

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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Sunday 17 AUGUST 2025 Yr C



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)

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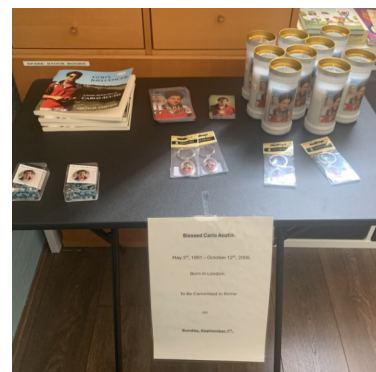
CHURCH SHOP

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



300 CLUB

The winners of the August draw are:

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

Congratulation to them all.

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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.

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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
	Mass in Hall
7.30 pm	
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 Crilly, 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 Sobelowski, 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

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"Come away by yourselves to a quiet place and rest a while" (Mk 6:31)

On a number of occasions recently Archbishop John Wilson has stated his belief that our priests should ensure they take their day off each week. He has also said that if Masses need to be cancelled to ensure this happens, then they must.

We know you will understand if this has to happen and we will give as much notice as possible.

Fr Andrew has worked tirelessly to support Fr Steve whilst his health has been impaired and he is finally taking a short break, weekdays only, so he is here at weekends to cover the Masses.

We wish Fr Andrew a very enjoyable break.

PLANNED PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AT ST EDMUNDS

Thank you to our first volunteer to offer to join the team. It would be great if a couple more could get involved. Please contact the Office if you are interested.

SUMMER COFFEE MORNINGS

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After 10.00 am Mass
Everyone welcome

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HALL DOOR KEYPAD NUMBER

We have changed the keypad number on the single door into the Hall. All regular users have been notified but if you haven't received the update please contact the Office.



MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage.

Next date: 17th-19th
Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk
Tel: 0788 7296983

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Wednesday 6 August

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Boniface Arapa
(Uganda)

Followed by Lectio Divina1

10.00 pm Evening concludes

THE WELL

An Evening of Eucharistic revival with Christopher West and Mike Mangione

On Thursday 11 September from 6.30 pm-9.30 pm, St George's Cathedral is hosting a special evening of beauty, reflection and Eucharistic revival with Christopher West and Mike Mangione.

The heart burns with a mysterious thirst; THE WELL is an invitation to quench that thirst. THE WELL engages the imagination and the senses with live music by Mike Mangione and the dynamic presentation of Christopher West, for a revival like you've never experienced before.

Tickets cost £20 and can be booked via:
www.rcaos.org.uk/thewell2025



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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 from Beckenham, Hayes and beyond.

We also give money to 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

SVP BECKENHAM HOSTS ART EXHIBITION



On 5 July our local SVP branch hosted art teacher Lucia Boaghe and the works of some of her local artists. This was a free social event for the benefit of our parishioners.

We had parishioners and guests coming in and out of the hall and browsing the many paintings that were on display on three of the four walls of the hall. Not only were there lovely paintings on display for viewing and purchasing, but the art teacher Lucia engaged many willing attendees in a session of still life drawing (bottom left photo).

It was an enjoyable afternoon, with good weather, a relaxed atmosphere, and engaging conversations about the paintings with some of the artists who were present, and some SVP summer raffle ticket sales!

Our local SVP members were on hand as usual serving cups of tea, coffee, and juice with loads of scrumptious cake!

The photos show some of what went on: **top left** – Art teacher Lucia demonstrating how to draw; **bottom left** – impromptu artists with their finished still life drawings; **middle** – SVP members gladly serving refreshments; **top right** – a cross section of people having refreshments and our SVP member selling raffle tickets at the table; **bottom right** – some paintings in the background and an artist in conversation with a parishioner.

A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...
The pace of life slows...
A time for picnics and rest in the shade...
Lord, help me to rest awhile
in the cooling shade of your presence.
Slow down my restless heart and
fill me with
gentle compassion for all your people.
- Author Unknown

MASSES

Sun 3 August	Eighteenth Sunday
6.00 pm VIGIL	Brigid Weir RIP
8.00 am	Canon Gerard Flynn RIP
9.30 am	For the people
11.00 am	Flora Kennedy RIP
5.30 pm	Kitty Casey RIP
Mon 4 August	St John Vianney, Priest
10.00 am	Private Intention
	NO ADORATION
Tues 5 August	Feria (The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major)
10.00 am	Mykeel Seeboruth RIP & Rene & Hilda Panglose RIP
Wed 6 August	The Transfiguration of the Lord
10.00 am	Fr Vincent Convery RIP
7.30 pm	Mass in Hall
Thurs 7 August	Feria
10.00 am	Antonio Cappa RIP
6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration & Benediction
Friday 8 August	St Dominic, Priest
10.00 am	Miriam Dias (b'day)
Sat 9 August	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
10.00 am	Patrick Dowling RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL	Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
Sun 10 August	Nineteenth Sunday
8.00 am	Bill & Nora Spillane RIP (anniv)
9.30 am	For the people
11.00 am	Margaret Paes RIP
5.30 pm	The Holy Souls

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.

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DIARY

August

Mon 11	Veneration of the relics of Saints Margaret, Columba & Andrew, in the church during Adoration and again at 6.00 pm for an hour.
Tues 12	Relics on display during morning Adoration
Tue 19	Funeral service for Asher Downer at 11.00
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Sat 13	Advent Carol Service

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CAFOD Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

CANCEL THE DEBT CAMPAIGN

Many thanks to the 147 members of our parish who signed the petition to be presented to World Leaders asking for the cancellation of unjust debt affecting the world's poorest countries and support for a Debt Justice Law.

If you didn't have an opportunity to sign, please go to cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt, where you can read more about this crisis and sign the petition online.

