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The second collection is for the Priest Training Fund

“PEACE BE WITH ALL OF YOU!

Dearest brothers and sister, this is the first greeting of the risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave his life for God’s flock.

I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, to reach your families, and all people, wherever they are, all over earth. Peace be with you!”

These are the beautiful and powerful words of our newly elected Pope, Leo XIV as he addressed the people in St Peter’s Square and indeed the whole world last Thursday. He went on to emphasise God’s unconditional love for all and that ‘evil shall not prevail’.

This is a strong and true message the church needs reminding of and the world needs to hear.

I would urge you to pray for Pope Leo, for his spiritual and physical wellbeing, his entire pontificate. You can do this individually, with your families and friends, in your schools. The important thing is that you do it because the pope is our shepherd and these are challenging and unsettling times. One last thing: I would encourage you all to read the transcript of his address on Thursday. This can be done easily online and there are some copies at the back of church.

It’s been an uplifting week.

May God bless you all.

Fr Steve

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 9 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers.

Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you!

Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF

Or Scan the QR Code

Or Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**

Or by Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.



MAY PROCESSION AT ST MARY’S SCHOOL FRIDAY 16 MAY AT 9.00 AM

Parishioners are very welcome to join St Mary’s pupils as they crown their beautiful statue of Mary with flowers they bring in from home.



PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST

Have you joined our Pilgrimage to Pentecost?

There are many hubs around the Archdiocese which have sprung up to prepare spiritually for the birthday of the Church. St Edmunds is one of these hubs.

Many people are coming for the weekly talks and discussions as we journey towards Pentecost weekend.

We start each session with Mass in the church at 7.30 pm and then move to the Hall. Daily reflection booklets are available from here at £3.50, or if you prefer, from the parish office until 1.30pm Monday to Friday. It's not too late to register.

Week three is, **Fall, redemption and freedom. Nourish your faith and be freshly inspired.**

This journey culminates at Aylesford Friars on Saturday 7 June, Pentecost Eve with a huge gathering from all around the Archdiocese with Mass celebrated by Archbishop John.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FR SUNITH NONIS

Parishioners, many of whom have family links to St Anthony of Padua in Anerley, have asked about the funeral arrangements for Fr Sunith.

Tuesday 20th May

6.30 pm - Reception of Body and Mass

St Anthony of Padua

Genoa Road, Anerley, London SE20 8ES

Wednesday 21st May

12 noon - Prayers and removal of body for transfer to The Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St. George, SE1 6HR

2:00 pm - Requiem Mass

The Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St. George, Southwark

LAW SURGERY

Law Surgery is this Monday.

Please come to the side door of the Hall at 6.00 pm and you will be seen in turn.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL - less than a week left! The Report Stage of the Bill is 16th May. It is vital that you contact your MP urgently about this issue. Please take action now and visit: www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote to email your MP - it takes just 30 seconds! If you have the time, please also visit your MP - you can arrange a meeting now by emailing:

www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP

JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY – booking for children and young people sessions

Jubilee Celebration at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June. It promises to be a great event! For more information, visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubilee_celebration

That is also where you go to register for 90-minute ministry sessions for children (KS1+2) and young people (KS3+4). **Pre-booking for these sessions is open now.** Places are limited - first come, first served. Please book only for your own children or grandchildren. For those who miss out, there are other children's activities, notably a novel 'Saints Treasure Trail' which has been developed especially for this celebration.

NATIONAL STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL 17 to 18 May

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue and Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco.

To find out more visit rcaos.org.uk/events

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

This is a one-day marriage enrichment course aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to try and make them better. There is no charge and no group sharing. The next BABM is on **Saturday 25 June 9.30 am – 4.30 pm** at St Raphael's Parish Church Hall, Portsmouth Rd, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 2NA.

This is a day in which married couples can privately explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into the communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no charge for this course. **Booking is essential.** Please contact Carole on mfilkent@rcaos.org.uk or 07983 524 727. Refreshments will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN UNITED KINGDOM

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED is inviting pilgrims from across the UK to join them on pilgrimage in this Jubilee year to the historic city of York.

They will reflect on why over 50 Yorkshire men and women such as St Margaret Clitheroe and St John Fisher, were prepared to die for our faith, and how their great sacrifices paved the way for the survival of faith now.

The pilgrimage will be led by Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, the ACN Spiritual Director, the ACN Pilgrimage Team and with Suze Mathews, pilgrimage historian.

The cost is £285. For more information visit the ACN website – <https://acnuk.org/event/acn-pilgrimage-york-and-the-north-heartland-of-faith-and-hope/> or email bridget.teasdale@acnuk.org.

This pilgrimage is one of the more affordable ones. Pilgrims are encouraged to find their own accommodation in York which can be in a Travel Lodge, Premier Inn or a Youth Hostel or a high end hotel and they can arrange their own meals to suit their budget.

All our Masses could do with more readers. The more readers on each rota the less frequently they will be called upon.

