminda Eguia RIP
5.30 pm	Eddie Griffin RIP (5th anniv)

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

**The sound engineers will be working in  
the church this week so there will not be  
Adoration after Mass**



**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.**

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Frances Plume, Mary Flood, Finola Butler, Margaret Durkin, Ann (Nancy) Simms, Dick Laker, Nancy Hargreaves, Vincenzina Grillo, Ann Haines, Dolores Leahy, Annette Virdee, Brenda Mary White, Joan Harvey, Magda Wouters, Ellen White, Daniel White, Mervyn Shipsey, Kathleen Cosgrove, Silvia Amire, Jeanette Micallef, Barbara Oke.

**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

<b>March</b>	
<b>Sat 22</b>	Contemplative Saturday from 11-12 in the Hall.
<b>April</b>	
Tues 1	Final meeting on Called to Bear Fruit in the Hall at 7.30 pm
Mon 7	Law Surgery in the Hall at 6.00 pm
Sat 12	Lenten Reconciliation Service in the church at 4.00 pm
<b>May</b>	
Sat 24	St Edmund's 75th Anniversary Mass at 6.00 pm
<b>June</b>	
Sat 7	Diocesan Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory. <b>Book your coach tickets now. £20 from the Office</b>

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.

OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 9.3.25	
Plate Collection	1069.82
Contactless	541.75
Bank Standing Order	2012.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1185.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4808.65</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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Sunday 9 March 2025

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Please take a Cafod envelope and return it next week

## AN INTERNATIONAL DIACONATE



CNS photo/Pablo Esparza

Last week more than 2,500 permanent deacons gathered in Rome to celebrate the Jubilee of Deacons as part of the Jubilee year of hope which began on Christmas Eve. Over 100 nations were represented as we gathered in Rome on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, and many of us also attended a conference organised by the International Diaconate Centre at the beginning of that week. It was truly inspiring to meet people like Deacon Ivan from Bombay who runs a vibrant youth ministry in the Archdiocese; Deacon Tony, who with his wife Annette, established a parish from scratch in a new town outside Sydney without a parish priest; and Deacon Peter from Rottenburg, who was born deaf mute and lost his sight later in life: he ministers to the deaf blind community, supported by his wife Margaretha, who signs onto his hand at high speed.

We each expressed our love of diaconal ministry and our hopes for the future in a series of talks, and conversations in the spirit. These conversations are at the heart of the synodal path, listening without judgement and speaking truthfully from the heart. There were both similarities and differences in our experiences but we shared a common bond through our ministry of service.

Then on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> we gathered as a diaconal community to celebrate Mass in St Peter's basilica and to celebrate the ordination of 23 men from around the world to the Permanent Diaconate. Sadly Pope Francis was unable to join us but his inspirational homily was read by Monsignor Fisichella.

Pope Francis talked of Deacons as being "sculptors" and "painters" of the merciful face of the Father, displaying selfless service which is an essential dimension of our ministry. He continued to say that Deacons are set apart from society by ordination, only to be re-immersed in it, in order to enable our Church to be ever more open and welcoming. This is the essence of the journey that Pope Francis has set us on, to become a synodal Church, that doesn't 'hide' within its places of worship but goes out into the world.

Forgiveness is one of the characteristics that Pope Francis has called for in the Deacons of the Church. In his homily the Pope explained how Jesus reminds us that "*we need to be able to forgive and to ask forgiveness, to rebuild relationships and even to choose not to withhold our love from those who hurt or betray us*".

In conclusion Pope Francis called for Deacons to be apostles of forgiveness, selfless servants of our brothers and sisters, and builders of communion, where all the popes of God participate in the Church's mission to bring Christ to all and all to Christ. Our mission is clear and daunting, we need more than the current 50,000 permanent deacons worldwide. So, please pray for the Diaconal community and for vocations to the Permanent Diaconate; we have a lot of work to do!

**Deacon Ray**



Where's Ray?



**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is on Friday 14 March.** Please consider eating a simple meal on that day in solidarity with our impoverished sisters and brothers throughout the world.

Any donations you can make to the CAFOD appeal on the weekend of 15/16 March will help to bring hope to communities suffering hardship in this Jubilee Year, when Pope Francis has called us to be Pilgrims of Hope.