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PART TIME SUMMER JOB

A young parishioner is looking for part time (8-12 hours per week) paid summer work. Please contact Mark on 0793 4810 468 if you have any such work.
Thank you

MASS INTENTIONS

We have many parishioners who regularly remember their friends and family at our Masses, but there are many parishioners who may never have requested a Mass intention and are unsure of how to go about it.

It is very straightforward. The Office needs to know the name of the person you wish to be prayed for - just their name will do - or you can give a brief reason why prayers are being requested. You can ask for a weekday Mass or a Sunday Mass, but it helps if you are not date and time specific, unless the date is important (anniversary or birthday) in which case it is necessary to contact the Office well in advance.

A Mass offering (stipend) is always offered when a Mass is requested. The diocese suggests a **minimum** of £10.00.

Requests can be made to the Office, by email, or by a note through the letter box, and payment can be made by ChurchSuite Donate or cheque or cash.

We will take requests at the door but prefer to receive them in writing, particularly if you are submitting a number of requests.

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Church Hall
Wednesday 30 July

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Uduak Abara
(Beckenham Hill)

Followed by a talk from Fr Bill Keogh
Fellowship

10.00 pm Evening concludes

PLANNED PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AT ST EDMUNDS

We have recently commissioned a Planned Preventative Maintenance (PPM) Report for the church, presbytery and church hall. The report identifies critical and preventative measures required following the surveyor's inspection. As you can imagine the report is far reaching and includes the major work required outside and inside the tower.

We would like to put together a team to oversee and manage the implementation of the advice contained in the report. This role may suit someone with buildings experience, a surveyor, builder, architect. We know St Edmund's parishioners have many talents and would appreciate their input on the upkeep of our beautiful church.

Please speak to one of the priests after Mass or contact the parish office and get involved with the upkeep of your church.

We cannot move forward without help so please, if you have the skills we need, do get in touch.

TEAS & COFFEES ON SUNDAY MORNING

Thank you to the team of parishioners who offer refreshments after 9.30 am Mass each week. Your volunteering gives parishioners the opportunity to socialise and make and maintain friendships and we are so grateful for this.

We look forward to welcoming you back in September.

If anyone would like to join the team and be put on the rota, please let the Office know.

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Sun 27 July	Seventeenth Sunday
6.00 pm VIGIL	For the people
8.00 am	Janet Maureen Dunn Browne RIP & dec'd family members
9.30 am	Leonard Pope RIP
11.00 am LATIN	Magdalene Thomas RIP
5.30 pm	For Rafal on his birthday
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6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration
Friday 1 August	St Alphonsus Liguori
10.00 am	Eileen Curley RIP (10th anniv)
6.30 pm	Rosary & Confession
7.00 pm	Jubilee Mass
Sat 2 August	Feria
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better than others but I have still got a long way to
go.

Fr Steve

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Rose O'Hara, Susan McWilliams,

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Derek Butler, Leonard Pope, Peter Brabyn, John
Xamena, Baby Olivia & Isabelle English, Betty
Clark, Anthony Pinkett, John Cameron McShane,
Dominic Geoghegan, Peter Warren, Ivan Farnon,
Peter Devine, Cormac Hargreaves, Zolzislaw
Jaworski, Joy Scully, Emma Panas, Joanne
Cummins-Hylton, Eileen Curley, Christina Byrne,
Malcolm Hyland.

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Rosanna, Hans Halpin, Paul M Williams, Norma
Powell, Joan Morris, Paul Hixson, Mary-Jo
McCarthy, Jacqueline Djasrabe, Paul, Margaret
Brocklehurst, Leyla Pattison, Janice McIntosh,
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There is no Retiring Collection
this week.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Annie and I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful send off that you gave us last weekend. It was a very emotional day, and we are so grateful for your love, your gifts, and your cards. It was a pleasure to celebrate our 'final' Mass at St Edmunds and to share the joy of renewing our wedding vows in front of our children and so many friends.

We have many happy memories of the last 35 years at St Edmund's, thank you all for being part of our Faith journey.

I will be continuing my diaconal ministry, and Annie will be starting new projects at St Augustine's in Tunbridge Wells, and if you are in the area we would love to see you. My diocesan email address remains the same, so please feel free to keep in touch.

You remain in our prayers, God Bless,

Deacon Ray

PLANNED PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AT ST EDMUNDS

We have recently commissioned a Planned Preventative Maintenance (PPM) Report for the church, presbytery and church hall. The report identifies critical and preventative measures required following the surveyor's inspection. As you can imagine the report is far reaching and includes the major work required outside and inside the tower.

We would like to put together a team to oversee and manage the implementation of the advice contained in the report. This role may suit someone with buildings experience, a surveyor, builder, architect. We know St Edmund's parishioners have many talents and would appreciate your input on the upkeep of our beautiful church.

Please speak to one of the priests after Mass or contact the parish office and get involved with the upkeep of your church.

Thank you, Fr Steve

CAFOD CAMPAIGN TO CANCEL THE DEBT

In this Jubilee Year CAFOD is working with our sister Caritas organisations around the world to call for urgent action on the global debt crisis. Many of the world's poorest countries are suffering huge debt burdens with devastating effects on ordinary people. Pope Francis spoke about this many times, saying, 'More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice.'

There will be an appeal at Masses this weekend asking you to sign the worldwide Church petition on this issue. Please sign the petition on your way into or out of Mass.

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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.

LADY CHAPEL

We have had a speedy response from the Art & Architecture Committee from whom we sought advice about what we would be able to do in the chapel. The chair is grateful we contacted them at this early stage and Canon John Weatherill has promised to come to view the chapel himself to give us advice.



ADVANCE NOTICE

We will be holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning in the Church Hall on Saturday, 27 September.

