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There is no Retiring Collection this week.

This newsletter covers two weekends.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children who will be entering Yr 3, and other primary school children who have not yet received this sacrament can apply now for a place on the course which will start in September.

Please sign up at the link below:
<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/events/vkdzikwe>

Families must live within the parish boundary to qualify for a place.

Time is running out so please sign up now.

Registration will close on August 25

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The next course for those interested in becoming a Catholic begins on Thursday 11 September at 7.30 in the Hall.

If you would like more information please contact email faithhub.28@gmail.com or speak to one of the clergy team.

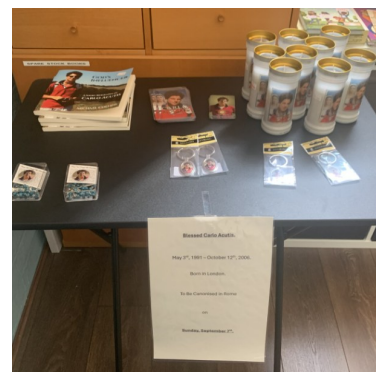
CHURCH SHOP

Patrick O'Donnell has taken over the responsibility of managing our church Shop. A huge thank you to him for volunteering for this role.

The beautiful candles we had made for our 75th Anniversary are still available from the Shop. All profits from their sale is for the Lady Chapel fund.

The picture below shows some of the religious items available to purchase to celebrate the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis on 7 September.

If you could offer assistance in the Shop contact Patrick at patrick.odonnell@zen.co.uk



SUMMER COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursday Mornings
After 10.00 am Mass

It has been lovely to welcome so many parishioners to the Hall after Thursday morning Mass.

We only have a few weeks left to meet up so please do join us for refreshments if you can.

300 CLUB

The winners of the August draw are:

Margretta Fleming	£100
Jayne Browning	£50
Sean Lacey	£25

Congratulation to them all.

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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP STARTING SOON

Our next six week Bereavement Support Group will begin on Thursday 18 September meeting weekly at 6.00 pm until 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room of St. Edmund's Hall. This free group is open to everyone, regardless of faith, and offers a supportive space to share and heal.

Spaces are limited to 7 attendees. To find out more or to book your place, please contact the Parish Office on 020 8650 0970 or email beckenhambsg@rcaos.org.uk.

More information is available on the Church Notice Board in the porch.

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Church Hall
Wednesday 20 August

We haven't received any information about this week's Mass but please assume it will take place as usual.

You could check by contacting Tom Calouri on tomcalouri@hotmail.com

MRS MAUDE HERRING

Maude has been discharged from the PRUH and is now in a care home. Details are available from the Parish Office.

Please keep Maude in your prayers.

THE LADY CHAPEL—UPDATE

Canon John Weatherill of the diocesan **Art & Architecture Committee** will be visiting St Edmund's on 3 September to view the Lady Chapel and to advise on what it is possible to do in our planned refurbishment.

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 2025/26

The RCIA course is for those who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith or who are interested in joining the Catholic Church. We also welcome baptised adult Catholics who wish to be confirmed.

We are a friendly team who will support you in relaxed and informal weekly sessions. The course lasts from September until June and those who wish to do so can be received into the Church at Easter.

We use the Sycamore course which is a mix of videos and discussion groups and has been well received by previous enquirers. The course is suitable for people at any level of knowledge about Christianity/Catholicism, so if you think you know very little please turn up anyway.

We do not charge for the course and you are free to leave at any time. It is held on Thursday evenings in St Edmunds Hall (opposite the Church). Our next course begins on 11 September at 7.30 pm.

For more information please contact us at faithhub.28@gmail.com or speak to one of the clergy team.

Mary and Cathy.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London, is holding a Celebration of St Faustina's Birthday at Aylesford Priory on Bank Holiday Monday, 25 August, from 10.30 am to 4:30 pm.

The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus.

All welcome. Call Millie on 07957 594 646 for more information. There will be coaches from Victoria.

The annual walk to St Edith's Well, Kemsing, will take place on Sunday 14 September and is a whole day event. We shall meet as usual after 8.00 am Mass. Fr Piotr Kucharski, PP of the parish of St Thomas, Sevenoaks and at present on holiday in Poland, has plans to enhance the pilgrimage this year. More detailed information will be given later.

Michael Elmer





Join March for Life UK on Saturday 6 Sept in London!

The right to life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society their most basic right, the right to life, which is why this year's theme is 'Human Rights for All Humans'.

Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. Find out more at

marchforlife.co.uk or email:
info@marchforlife.co.uk

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/>

DOUBLE ISSUE

This newsletter is a double issue covering the next two weeks.

There is usually much less to print during the summer which allows us to put in some stock reminders about the church and some of its processes such as marriage papers and baptism but we've done all this over the last few weeks so will take a short break.