There will be Cafod speakers at all Masses this weekend, and you are asked to take away a Cafod envelope and return it next weekend with your donation.

There is more information on the Cafod noticeboard in the church porch and on the website:  
<http://www.cafod.org.uk>

If you enjoy walking, you are also encouraged to take part in Cafod's Big Lent Walk:

[The Big Lent Walk 2025 for Individuals](#)

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CSAN is conducting a survey to understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales.

Please share your experience by completing the survey, which can be accessed at [csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey](https://csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey), where you'll find further information about the survey.

The survey will close on 25th March

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We have been informed of the sad news of the death of Sr Mary of the Salesians.  
*May she rest in peace and rise in glory.*

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

4 – 10 June

Leaflets are on the reading slopes in the narthex.

Further information from Diane Brelu on 0795 119 4036.

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 9.30 am HALL FAMILY MASS  
 11.00 am Michael Hanrahan RIP  
 5.30 pm Dec'd members of the Finnegan Family

**Mon 10 March Feria**  
 10.00 am John Brooks RIP  
**Tues 11 March Feria**  
 10.00 am Cecil Barnes RIP  
 12.00 pm Requiem of Christopher Carroll

**Wed 12 March Feria**  
 10.00 am Ints of the O'Keefe Family  
 No Stations today  
 11.15 am Requiem of Keith Kench

**Thurs 13 March Feria**  
 10.00 am Pauline Wood RIP  
 8.00 pm CLAVER Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday 14 March Feria**  
 10.00 am Monica Grima RIP  
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**DIARY**

**March**  
 Mon 10 CWL meeting in the Hall at 2.00 pm  
 Tue 11 Requiem of Christopher Carroll at 12.00  
 Second mtg on Called to Bear Fruit. Hall at 7.30 pm  
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 Sort Code: 60 02 12  
 Acc No: 14282887  
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<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/donate/>

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<b>OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 2.3.25</b>	
Plate Collection	898.85
Contactless	418.74
Bank Standing Order	733.33
Church Suite Regular Giving	3177.72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5228.64</b>



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Sunday 2 March 2025

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### THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a period of 40 days of reflection, penance, fasting and prayer in preparation for Easter. Ash Wednesday itself is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Please see the Mass Diary on the back page of the newsletter to see when you can attend Mass and receive Ashes.

There are more opportunities this year for participating in the Stations of the Cross, both during the day and in the evenings, which we hope will allow more to attend.

At St Mark's Church in West Wickham, Fr Ashley will be having Mass with Ashes at 10.00 am and 8.00 pm.

### ST EDMUND'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday 24 May

After our Jubilee Mass at 6.00 pm we will be having a reception in the Hall.

We will need a team(s) to help decorate the Hall, to set it up and to prepare the refreshments. If anyone would like to volunteer please get in touch with Sue at [sueowenwolf@gmail.com](mailto:sueowenwolf@gmail.com)

### MEMORIES

We would like to have a picture display in the Hall at the reception. 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.

Thank you

### MY DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS

These booklets are designed to encourage adult and children's interest and enjoyment of the liturgical season of Lent and Easter.

My Day by Day Lent 2025  
Daily Readings £1 Per book

The issue for Lent is at the back of the church, the Easter ones will be put out in Holy Week.

Please put the money for them in the wall safe by the Repository.

### PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The support group starts this Thursday,  
6 March, 6.00 - 7.30 pm.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 7 March at 3 – 4.30 pm

Beckenham Baptist Church  
Elm Road, Beckenham

Opposite The Spa and Beckenham Library

Please join in this wonderful wave of prayer that encircles the globe. It is quite special to be part of something so huge, and to enjoy meeting people from many other churches over tea, coffee and cakes which will be served after the service.



Some recent Requiem Masses have been at 10.00 am. This means that the booked intention for this Mass must be moved. In some instances we do not have the contact details of the person who asked for the intention and cannot therefore contact them.

Please be assured that the intention is always prayed for at a later Mass or when a Mass is concelebrated.



This weekend our second collection is for Living Well and we will also be accepting any food donations that you can bring to church.

### ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED

UHT milk  
Tinned vegetables/pulses/  
meat/fruit/soup/tomatoes  
Rice  
Pasta  
Biscuits  
Cereal  
Toilet roll  
Shower gel and shampoo  
Sanitary towels  
Pet food (dogs and cats)

Tins with ring pulls are always useful, as not everyone has access to a can opener. We do not have any storage facilities for fresh or frozen goods. We are unable to accept food which is past its sell by or use by date. And we cannot accept any food item that contains alcohol.

Thank you  
Living Well

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

We have booked a 50-seat coach to take parishioners to Aylesford for this day of celebration and have already received provisional bookings for 23 seats, so please contact the office if you would like to reserve one. Coach tickets will be £20. Contact us at [beckenham@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:beckenham@rcaos.org.uk).

More information on the plans of the diocese for this jubilee year can be found at: [rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025](http://rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025)

### 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

### THE LIGHT OF CHRIST PRAYER MEETING Wednesday 5 March

On Ash Wednesday we are invited to join the parish community in the church for

6.45 pm Stations of the cross  
7.30 pm Holy Mass

Following Mass we will gather in the Hall for Lectio Divina. The evening will finish at 10.00 pm.

### NEW FRIDAY WORSHIP NIGHT

St James the Great Church, Lakeswood  
Road, Petts Wood BR5 1BJ.

Alternate months, starting 7 March 7.00 - 8.00 pm with fellowship and refreshments afterwards. Start your weekend with a Holy Hour of singing, prayer, confession and adoration. All are welcome.

### CYM BROMLEY DEANERY LENT YOUTH RETREAT DAY

St James the Great RC Church  
Community Centre, Lakeswood Road  
Petts Wood BR5 1BJ

Saturday 5 April 11.00 am-6.00 pm

This will be led by the new Southwark Mission Team. An enriching day filled with Lenten reflection, craft activities, music and song, prayer, adoration, games, pizza and Youth Mass. For those aged 7-16. Spaces are limited. Register here: [\[bit.ly/4iiufhn\]](https://bit.ly/4iiufhn)

Places are £20.00 which includes lunch and snacks. Payment details follow registration.

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

## 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.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Hear from **Fr Paschal Uche** about helping to save and change lives during Lent by praying near the abortion centre in Brixton, as part of the **40 Days for Life** Campaign. Hear from a mother who changed her mind about her abortion and successfully took the abortion reversal pill. This Monday, 3 March, 6.30 pm, St Bede's Catholic Church Hall, 58 Thornton Road, SW12 0LF. For more details contact Gabriella on 07745 711 064

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## THE ROMERO ROSARY

Archbishop John Wilson's book is now available to buy from our church shop.

## 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

<b>Sunday 2 Mar</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday</b>
6.00 pm VIGIL	Aquilina Pampin Mosquera RIP (2nd anniv)
8 00 am	Dec'd members of the Cotter Family
9.30 am	Pedro Ibanez RIP
11.00 am	Beatrice Daga & her husbands Francesco & Angelo RIP
5.30 pm	For the people
<b>Monday 3 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Enam Abonie-Farmer (3rd b'day)
<b>Tues 4 March</b>	<b>St Casimir</b>
10.00 am	Nora Kelly RIP
<b>Wed 5 March</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
9.00 am St Mary's	Liturgy with Ashes
10.00 am	Giovanni Campanaro RIP
	Mass with Ashes
10.45 am	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
12.00 pm	O'Flynn Family
	Mass with Ashes
6.45 pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
7.30 pm	Mass with Ashes
<b>Thurs 6 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Requiem of Bridget Edwards
<b>Friday 7 March</b>	<b>Sts Perpetua &amp; Felicity</b>
10.00 am	Gary Bowyer RIP
6.15 pm	Stations of the Cross
7.00 pm	Jubilee Mass
<b>Sat 8 Mar</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Dec'd members of the Walsh Family
6.00 pm VIGIL	Valerie Parker RIP
<b>Sunday 9 Mar</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
8 00 am	Fr Donald Clements RIP
9.30 am	Enrolment Mass for Confirmation candidates.
9.30 am HALL	For the people
<b>FAMILY MASS</b>	
11.00 am	Michael Hanrahan RIP
5.30 pm	Dec'd members of the Finnegan Family

There is Rosary every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 am and Adoration after morning Mass. from Monday to Saturday, unless otherwise announced.