More details will follow!

Nearer the time we would welcome donations of homemade cakes, cookies etc to sell.

Suggested recipes will be available or please make your own tried and tested cakes!

Any queries contact Cathy via the Office.



A JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA).

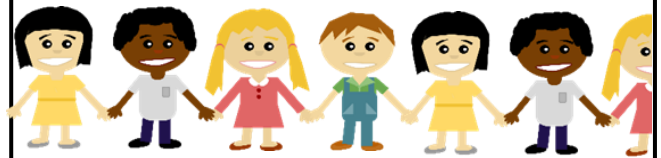
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MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP

This Monday will be the last gathering before the group breaks for the summer. It will start up again on Monday 6 September



MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Our three music groups, the 9.30 Choir, the Chorale and the Folk Choir will sing at their respective Masses this weekend and then take a well earned break until 7 September.

Thank you to every one of them. They enrich our Masses and our special celebrations and their presence is rather taken for granted. We shall miss them over the next few weeks.

When they restart in September, each group would welcome new voices. If you are interested let the office know and we will put you in touch with them, or wait until September and introduce yourself after Mass.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOLK CHOIR

Mass on 14 September will be a Celebration and Thanks for 55 years of the Folk Choir. (we missed 50 years due to Lockdown).

We would love to welcome as many former members and supporters as possible.

There will be a reception in the Hall after Mass - all parishioners will be very welcome.

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All are welcome to come to the Hall on Thursday mornings to meet up and chat with parishioners, friends and family.

It would be good to see some of our young families joining in. You are welcome even if you haven't gone to morning Mass!

Spacious 2 bedroom ground floor flat for sale with own large garden. Close to all amenities - 5 minute's walk from St Mary's School. Asking price £405,000.

If interested please contact seller on 0798 405 4576

Would the mum with a child in Yr 2 at St Mary's, who came into the Office during the week to book the Hall for a party at the end of August please get in touch. We have had a computer glitch and your email address has disappeared.

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**75th Anniversary of the
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HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAYS

Friday saw schools break up for the summer. We wish all of you a well deserved break. To our wonderful teachers we hope these few weeks bring you rest and renewal.

If you are fortunate enough to be going away please look online for your nearest Catholic church. Many of the smaller ones rely on the summer visitors to keep them afloat.

SUMMER TRAVEL PRAYER

Loving and merciful God, you have commissioned your angels to guide and protect us.

Command them to be with us from our leaving until our return; keep us safe from all injury, accident or malice and sin.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

Author Unknown

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
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and a new earth,
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May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a
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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 (jubilaum2025.va)

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	Adoration until 11.00 am
12.30 am	Funeral service for Theresa Belfon RIP
Wed 23 July	St Bridget
9.00 am	End of term Mass at St Mary's
10.00 am	Ints of the Hodgson Family
7.30 pm	Mass in Hall
Thurs 24 July	Feria
10.00 am	Ned Prendergast RIP
6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration
Friday 25 July	St James, Apostle
10.00 am	Dec'd benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
Sat 26 July	Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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The second collection is for
Stella Maris



STELLA MARIS

The second collection at Masses this weekend will be for Stella Maris. Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of the Sea) is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. It provides practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. Stella Maris relies wholly on voluntary contributions and can only continue its work through the generous donations of its supporters and particularly this collection today.

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300 CLUB

Our July winners are:

Francesca Fear	£100
Anne Davies	£50
Tsui Ta Smith	£25

Congratulations to them. Membership is £39 a ticket. Please get in touch with the Office if you would like to join.

You have to be in it to win it!

FAREWELL CELEBRATION THIS SUNDAY



Please join us in the Hall this Sunday after the 9.30 am Mass to bid farewell to Deacon Ray and Annie who are moving away from Beckenham.

Ray and Annie have been involved in almost everything that happens in our parish and they will be greatly missed.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Could we remind all newsletter contributors that the deadline for items is noon on Wednesday.

A pair of women's spectacles was left in the church last Sunday.
Please ask at the sacristy after Mass if you have lost a pair.

SUMMER COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursday Mornings
In the Hall or the garden
After 10.00 am Mass
24 July to 26 August

This is a lovely opportunity to meet up and chat with parishioners, friends and family.

We need volunteers for these six weeks, probably only two per session, to set up, serve the drinks and clear away.

Cathy Denne is arranging a rota so please let the Office know that you can help and we will pass on your name.



A LIFECHANGING OPPORTUNITY!

Do you desire to know Jesus more intimately?

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy.

The course will commence on 18 October and the cost will be £400 per year. The full cost of the course, payable over 2 years is £800. Registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>



The Catenians play an important role in strengthening Catholic communities. Their focus is on faith, friendship and family. They also raise money for good causes.

If you would like to learn more about the association or maybe come to one of the monthly meetings of the Beckenham branch, please contact Andy Holmes at

**acncarriman@ntlworld.com
or 07890 008 458**

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

Saturday 2 August

A pilgrimage to Walsingham to be led by Bishop John Keenan of Paisley.

Everyone is invited to join in this pilgrimage either in person or via the Shrine livestream at <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>.

Details of the day can found at:
www.prolifepilgrimage.org

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Day of Retreat for Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday 18 October

Saturday 25 October

Further information about the day after the holidays.



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THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Church Hall

Wednesday 16 July

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Boniface Arapa
(Uganda)

Followed by Prayer Meeting

10.00 pm Evening concludes

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

There are still a few places available on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 22 to 29 August this year.

For information and booking, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>

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DIACONAL DAY

On Sunday 13 July we are celebrating our second Archdiocesan Diaconal Day, during which we pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our Archdiocese as well as praying for the new vocations to this ministry. If you are a man between 21 to 58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love God and God's people, you are involved in services within your parish and community, you have tried many things and still feel drawn to a closer relationship with Christ and His Church you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon?

