

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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Sunday 1 June 2025

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Collection for the  
Catholic Communications Network

## Our 75th Anniversary

*It was a lovely occasion and I was very glad to have been part of it. I'm also conscious of the work of many people who contributed to the event in all sorts of ways. It's a sign of the way that Beckenham is such a thriving parish.*

The words of Bishop Paul Hendricks emailed to me after our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration Mass at the Sunday Vigil last week, at which he was the principal celebrant. There have been a number of similar favourable comments, which have been most encouraging. I must say, I too greatly enjoyed myself and have never felt more relaxed at a big parish occasion.

Thank you once again to all the organisers both in the church and the parish hall, the flower arrangers, cleaners, our readers, the administrators, welcomers, MC and altar servers, the organist, the sacristy team, those who served refreshments and the clergy, for making it all possible. You always put your heart and soul into these big events and I can't ask for more than that.

Being such a special occasion, we had a collection on the day, and as you know the proceeds will go towards re-ordering our Lady Chapel. Thank you for your generosity. I have an idea on how we can refresh the chapel but in true synodal spirit I would welcome your thoughts and suggestions too. So, please feel free to contact me if you wish to participate in this way.

A young man brought up in our parish has made beautiful candles for us to commemorate this anniversary. All the money raised from their sale will go to the Lady Chapel fund. They are on sale from the shop and the office, so please do buy them.

Thank you once again to all who prepared for our anniversary celebration and those who were there on the day to serve and support so generously.

God bless you all.

**Fr Steve**



## THANK YOU AND GOODBYE

It is with a mixture of sadness and excitement that I write this message to tell you that Annie and I will shortly be leaving the parish for pastures new. We arrived in Beckenham 35 years ago as newly weds and it's fair to say that we took a while to find our way to St Edmund's. But this community, and St Mary's primary school, have played a huge part in our lives; our three children were baptised and confirmed here,

I joined the RCIA course and was received into the Church 18 years ago, and deaconed my first Mass at St Edmunds 3 and a half years ago. My journey of faith is inextricably entwined with this community. There are so many people that I need to thank that it would be unfair to attempt to list them, and miss someone out, so thank you all! It has been a privilege to serve you, and we will carry the fondest memories of our time here with us into the future.

We will remain in touch, and I am sure that we will visit in the future. I will deacon at Mass at St Edmund's for the last time (for now) on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July. This is a particularly poignant day to 'drop the mike', so to speak, because it is Diaconate Day; on which we celebrate and promote vocations to the Diaconate across the arch-diocese. It's an initiative with which I have been closely involved since its inception, and I pray that the diaconal tradition in Beckenham will continue to bear fruit in the future; the diaconate really is a great gift.

Looking to the future, I will be continuing my diaconal ministry at St Augustine's in Tunbridge Wells, and Annie and I are really looking forward to our new life in the country. Please pray for us and be assured of our continuing prayers for all of you.

God Bless, Deacon Ray

### COACH TO AYLESFORD PRIORY

Saturday June 7

Please make sure you have collected the sheet with joining instructions from the reading slope. The coach will leave from St Edmund's promptly at 8.30 am.

### PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST

There is no meeting on Wednesday as pilgrims will all be going to Aylesford on Saturday.

The final meeting of the *Pilgrimage to Pentecost* will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> in the Hall with 7.30 pm Mass beforehand in the church.

Please join us for this special meeting where we will reflect upon what our Pentecost journey has meant for us.

### REQUIEM MASS FOR JOHN PARKER

Monday 9 June at 10.00 am

The late John Parker was a parishioner here at St Edmund's for many years. He died recently after a few years in a care home.

His funeral is at the time our morning Mass would be celebrated and his children, who all grew up in the parish and attended St Mary's would like to welcome to this Mass any parishioners who knew their father.

### 75th ANNIVERSARY CANDLES

To celebrate our 75th anniversary and to raise funds to renovate the Lady Chapel we have commissioned some beautiful hand made candles .

These are hand poured, slow burning and long lasting, using only organic ingredients; they are beautifully packaged and would make perfect gifts. They are available from the church shop or the Parish Office at £20.

All the money raised will go to the Lady Chapel Fund.

### 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.

This weekend we have a diocesan collection in aid of World Communications Day. The funds raised support the Catholic Communications Network and the media office of the Bishops' Conference.

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED APPEAL

Next weekend, we welcome a special appeal from *Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)*, a Pontifical foundation of the Catholic Church. ACN supports over 5,000 projects worldwide, aiding the Church's mission in regions facing hardship.

In response to the worsening crises in Lebanon, Syria, and the Holy Land, ACN has increased its support - providing food, medicine, educational assistance, pastoral care, and other vital aid. Across many parts of the world Christians continue to face immense challenges due to war, persecution, discrimination, and economic collapse.

There will be a **retiring collection after all Masses** to support this important work.

If you would like to get involved or become an ACN volunteer, please contact Aloma Do Rozario at **07908 033 878** or

[alomadorozario@acnuk.org](mailto:alomadorozario@acnuk.org).

You can also visit **www.acnuk.org** for more information.