**We pray for all who have died:** Bridget Edwards, Keith Kench, Ken Kench, Oludayo Adeodu, Vincent Bagatta, Christopher Carroll, Barbara Panglose, Meg Skelly.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Phyllis 'Betty' Hanifan, Anna Mansfield, Jean Porter, Krystyna Stefanska, Dan Lodi Ferrari, Francis Edward Johnson, Delia Walsh, Olga Brookes, Elizabeth Conrath, Barbara Mary Cole, Freda Bentley, Leah Clent, Bill Radley, Canon John Devane, Anthony Galloway, Frances Carroll, Eamon McGrath, Kitty Conroy, Valerie Parker, Peter Deane, Mary Ellen Smith.

**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, Mark Humphreys, Jessica Ram.

## DIARY

<b>March</b>	
Mon 3	Law Surgery in Hall Meeting Room at 6.00 pm First Meeting for Confirmandi parents in Main Hall at 7.00 pm
Thu 6	Requiem of Bridget Edwards at 10.00 am
Fri 7	World Day of Prayer at Beckenham Baptist Church at 3.00 pm
Mon 10	CWL meeting in the Hall
Tue 11	Requiem of Christopher Carroll at 12.00
Wed 12	Requiem for Keith Kench at 11.15 am
<b>April</b>	
Sat 12	Lenten Reconciliation Service at 4.00 pm
<b>May</b>	
Sat 24	St Edmund's 75th Anniversary Mass

Meditation every Monday in the Hall from 5.30 - 6.20 pm, except for the first Monday of each month when it is in the Lady Chapel.

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

<b>OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 23.2 25</b>	
Plate Collection	745.78
Contactless	268.66
Bank Standing Order	847.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1070.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2932.01</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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### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF ST EDMUND'S Saturday 24 May

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

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

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

#### WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



#### PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CLERGY SUPPORT FUND  
SECOND COLLECTION  
23 FEB**

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

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

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

Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.



**300 CLUB**

The winners of the February draw are:

Dawn Weeks £100

Tsui-Ta Smith £50

Patrick Reilly £25

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

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Friday 7 March at 3 – 4.30 pm

Beckenham Baptist Church

Elm Road, Beckenham

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

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

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



**ANNUAL RALLY FOR  
SOUTHWARK ALTAR SERVERS**

Aylesford Priory, Kent

Monday 5 May

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

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

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## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 26 February

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

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## 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

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

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

Thank you

## MASSES

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

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

Meditation every Monday in the Hall from 5.30 - 6.20 pm, except for the first Monday of each month when it is in the Lady Chapel.

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

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

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Sort Code: 60 02 12  
Acc No: 14282887

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**The second collection is for  
 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 South-  
 wark.

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.



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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.

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#### **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.

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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 Andrión 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

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**Contemplative Saturday**  
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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>

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 Sort Code: 60 02 12  
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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  
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7.45 pm Praise and Worship  
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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  
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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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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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### DIARY

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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>

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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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### 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

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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.

## **HOUSEBOUND & WANTING COMMUNION?**

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**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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Candlemas**  
6.00 pm VIGIL Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta RIP  
8.00 am Thomas Keane Snr RIP  
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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Sunday 26 January 2025 Yr C

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020 8313 3915  
[sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com](mailto:sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com)

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  
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Celebrant Fr Andrew Bishop  
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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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Christ centred community, through humble witness, love, compassion  
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**MASSES**

**Sunday 26 Jan Third Sunday  
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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<b>OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 19.1.25</b>	
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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This weekend the second  
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

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

Please give to this second collection with your usual generosity.

### BAPTISMS AT ST EDMUND'S

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**[beckenhambaptism@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:beckenhambaptism@rcaos.org.uk)**  
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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CTiB, Churches Together in Beckenham, co-ordinates shared worship, pulpit swaps, coffee mornings, music sessions - please see the poster in the porch. At St Edmund's we are offering an afternoon of guided meditation in our Lady Chapel on Friday afternoon. Please come when you can and leave when you need.

## SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

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For queries on youth activities email [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)

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

Are you one of the many couples in the country who became engaged over Christmas? If you are, and your intention is to be married in church, then you need to contact a priest or deacon at least six months before your marriage date to begin the necessary preparation.