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

In the last few weeks a number of people have approached me to request that we re-introduce the Prayer to St Michael to our services.

I am happy to do this and indeed to start using other prayers that are no longer recited so often.

Please let me know of any that you would welcome saying together.

Here is the Prayer to St Michael - the Office will prepare some copies next week that you can use.

Fr Steve

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle;

be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him we humbly pray;

And do thou Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God,

Thrust down to hell Satan and all other evil spirits

who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Amen



MASSES

Sun 17 August	Twentieth Sunday
6.00 pm VIGIL	Elmary Butler RIP & ints of Kian
8.00 am	Keith Kench RIP
9.30 am	Brian Lennon RIP
11.00 am LATIN	Gesuino Collu RIP
5.30 pm	For the people
Mon 18 August	Feria
10.00 am	Michael Stannard RIP (1st anniv)
Tues 19 August	Feria
10.00 am	Dec'd benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
	NO ADORATION
11.00 am	Funeral service for Asher Downer
Wed 20 August	St Bernard, Abbot
10.00 am	Dec'd benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
7.30 pm	Mass in Hall
Thurs 21 August	St Pius X, Pope
10.00 am	Ints of the Banfield Family
12.30 pm	Requiem for Eugene Kelly
6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration & Benediction
Friday 22 August	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00 am	Canon Oliver Heaney RIP
Sat 23 August	Feria (St Rose of Lima)
10.00 am	Margaret Kelleher (b'day)
6.00 pm VIGIL	Patrick Durham RIP
Sun 24 August	Twentyfirst Sunday
8.00 am	Pat & Mary Cronin RIP
9.30 am	For the people
11.00 am LATIN	Fr Alphonse Vianneyraj RIP
5.30 pm	Mykeel Seeboruth RIP
Mon 25 August	Feria
10.00 am	Anne Wakerley (b'day)
Tues 26 August	Feria
10.00 am	Margaret Larmer RIP (60th anniv)
Wed 27 August	St Monica
10.00 am	Janet Maureen Dunn-Browne RIP & dec'd family members
	NO ADORATION
11.30 am	Requiem of Philomena Kelly
7.30 pm	Mass in Hall
Thurs 28 August	St Augustine, Bishop
10.00 am	Margaret Spillane RIP (4th anniv)
6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration & Benediction
Friday 29 August	The Passion of St John the Baptist
10.00 am	Nicholas Jordan RIP
Sat 30 August	Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs
10.00 am	Ints of Mila Banfield (b'day)
6.00 pm VIGIL	Dante & Angelica Dragonetti RIP
Sun 31 August	Twentieth Sunday
8.00 am	Thomas & Violet Cronin RIP
9.30 am	For the people
11.00 am LATIN	Enedina Floris RIP
5.30 pm	Mike Howard & Monica Howard RIP

We pray for those who have died: Eugene Kelly, Colm Ruddy, Vito Chan, Philomena Kelly.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Cyril Kidd, Bob Ryan, James Rhodes, Keith Jones, Michael Fleming, Siobhan Murphy, Margaret O'Mahoney, Mary O'Brien, Winifred Dimsdale, Celine Skupien, Alice Scibberas, Patrick Durham, Bridget McGuinness, Graziano Ferrari, Mary McCullagh, Omolara Meranda, Paul Jessup, Phyllis Gill, Ann Towers, Richard Creak, Paul van Dooren, Patrick Johnston, Margaret Spillane, Bob Hedderman, Francis Cilly, Steve Sturdy, Maurice Leonard Bastiens.

We pray for all who are in ill health, for their families and for their carers: Fr Ray Brennan, Terry Woollard, Wendy Adams, Elizabeth, Rosanna, Hans Halpin, Paul M Williams, Norma Powell, Joan Morris, Paul Hixson, Mary-Jo McCarthy, Jacqueline Djasrabe, Paul, Margaret Brocklehurst, Leyla Pattison, Janice McIntosh, Jessica Ram, Zygmunt Sobelewski, James Creedon, Baby Hector Winston, Sarah-Marie

DIARY

August

- Tue 19 Funeral service for Asher Downer at 11.00
Thurs 21 Requiem of Eugene Kelly at 12.30

September

- Mon 1 Law Surgery in Hall at 6.00 pm
Thurs 11 First session of RCIA
Sun 14 Folk Choir anniversary Mass followed by reception in the Hall
Sat 27 Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Hall
Sat 27 Mass for the Sick at 2.30, followed by refreshments in the Hall

October

- Mon 13 CWL Meeting has guest speaker from Mary's Meals. All welcome
Sat 18 & Retreat days for Lectors & Eucharistic
Sat 25 Ministers (details to follow)

December

- Sat 6 Christmas Fair
Sat 13 Advent Carol Service

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

Next Contemplative
Saturday is 13 September, in the Hall from 11.00 am to 12 noon.