If you require further information about the Permanent Diaconate, please speak to your Parish Priest, (the Parish Deacon, if there is one), or contact the Diaconate Formation Director via e-mail: ianblack@rcaos.org.uk.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

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Jesus Christ, our brother,
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reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

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Amen

Pope Francis - Prayer (iubilaeum2025.va

**75th Anniversary of the
Consecration of St Edmund's**

MASSES

Sun 13 July	Fifteenth Sunday
6.00 pm VIGIL	Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
8.00 am	For the people
9.30 am	For the intentions of Ray & Annie Williamson & their family & to thank God for 35 years of marriage
11.00 am	In thanksgiving - Magdalene Thomas RIP
5.30 pm	Lulu Baron RIP
Mon 14 July	Feria
10.00 am	Monica Grima RIP
Until 11.00 am	Adoration
12.00 pm	Requiem for Gloria Scannapieco-Rubano
Tues 15 July	St Bonaventure, Bishop
10.00 am	Hans Halpin - for health and blessings
Wed 16 July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
10.00 am	George Mariathas RIP
7.30 pm	Mass in Hall
Thurs 17 July	Feria
10.00 am	For Holy Souls in Purgatory
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DIARY

July	
Sun 13	Farewell reception for Deacon Ray & Annie in Hall after 9.30 Mass
Mon 14	Requiem of Gloria Scannapieco-Rubano at noon
Mon 14	CWL meeting in the Hall 2.00 pm
Sat 19	Contemplative Saturday in the Hall 11-12 noon
Tue 22	Requiem of Theresa Belfon at 12.30
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Contemplative Saturday
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UPDATE ON THE LADY CHAPEL

We had a productive meeting this morning (Friday) with a representative from the diocese. He confirmed that any proposals need to be agreed by the diocese and we will be submitting information to them next week.

UPDATE ON FR STEVE

Fr Steve's final surgical procedure was on Wednesday and went well. The recovery process will be the same as for the previous one so he will be unable to say Mass for a while. He is very grateful for all the prayers that are being offered for him.

We are so thankful for the priests who have stepped in and enabled us to celebrate all our Masses at the weekend over the last couple of months.

BUGGY PARK

The weekend when we welcome the Family Mass into the church, could we ask parents to take a look around and see if they could come up with some ideas to make it easier and safer for them to keep their buggies with them whilst they are in church.

Our church was not designed to house push chairs and buggies and we are going to have to re-arrange some things to safely accommodate them within the church. We have people looking at this but would welcome any thoughts from those who come to this Mass. Please let the Office know.

In the meantime we have removed the table in the porch to leave space for parents who are happy to leave their buggies there, but for those that need to bring one into church, could we ask them to keep the fire exits clear and not block the aisles.

MASS ON FRIDAY 11 JULY

On Friday 11 July, we welcome a Pilgrimage of Hope visit by children from St Anthony's School in Dulwich.



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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Could we remind all newsletter contributors that the deadline for items is noon on Wednesday.

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75TH ANNIVERSARY CANDLES

To celebrate our 75th anniversary and to raise funds to renovate the Lady Chapel we 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.

The young man who made them received all his sacraments at St Edmund's and attended St Mary's School.

The sale of these candles will raise over £2000 which will go to the Lady Chapel Fund.



CALLED TO CARE FOR CREATION

Catholics from across the diocese are joining CAFOD at the 'Act Now, Change Forever' mass lobby of Parliament on Wednesday 9 July. This is a chance to live out our faith by urging leaders to act on the climate crisis, which is already affecting the world's poorest communities.

To take part you can register [here](#). To connect with others from our area, email Sarah and Celeste at southwark@cafod.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE MASS FOR THE TRANSLATION OF ST THOMAS BECKET

The Papal Nuncio will be celebrating the annual Mass in Canterbury Cathedral to commemorate the Translation of the Relics of St Thomas of Canterbury. The Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 pm on **Monday 7 July**. All are invited to attend this important annual celebration.

Online booking is essential to secure access to the Cathedral. Further information from: <https://canterburyjubilee2025.com>



The Catenians play an important role in strengthening Catholic communities. Their focus is on faith, friendship and family. They also raise money for good causes.

If you would like to learn more about the association or maybe come to one of the monthly meetings of the Beckenham branch, please contact Andy Holmes at acncarriman@ntlworld.com

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LONDON CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP

has a number of planned events for Catholic adults over 30.

Saturday July 12, Monthly Social at the One Tun pub, Goodge Street.

Sunday 20 July, from 12, Mass. Italian Street Fête and Procession of Our Lady of Saint Carmel in Clerkenwell.

Saturday 26 July, day trip to Waddesdon Manor.

Sunday 3 August, picnic in Regent's Park.

Contact us on:

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FAREWELL CELEBRATION

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Ray and Annie have been involved in almost everything that happens in our parish and they will be greatly missed.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Day of Retreat for Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday 18 October

Saturday 25 October

Further information about the day after the holidays.

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Would any one who loaned us pictures for the memory display for the 75th celebration please come to the Office to collect them.

Thank you so much for trusting us with them.

Margretta, who was responsible for the display is putting all the material together in a booklet which will be available later in our jubilee year.

SVP ART EXHIBITION

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PARKING ON THE PRESBYTERY FORECOURT

Parking on the forecourt is not permitted unless you have prior authorization from the clergy team or the parish office.

The forecourt is reserved for clergy use, and for those who have meetings in the presbytery.

If bollards have been put out

PLEASE DO NOT MOVE THEM.

They are there for a reason.

We are sorry to keep repeating this message but cars are still being left.

No one should park their car on the pavement next to the yew tree on the right hand side of the church.