## MOTHER AND TODDLERS - Church Hall

Our group runs every Monday during term time from 10.00 am until 11.30 am. Entry is £3.00 per family, which includes tea/coffee, juice & biscuits, craft materials etc. We would be very happy to welcome some new adult helpers. If you are interested in helping please contact the Parish Office.



## 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:**

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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Sunday 12 January 2025 Yr C

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[sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com](mailto:sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com)

Next weekend the second  
collection is for Pax Christi



## 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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Christ centred community, through humble witness, love, compassion  
and communion**

## 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!***



## PAX CHRISTI

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.

This is for all children, not just your first child.

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**beckenhambaptism@rcaos.org.uk**



### 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.

### MARRIAGES

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### COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

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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
Bank Standing Order	2290.00
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

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.

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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 Ray Williamson** - [raywilliamson@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:raywilliamson@rcaos.org.uk)

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

<b>Sunday 5 Jan</b>	<b>The Epiphany of The Lord</b>
6.00 pm VIGIL	Johnny Lennon RIP
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
<b>Monday 6 Jan</b>	<b>Feria of Christmas Time</b>
10.00 am	Ints of the Flynn & Ruddy families
<b>Tues 7 Jan</b>	<b>Feria of Christmas Time</b>
10.00 am	Requiem for John Brooks <b>NO ADORATION</b>
<b>Wed 8 Jan</b>	<b>Feria of Christmas Time</b>
10.00 am	Patricia Griffin RIP
<b>Thurs 9 Jan</b>	<b>Feria of Christmas Time</b>
10.00 am	Stewart, Elena & Sullivan families
<b>Friday 10 Jan</b>	<b>Feria of Christmas Time</b>
10.00 am	Eileen Monica O'Sullivan RIP
<b>Sat 11 Jan</b>	<b>Feria of Christmas Time</b>
10.00 am	The Gibbons family
6.00 pm VIGIL	Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta
<b>Sunday 12 Jan</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>
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

There will not be a meeting on Monday 6 January.  
The next **Contemplative Saturday** is on 25 January.

### CONFIRMATION 2025

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OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 29.12.24	
Plate Collection	1437.92
Contactless	214.32
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Church Suite Regular Giving	1748.87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3974.44</b>

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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.

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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

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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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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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Sunday 15 December 2024 Yr C

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[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

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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.

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CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

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

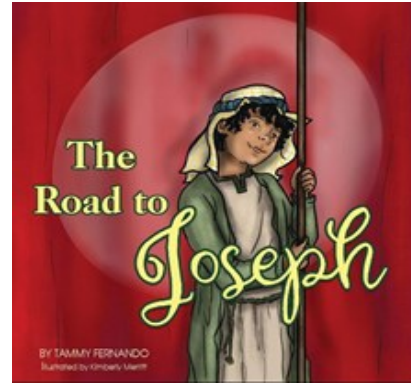
7.45 pm Praise and Worship

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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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4319.34</b>

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**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.

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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.

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Christmas Donations for  
Living Well

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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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### 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  
CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

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

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**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**

<b>Dec</b>	
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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 Account name: RCAS Beckenham  
 Sort Code: 60 02 12  
 Acc No: 14282887

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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.

For details see the poster on the noticeboard, pick up an invitation leaflet at the back of church or email [southwarkrenewal@gmail.com](mailto:southwarkrenewal@gmail.com)

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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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Celebrant is Fr Steve

Followed by AGM

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**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  
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parcel.

Requested items are: tinned ham/comed beef/salmon/  
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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 CHALLENOR 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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### **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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**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
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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>

**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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Sunday 24 Nov 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 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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Our planned Christmas collection will be on 1 December and this will go ahead as usual, collecting the basic requirements Living Well always need, but we have also decided to have a second food collection on Sunday 8 December for the special Christmas items they which they have requested for that week.

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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We will list these in a couple of weeks.

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

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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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### 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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**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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**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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 Sort Code: 60 02 12  
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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

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**DAY OF HEALING**

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St George's Cathedral,  
Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR

*Praise and Worship, Talks,  
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Main Speaker – Fr. Columba Jordan CFR

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**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  
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 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**  
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 Church of St George**  
 10.00 am Benefactors & promoters of the  
 Claver Sisters

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 9.00 am St Mary's Yr 3  
 10.00 am Berthe Reynaud

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3376.20</b>

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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>	
Mon 9	SVP Christmas lunch
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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.