We have had a request for more readers at the 9.30 am Mass, (please speak to Emily after Mass or email her at mariaemmy@yahoo.co.uk). If you would like to read at another Mass, please contact the Office and we will put you in touch with the rota organiser.



Jubilee Mass
Saturday 24 May
6.00 pm

WE NEED HELP

Our priests are finding it hard to prepare the church for Mass on weekday mornings. They start soon after 9.00 am to set up the altar, prepare the books and the vessels, and then three days a week lead the rosary, before celebrating Mass.

After Mass they remain in the church whilst Adoration is taking place and hear confessions. After reposing the Blessed Sacrament they then need to clear the altar, remove the books and wash the vessels that have been used.

In the past a small dedicated team of people have assisted in all of this.

Other people will have led the rosary and following Mass someone would have remained in the church whilst Adoration was taking place so the Blessed Sacrament was never left unattended.

The parishioners who did all this have assisted us for many years and now have reached the point when they are no longer able to help.

It has therefore fallen to our priests to do all these tasks themselves.

We need people to help prepare for each morning Mass. All the tasks can be itemised and what needs to be done will be shown to anyone who volunteers.

Individuals can sign up for a specified day each week. They can work with a friend or build a new team. They do not have to do it forever. They can step away at any point.

Morning Mass cannot continue without help. Please speak to one of the priests if you can assist.

NEWLY ENGAGED?

PLANNING YOUR WEDDING?

If you intend getting married in a Catholic church anywhere in the world you will need to attend a Marriage Preparation Course, and also meet with one of the clergy team for your marriage paperwork to be completed.

The paperwork needs to be prepared in the parish in which either the bride or the groom is resident and we need at least six months to gather everything together.

MASSES

Sun 11 May Fourth Sunday of Easter
 6.00 pm VIGIL Wellbeing of Nwosu & Chidolue Families
 8.00 am Ints of Angela Dowling
 9.30 am Linda Travell RIP
 9.30 am HALL For the people
FAMILY MASS
 11.00 am Dec'd members of the Lennon Family (No Chorale)
 5.30 pm Ints of the Pinkett Family

Mon 12 May Feria
 10.00 am Ints of the Dowling, Banfield & Foggo Families

Tues 13 May Feria
 10.00 am Val & Julian Judge

Wed 14 May St Matthias, Apostle
 10.00 am Monica Grima RIP
 7.30 pm Pilgrim to Pentecost Mass

Thurs 15 May St John Stone, Priest & Martyr
 10.00 am George Wallner RIP (3r anniv)
 6.00 pm CLAVER Benediction

Friday 16 May St Simon Stock
 9.00 am St Mary's School -May Procession
 10.00 am Peggy & Peter Gwynne RIP

Sat 17 May Feria
 10.00 am First Holy Communion Mass
 12.00 pm First Holy Communion Mass
 6.00 pm VIGIL Umberto Ferrando RIP (anniv)

Sun 18 May Fifth Sunday of Easter
 8.00 am For the people
 9.30 am Lucy Yong RIP
 9.30 am HALL Ints of the Hickey Family
FAMILY MASS
 11.00 am Ints of Mary Bradford (No Chorale)
 5.30 pm Aquilina & Manuel Pampin Mosquera RIP

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

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 4.5.25	
Plate Collection	1068.07
Contactless	203.71
Bank Standing Order	1563.50
Church Suite Regular Giving	3043.33
TOTAL	5878.61

We pray for all who have died: Canon Leo Mooney, Fr Sunith Nonis, Leslie Dickson, Fitzroy Maxima Saunders, Kendall James, Tony Dawson, Michael Persaud.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Len Bill, Michael Caulfield, Betty Quijano, Maureen Bull, Bill Barr, Mary Carthew, Maritza Sutalo, Alice Duck, Pamela Tocher, Tony Kendrick, Janet O'Brien, Patrick Boudville, Johanna Piatek, Silvana Verlengra, Umberto Ferrando, Finola Butler.

We pray for those who are in ill health, for their families and for their carers: Hedwig Harper, Fr Ray Brennan, Terry Woollard, Wendy Adams, Elizabeth, Rosanna Sookram, Hans Halpin, Paul M Williams, Norma Powell, Joan Morris, Paul Hixson, Susan McWilliams, Mary-Jo McCarthy, Jacqueline Djasrabe, Paul, Margaret Brocklehurst, Leyla Pattison, Janice McIntosh, Jessica Ram, Zygmunt Sobelewski, James Creedon, Sebio De Bartoli, John Parker, Margaret Paes.

DIARY

May
 Mon 12 Law Surgery in Hall Meeting Room at 6.00 pm

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

June
 Sat 7 Diocesan Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory.

Meditation every Monday in the Hall from 5.30 - 6.20 pm, except for the first Monday of each month and bank holidays.

Please respect the need to arrive promptly and observe the silence

Catherine May and family would like to thank all the parishioners who attended the funeral of Brenda Lee, for their prayers and support. A Mass will be said for you all.

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/>