MASSES

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Tues 8 July 10.00 am	Feria Dec'd benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
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Friday 11 July 10.00 am 11.00 am	St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe NO MASS John Fry RIP Pilgrimage Mass for pupils from St Anthony's School, East Dulwich
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Sunday 29 June 2025

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RETIRING COLLECTION FOR
PETER'S PENCE

UPDATE ON FR STEVE

The procedure that Fr Steve was due to have on 19 June was first re-scheduled for 30 July, and then brought forward to next Wednesday.

Consequently standing to celebrate Mass continues to cause him considerable discomfort. Don't be misled by the apparent ease with which he walks. He has worked hard on this.

This next procedure will mean that he will not be able to celebrate Masses for another fortnight.

We are due to have a visiting priest for July and August but as yet we don't know his arrival date. Until we do we may have to cancel some morning Masses but Fr Steve continues to try to find cover so this doesn't have to happen..

BUGGY PARK

The weekends when we welcome the Family Mass into the church are causing some issues we need to address.

Our church was not designed to house push chairs and buggies and we are going to have to re-arrange some things to safely accommodate them within the church. We have people looking at this but would welcome any thoughts from those who come to this Mass. Please let the Office know.

In the meantime we are removing the table in the porch to leave space for parents who are happy to leave their buggies there, but for those that need to bring one into church, could we ask them to keep the fire exits clear and not block the aisles.

MASSES ON FRIDAY 4 & 11 JULY

Bishop Challoner School will be celebrating its final Mass on the morning of July 4. It will be the very last Mass at the school.

Fr Steve and Fr Andrew will be concelebrating which means that we are unable to have Mass in St Edmund's that morning though there will be an evening Mass in the church at 7.00 pm, preceded at 6.30 by the Rosary.

We know that you will understand the priests need to be with the school that morning and ask you to keep all members of the school community in your prayers.

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LADY CHAPEL REFURBISHMENT

Thank you to those who came to this meeting. The initial discussion was to consider how the Lady Chapel could be used in the future as this would dictate how it needed to be remodelled. The possible uses are clearly as a chapel dedicated to Our Lady, but also as a space for: baptisms, small weddings, Masses, bible study, confessions, discussion groups, private prayer, Adoration and meditation.

Those present identified enhancements that could be discussed in the future but, the major hurdle will be the different floor levels in the chapel and also the difficulty of access to it as there are steps at the entrance which are also very close to a fire escape.

Before plans are further developed we have applied to the diocesan team responsible for the fabric of our churches to see what they will allow us to do.

We hope to hear from them soon and will call the next meeting then.

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Further information is available from Bishop Paul: paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk or Canon Perera: edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST MEETING

Wednesday 2 July at 7.45 pm

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

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Celebrant Fr Anthony Meglalan Sellam

Holy Cross, Catford

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SAINTS OF SOUTHWARK

This booklet, commissioned for the Jubilee of Hope 2025 suggests places to visit on pilgrimage across the Archdiocese of Southwark. All the places written about are associated with one of more of our local saints. Some of the churches are close to Beckenham and many can be reached by public transport. St Edmund's has its own page too!

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The retiring collection at Masses over the weekend 28th/29th June will be for Peter's Pence. The Peter's Pence collection aims to:

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A MESSAGE FROM SR REENA

We, the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver would like to express our gratitude to all our parishioners, for supporting us to make the fundraising event of Curry Afternoon successful. We are happy to inform you all that we have raised **£4505.66** for this event. With grateful hearts we thank you each and every one for your wonderful support and prayers.

Sr Reena

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MASSES

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8.00 am	Sandra Baron RIP
9.30 am	Pro populo
11.00 am	Rodolfo Cabilin, Edgardo Magbalsa RIP & dec'd family members
5.30 pm	Johann Piatek RIP
Mon 30 June	Feria
10.00 am	Paul Booth RIP
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10.00 am	Pat & John McAvoy RIP
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10.00 am	Fabiola Zorilla Corrigan RIP (b'day)
7.30 pm	Mass in Hall
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10.00 am	Hazel Teresa Friend-Pereira RIP
6.00 pm CLAVER	No Adoration
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10.00 am	NO MASS
6.30 pm	Rosary & confession
7.00 pm	Jubilee Mass
	Ints of Bridie Carroll
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Sunday 22 June 2025

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NO RETIRING COLLECTION

REFURBISHMENT OF THE LADY CHAPEL

Fr Steve recently announced that, as a lasting mark of St Edmund's 75th anniversary, he would like the Lady Chapel to be brought back into use. It needs some re-modelling before this can happen and anyone who is interested is invited to come to the Lady Chapel this Tuesday evening **June 24 at 7.00 pm** to give their ideas and discuss what could be done. It is hoped that we could form a team to take this work forward.



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300 CLUB

£100 Laurie Alagar
£50: Brendan Earley
£25 Sofia Dowling

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Being a member of the 300 Club helps not only St Edmund's but your family too.

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency is seeking feedback from anyone who may have information regarding the safeguarding function in Southwark Archdiocese. Please follow the links below if you wish to contribute. Thank you

[Do you have information to help our safeguarding inspection in Southwark?](#)

[Survivors' Work With Us](#)

MASS AND READINGS

Many parishioners already use the Universalis website to access the daily Mass readings. There is also a Universalis app for iPhone/iPad and Android, which gives all the readings for each day and a lot more besides. Take a look at:

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NEXT SATURDAY



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CONFIRMATION MASS

Last Friday saw the parish celebrate a wonderful Confirmation Mass for over 50 of our young parishioners who had completed a preparation course led by Ticy Colling, Ruth McConkey and Deacon Ray.

Our celebrant was Canon Victor Darlington who is the Episcopal Vicar for the South East.