**Fr Steve**

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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  
TO THE OFFICE**

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Michael Wright, a long time parishioner at St Edmunds has recently moved into a care home.

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### 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

Please contact the Office if you would like to join the 300 Club.

Numbers are £39 each

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 8.00 am The Holy Souls  
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 9.30 am **FAMILY MASS** For the people  
 11.00 am Rosemary Elmer RIP  
 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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**We pray for those who have died:** Pat Leach, Francis D'Souza, Hugh Anthony Richards, Benito Valentino, Fr Jake Dicto, Joel Oluca Okiror, Francis Ekomolott Onapito, Bernadette Murray, Fabiola Zorilla Corrigan.

**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**

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 Sat 26 Day of Recollection in Streatham  
 Tues 29 Requiem for Francis D'Souza at 10.00  
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 Tues 5 Requiem for Fabiola Zorilla Corrigan at 2.00 pm  
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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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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>
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Anthony Richards, Benito Valentino, Fr Jake  
Dicto, Margaret O'Mahoney, Joel Oluka  
Okiror, Francis Ekomolott Onapito,  
Bernadette Murray.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are**

**at this time:** Roy Anggiansah, Peter Cole,  
Eugene Gilkes, Eileen Mary Gallen, Patricia  
Hitchcock, Mary Holleran, Riccardo Ling,  
Monica Jones, Rosemary Elmer, Theresia  
Halpin, Brian Knowles, France Fleming,  
Frieda Pereira-Rego, Ann Berry, Margaret  
Deeks, Louis Bonello, Pamela Kean,  
Marguerite Hankin, Denise Ricketts, Edith  
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Adams, Elizabeth, Rosanna Sookram, Anne  
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Joan Morris, Kathleen Hayes, Marie Rennie,  
Fitzroy Maxima Saunders, Paul Hixson,  
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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>

**Bank details to set up a regular  
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Sort Code: 60 02 12  
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Sunday 13 Oct 2024

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**Second collection is for  
PACT**

### 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

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

### 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.

# BECKENHAM CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2024



Our Christmas shoebox appeal starts again this weekend. 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/>

Please consider sharing information about the shoebox collection with family, friends and social media groups so that we can collect as many boxes as possible to bring Christmas joy to those in great need this year.

It's easy to choose gifts for people who have so little. Shampoo, a pair of socks, a notepad, a small toy, a bag of sweets – things we take for granted will seem like luxuries to people living in poverty.

By filling a shoebox with simple things you can bring hope this Christmas.

**Please bring your filled boxes to the Parish Office – boxes can be dropped at the office until the end of October.**

If you have any questions then do get in touch with us  
Lucienne Vella 07884 184534 or Susie Watchorn 07956 574789.

**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  
will be taken on 27 October

## **THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

invites you to join them in the Hall on  
Wednesday 16 October

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Mass - the celebrant is

Fr Andrew Bishop

Followed by informal Prayer Meeting

10.00 pm Evening concludes

Whilst the Wednesday evening Mass takes place  
at the start of the Charismatic meeting,  
it is not a Charismatic Mass.

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

### CLARE MCNAMARA RIP

Mrs McNamara who was known to many parishioners at St Edmund's died on 17 September. Her requiem is being held at St Anthony's Church in Anerley on 16 October at 11.00 am. Any St Edmund's parishioner who remembers Clare would be most welcome to attend.

### 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**

**Sunday 13 Oct**      **Twenty-eighth Sunday**  
**Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Families**  
 6.00 pm **VIGIL**      Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP  
 8.00 am              Fr Steve & family members living  
                                  and dec'd  
 9.30 am              Anna Knell RIP  
                                  **FHC Enrollment Mass**  
 9.30 am FAMILY MASS      Ints of the Dennis family  
 11.00 am              Enedina Frau RIP  
 5.30 pm              For the people

**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

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.

<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>

**MISSIO BOXES**

If you have a red box at home please bring it to the Office for its half yearly emptying.

**We pray for those who have died:**

Robert Swan, Raymond Francis Williamson, Pat Leach, Francis D'Souza, Enrico Carboni Gillian Maddock-Lyon, John Crouch Hugh Anthony Richards, Benito Valentino, Clare McNamara, Fr Jake Dicto.

**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.

**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/>