### ST PHILOMENA'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

**Open Evening**

Tuesday 1 July

3.30 pm - 7.30 pm

[www.stphils.org.uk](http://www.stphils.org.uk)  
[enquiries@stphils.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stphils.org.uk)

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

## ROTARY BECKENHAM MEETS SVP BECKENHAM



At the May meeting of our SVP group, a representative of Rotary Beckenham, Tony Power visited and met with some of our members. It was an opportunity for each group to learn more about each other.

Our SVP group has been assisting Rotary Beckenham with their Christmas super-market collections since 2022. Both Rotary Beckenham and our SVP group work together for the benefit of our local community. An example is the Sainsbury's voucher scheme where families in need, in 8 to 11 local primary schools, are given vouchers at Christmas. We look forward to continuing this partnership.

### SVP INFORMATION AND CONTACT DETAILS

Telephone number (voicemail): 07789 497482

Email address: [beckenhamsvp@gmail.com](mailto:beckenhamsvp@gmail.com)

Website: <https://saintedmunds.net/index.php/supporting-our-community-through->

## ST PETER'S, VAUXHALL



You might remember the Sisters visiting us some weeks ago to make an appeal. They were also selling raffle tickets for a first prize of a hat created by the world's leading designer, Philip Treacey. Here he is drawing the winning ticket. Your generosity raised an astonishing £2377.37. The Sisters are so grateful to you all.

## CURRY AFTERNOON

A fund raising event to purchase two motorcycles for the pastoral and social activities of the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres, in the Diocese of Kontum, Vietnam.

**21 June**

1.00 pm to 4.00 pm  
at the Claver Convent  
89 Shortlands Road, Bromley  
BR2 0JL

**We will be grateful if  
YOU CAN HELP**

Could you donate raffle prizes: toiletries, cakes, jams and marmalades, plants or any unwanted gifts or luxury items to sell on our stalls.

Please contact Sr. Reena on  
020 8313 3915 or e-mail her at  
[sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com](mailto:sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com)

**Come with family and friends and  
enjoy a fun afternoon.**

**Tickets will be on sale after all  
Masses on 14 /15 June and are  
also available from the  
Parish Office**

## WALK THE AUGUSTINE CAMINO FOR MARY'S MEALS

Monday 1 September – Sunday  
8 September

Join us for the whole pilgrimage or  
walk with us for a day

During this Jubilee Year we would be delighted if you joined us as Pilgrims of Hope on some or all of the Augustine Camino, starting at Rochester Cathedral, finishing at the Shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. The pilgrimage will take us to four of the designated Jubilee churches and shrines in Southwark Archdiocese:

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

To book your place on the pilgrimage, or to ask any questions about it, please contact Roy Peachey, the Mary's Meals Supporter Engagement Officer for Kent, Surrey, Sussex and South London, on:

[roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk](mailto:roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk)  
or 07593 447297.



## MASSES

<b>Sun 1 June</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
6.00 pm VIGIL	For the healing of Gregory Cassidy
8.00 am	Gerry Lucas RIP
9.30 am	For the people
11.00 am	Simeon Cabilin RIP
5.30 pm	Christine O'Byrne RIP
<b>Mon 2 June</b>	<b>Saints Marcellinus &amp; Peter</b>
10.00 am	Karl, Keith & Ken Kench RIP
<b>Tues 3 June</b>	<b>St Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b>
10.00 am	Thomas Ferncombe RIP
<b>Wed 4 June</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Sylvia Curtis RIP & her family
<b>Thurs 5 June</b>	<b>St Boniface, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>
10.00 am	Joyce Dowling RIP
6.00 pm CLAVES	Adoration
<b>Friday 6 June</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.00 am	Yr4 St Mary's
10.00 am	Ann Hiller RIP
6.30 pm	Rosary & confession
7.00 pm	Jubilee Mass
<b>Sat 7 June</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Myles Dempsey RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL	Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta RIP
<b>Sun 8 June</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
8.00 am	Colin Garvey RIP
9.30 am	Emilia RIP
9.30 am HALL	For the people
<b>FAMILY MASS</b>	
11.00 am	Caroline Anaele, Mary & John Edet RIP, dec'd Ekong & Edet family members`
5.30 pm	James Malone 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.

**We pray for all who have died:** Bernadette Ludlow, John Parker, Lilian Carmagnole, Baby Arthur Gregory, Margaret Paes, Sandy Baron.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Brenda Mary White, John McWilliams, Faraj Al-Jehani, Carmine Iandoli, Joe Kilcullen, Maureen Barratt, Kathleen McCormack, Margaret Ryan, Ellen Hogan, Neil Sutherland, Barbara Kinch, Samuel Ntoane, Alice Warr.

**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 Sobolewski, James Creedon, Sebio De Bartoli, Margaret Paes, Alan Guest, Paul Catchpole.

## DIARY

### June

Mon 2	Law Surgery in the Hall from 6.00 pm
Sat 7	Diocesan Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory
7/8	Appeal by the ACN at all Masses
Mon 9	Requiem of John Parker at 10.00 am
Mon 9	CWL meeting in the Hall
Fri 13	Confirmation Mass at 6.30 pm followed by reception in the Hall

### December

Sat 6	Christmas Fair
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**75  
YEARS**

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

OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 25.5.25	
Plate Collection	1062.04
Contactless	256.41
Bank Standing Order	776.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1168.14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3262.59</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:

<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/donate/>