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Summertime 2025

6 – 9 August:

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Westminster Pastoral Centre

£189. For ages 11-16

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This is an event that has run for more than 20 years. It is a few days for deepening one's Catholic faith in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and a visit to Thorpe Park.

For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen, Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel: 01322 220 075.

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Boudville.

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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, Alan Guest, Paul
Catchpole.

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June

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Sunday 15 June 2025

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Retiring collection is for
Day for Life

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Last Saturday some of you took part in the Jubilee Day at Aylesford, and, judging by the positive and joyful feedback I've been receiving it seems that it was great success. I was disappointed at not being able to join you on such a wonderful occasion but nonetheless much buoyed by your reaction.

For anyone who would like to relive the experience or join in it for the first time, there will be a showing of Archbishop John's homily and prayer in the parish hall this Wednesday after the 8.00 pm Mass. I look forward to seeing you there.

On a lighter note, I was delighted to hear you were saved from being drenched throughout the main part of the day. Bearing in mind the forecast for Saturday, it was something of a miracle.

For now, I leave you with part of the Archbishop's prayer which I urge you all to take to your hearts.

Come Holy Spirit, Come fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we will be created and you will renew the face of the earth, the face of our Archdiocese, the face of our parishes and schools. Renew the face of our hearts.

Come Holy Spirit.

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BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL

Many of you will have heard by now that Bishop Challoner School announced this week that it will cease to operate at the end of the summer term, on 4 July.

Their official statement can be read at:

<https://www.bishopchallonerschool.com/news-and-events/latest-news/bishop-challoner-school-statement>

Please keep all those connected with the school in your prayers at this difficult time - pupils and their parents, the teachers and support staff and the many others who support the functioning of this school which was founded by Fr Patrick Byrne, the parish priest of St Edmunds in May 1950.

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

Having had one leg attended to, Fr Steve will have a procedure on the other on 19 June. As before he has been told he cannot stand to celebrate Mass for two weeks.

Fr Steve has arranged 'cover' for the Sunday Masses in the church, but with many priests away for their summer break he has reluctantly decided that our Family Mass in the Hall will have to be suspended until we are up to full strength.

The next Family Mass will be in church on Sunday 6 July.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN UNITED KINGDOM

Last weekend we welcomed Patricia Hutton to speak about the work of the ACN. She also brought some of their beautiful gifts for you to buy.

The collection and the sale of these items raised over £2400 plus some Gift aid. This is a wonderful result and the ACN are delighted.

There is a thank you letter in the porch.



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STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE SIGN THE LOCAL PETITION

Only 28 MPs need to change their minds to defeat the Leadbeater Assisted Suicide Bill on Friday 20 June – several already have. Sign the petition to your local MP to stop the Bill!

**Please take action now and sign this
petition to your local MP:**

**www.righttolife.org.uk/petitions - it takes
just 30 seconds!**

If you have been prescribed medication to be taken in the morning with food it is quite acceptable for you to take this and then receive communion.

SECOND COLLECTION – DAY FOR LIFE

This collection is dedicated to celebrating the Sacredness of Life. This provides funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist in other life related activities supported by the church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in the particular field determined by the theme of the year.

ST MARK'S. WEST WICKHAM

Fr Ashley has asked us to let you know that there will not be a Mass at St Mark's on Tuesday evening, 17 June.

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Two parishioners have been in touch with us about the history of these pews. Thank you so much.

The book, "The Mass in my Life," by Tom Caluori from the Light of Christ Prayer Meeting is available from the parish shop or at the prayer meeting on Wednesday. Price £3.50

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1 September – 8 September

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

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To book your place, or to ask any questions, please contact Roy Peachey, the Mary's Meals Supporter Engagement Officer for Kent, Surrey, Sussex and South London, on 07593 447297 or

roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST

There will be a conclusion and sending out of all who have been on our Pilgrimage to Pentecost over the past few weeks, next Wednesday in the Hall. It will also be a celebration of the Aylesford day held for the Archdiocese on the eve of Pentecost.

Whether you were on our coach or couldn't be there, you are invited to hear and experience Archbishop John's homily at the Pentecost Mass and his prayer inviting us to receive the Holy Spirit afresh.

The evening (18 June) will begin with praise and worship at 7.45 pm, followed by Mass at 8.00 pm led by Fr Uduak Abara the parish priest at The Annunciation and St Augustine, Beckenham Hill.

Archbishop John's homily and prayer from Aylesford will be screened straight afterwards so once again we can receive the Holy Spirit so as to be a family of missionary disciples.

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10.00 am	Brenda Lee RIP
	No Adoration
Wed 18 June	Feria
10.00 am	Neil McNamara
	No Adoration
7.30 pm	Mass in Hall
Thurs 19 June	St John Rigby, Martyr
10.00 am	With grateful thanks to all parishioners from Cathy May
12.00 pm	Requiem Mass for baby Arthur Gregory
6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration
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Contactless	128.00
Bank Standing Order	1889.50
Church Suite Regular Giving	1459.50
TOTAL	4460.21

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Retiring collection for
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COME HOLY SPIRIT!

In our Bibles John's gospel lies between Luke's and Acts, so it is easy to forget that they were written as a two-parter with Acts as the sequel. The opening words of both are very similar. Luke writes a forward dedicating both to the "most excellent Theophilus" (Lk 1:3, Acts 1:1), telling him that he has done careful research so Theophilus "may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed" (Lk 1:4). Theophilus means "lover of God" and could be either an actual person or a literary device to stand for any Christian, or someone interested in learning about the faith, who wants to know the truth about Jesus.

There are other similarities and parallels if we look closer. Luke's gospel starts in a remote, peripheral part of the Holy Land, in Nazareth, and moves on to the centre of Jewish life and culture, Jerusalem, where we learn of the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ. Acts continues the story, starting in Jerusalem, in a remote obscure province of the Roman Empire and takes us to Rome itself, the beating heart of the world at that time. The progress of God's Kingdom is unstoppable! The role of the Holy Spirit in all of this is important for Luke. At the start of his gospel the Holy Ghost descends on Mary, (Lk 1:35) who humbly accepts God's invitation to be the mother of the Saviour and God enters the world in Christ's physical body, born of Mary. Moreover, Mary responds "in haste" (Lk 1:39) to take the Good News to St Elizabeth, who is her cousin and mother of John the Baptist.

At the start of Acts we find that Mary, the Apostles and disciples are all together (Acts 1:14, 2:1). The mystical body of Christ, the Church, is born when the Holy Ghost

descends on them. The Apostles respond in faith by taking the Good News to the whole world. God is present in His church to those who have faith. The Church herself is the sacrament of God's presence in the world and Mary is both Mother of God and Mother of the Church (Vatican II, Lumen Gentium, chapter viii). And who makes up the Church, the people of God? We do!

As St. Paul tells us the mystical body of Christ, which was born at Pentecost, is made up of "one body but many members" (1 Corinthians 12:12). We have all received different gifts of the Spirit which we should contribute to the whole. At the first Pentecost the believers came from many different races and languages, but they were united in a Spirit of joy. This gift of languages restores things to the state they were in before the curse of the "confusion of languages" incurred after the building of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9). The Spirit makes us one, reminding us that Jesus prayed for unity among believers in last week's gospel.

Just as Mary and the Apostles responded to the outpouring of the Spirit on them, we need to make a response. What are the gifts of the Spirit that have been given to me, and how can I use them to the benefit of all? And how can I spread the joy of the gospel? Hint: "Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary, use words," (attributed to St Francis of Assisi).

Fr Andrew

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Fr Steve had a procedure on his leg last week and has been advised not to celebrate Mass as he is unable to stand for long.

To enable Fr Andrew to take his day off the 10.00 am Mass on Wednesday will not take place. However, he will say Mass at 7.30 pm in the church which will be the parish Mass for that day.

Sadly there cannot be a Family Mass this weekend as we are unable to get a visiting priest to say this Mass.

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS

Would you be willing to serve at the Confirmation Mass on Friday 13 June at 6:30 pm? Canon Victor Darlington will be confirming 44 of our young adults.

If you would like to serve please turn up on the evening in plenty of time to prepare.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED APPEAL

This weekend, we have a special appeal from *Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)*.

Across many parts of the world Christians continue to face immense challenges due to war, persecution, discrimination, and economic collapse.

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.

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

ACN will also be selling some of its beautiful gifts so please take a look at these before leaving church.

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.

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

REQUIEM MASS FOR JOHN PARKER

Monday 9 June at 10.00 am

If you are able to, please come to support the family of a long standing parishioner of St Edmund's at this Mass on Monday morning.

Summertime 2025

6 – 9 August:

Altar Servers Trip to
Westminster Pastoral Centre
£189. For ages 11-16

This is a fun few days for altar servers and those who regularly attend Mass.

This is an event that has run for more than 20 years. It is a few days for deepening one's Catholic faith in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and a visit to Thorpe Park.

For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen, Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel:01322 220 075.

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

RETIRING COLLECTION

This weekend, instead of taking the second collection whilst the notices are being read, we will trial taking it at the doors as parishioners leave the church.

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Does anyone remember how/why/when these arrived or any history around this?

If you do, would you give the Office a call or send us an email to:

beckenham@rcaos.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.

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Pentecost Sunday

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 9.30 am HALL **Mass Cancelled**
 FAMILY MASS
 11.00 am

Caroline Anaele, Mary & John Edet RIP, dec'd Ekong & Edet family members`

5.30 pm James Malone RIP

Mon 9 June

Mary, Mother of the Church

10.00 am Requiem for John Parker

Tues 10 June

Feria

10.00 am Charlie Mateo RIP

Wed 11 June

St Barnabas, Apostle

NO MORNING MASS

7.30 pm Francis McMahon RIP

Thurs 12 June

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

10.00 am Sophia & Zigmunt Sobolewski

6.00 pm CLAVER Adoration

Friday 13 June

St Anthony of Padua

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DIARY

June

7/8 Appeal by the ACN at all Masses and sale of gifts

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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 75th 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 13th 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 11th 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.

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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.

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
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

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.

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**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
or 07593 447297.

MASSES

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

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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, 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
TOTAL	3262.59

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Sort Code: 60 02 12
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Sunday 25 May 2025

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This weekend our second collection is for the Lady Chapel Fund

MEMORIES OF ST EDMUND'S



CORRECTION

Last week we wrote about plans for the renovation of the Lady Chapel and stated that Deacon Ray is an architect. We need to clarify that Ray no longer works as an architect and is no longer on the register of architects. We apologise for any confusion caused. Ray will, however, be assisting in developing the plans for the Lady Chapel, with the help of any parishioners who would like to get involved.

OUR HALL GARDEN

We are delighted that the repair on the Hall garden is now complete.

It is looking beautiful once again and we hope it continues to be so.

We must ask parents to supervise their children when they are outside and ask them not to allow their children to run along the tops of the walls or over the flower beds.

YEW TREES

After expert advice, the two yew trees at the front of the church have been cut back and greatly reduced in size.

These trees were not part of the church when built but were clearly planted many years after. When they were put in they were located directly into the ground and unfortunately close to the front of the church. Over the years these trees have been allowed to grow noticeably out of shape, becoming very unbalanced and also travelling further towards the pavement and the street furniture. Reducing their size will allow the brickwork that had been behind the trees for a number of years to dry out and not be subject to moisture and water ingress. It will also mean that the roots are less likely to suck moisture out of the clay beneath and cause damage to the foundations

Yew trees are very hardy and new growth is visible already.

Johnny
Premises Manager

JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY

Over two thousand people from around the Archdiocese of Southwark are expected at our Jubilee Celebration Day at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June – we hope you will be one of them! Please pick up a sheet in the porch giving you all the information you need about this wonderful celebration.

To sign up to be one of the ‘**Day Makers**’ (stewards and volunteers helping to make the day a success), visit bit.ly/southwarkhelper.

To register for the **90-minute ministry sessions for children (KS1+2) and young people (KS3+4)**, visit [aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubilee celebration](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubilee_celebration). (Places on these sessions are limited - first come, first served; but there are other activities for children if you don't book in time.)

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THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 28 May

Invites you to join them this Wednesday.

7.30 pm Mass in the church
Celebrant. Fr Andrew Bishop

Followed by the next session of Pilgrimage to Pentecost (P2P) in the Hall.

10.00 pm Evening concludes.

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There are A4 sheets on the reading slope which give more information about the day and information on the refreshments and food that is available.

Please take one home if you have booked a seat on the coach or are travelling independently.

FIRST COMMUNIONS

Last Saturday we celebrated two Masses in our church, when sixty children received communion for the first time.

Everything was beautifully organised and the children played their part so well.

The team of catechists could not have done more to prepare these children. Thank you to them all.

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MASSES

Sun 25 May	Sixth Sunday of Easter
6.00 pm VIGIL	75TH ANNIVERSARY MASS
8.00 am	Francis Joseph Friend-Pereira RIP
9.30 am	Ints of all church readers
9.30 am HALL	For the people
FAMILY MASS	
11.00 am	Maureen Lee RIP
5.30 pm	Jack McCarthy RIP (25 yrs anniv)
Mon 26 May	St Philip Neri
10.00 am	Janet Maureen Dunn Browne RIP & dec'd family members
Tues 27 May	St Augustine of Canterbury
10.00 am	Erminia & Graham Stirling RIP
Wed 28 May	Feria
10.00 am	Friends & family of Patricia Friend-Pereira
7.30 pm	Vigil Mass for ASCENSION DAY Private intention
Thurs 29 May	The Ascension of the Lord
	A Holyday of Obligation
10.00 am	Peppino & Peppina Montis RIP
12.00 pm	Helen Castillo RIP
6.00 pm CLAVES	Benediction
7.30 pm	For the people
Friday 30 May	Feria
10.00 am	Giovannimaria Rainaldi RIP (12th anniv)
12.30 pm	Funeral Service for Tony Dawson
Sat 31 May	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
10.00 am	Brenda Lee RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL	For the healing of Gregory Cassidy
Sun 1 June	Seventh Sunday of Easter
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Contactless	344.43
Bank Standing Order	786.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1062.36
TOTAL	3331.95

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DIARY

MAY

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ST EDMUND'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY 24 MAY 2025

Next Saturday, the 24th May is the 75th anniversary of the consecration of our church. We are marking the occasion by a special Mass at 6.00 pm on that day which will be led by Bishop Paul Hendricks. Bishop Paul is a local lad, born in Beckenham before moving to Orpington where I was also brought up.

St Edmund's has always been a family church: many young people attending today are the grandchildren and even the great grandchildren of people who would have come to Mass here 75 years ago. To continue this connection with the past, alongside Bishop Paul, our organist today is Antony Sisley. Antony's grand-parents owned a sweet shop on the High Street where they made their own confectionary. Antony was baptised in our church, made his first communion here and his confirmation. He was also an altar server for many years and plays at many of our services.

In the years since our church's consecration much has changed in the world and in Beckenham too! Our congregation is now made up of people from every corner of our world and this has added a richness and diversity to all we do although there is much to be done to build on this.

This special Mass has been brought together in somewhat of a hurry as this year has been particularly pressured with archdiocesan initiatives, my health issues, and the sudden death of Fr Sunith in our neighbouring parish. As Dean of Bromley I have had to spend considerable time assisting St Anthony's over this very difficult period for them and we now have loaned our own Fr John to them.

We have given thought to how we can make a lasting memorial to this anniversary and decided we would like to renovate our Lady Chapel to make it a more welcoming, prayerful and comfortable space. Deacon Ray, who is an architect will spearhead this and we will show any plans to you when they are ready.

To help fund this project I have decided that the second collection at all Masses this weekend will go towards the Lady Chapel Fund.

I have commissioned some beautiful hand poured candles as a memento of this day. I am delighted to say that they have been made for us by a young man who also received all his sacraments at St Edmund's, and his schooling at St Mary's. All the profits from the sale of these candles will go to the Lady Chapel fund.

God bless,

Fr Steve

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FR SUNITH NONIS

Tuesday 20th May

**6.30 pm - Reception of Body and Mass
Followed by a Reception in the Parish
Centre**

St Anthony of Padua

Wednesday 21st May

9.30 - 11.30 am - Prayers, including
Stations of the Cross and the Rosary before
Fr Sunith's body is taken to the Metropolitan
Cathedral Church of St. George, SE1 6HR

2:00 pm - Requiem Mass

St. George's Cathedral, Southwark

PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST

Never too late to join.

Many people are coming for the weekly
talks and discussions as we journey
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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 mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or
07983 524 727. Refreshments will be provided
but please bring a packed lunch.

300 CLUB

Congratulations to our May winners.

£100 Tony Scurfield
£50 Leonardo Pontifex
£25 Anne Young

It is **NEVER** to late to join at any time during the year. Registration forms can be found at the back of the church.

READERS AT MASS

We would like to expand the number of readers we have. The more readers on each rota the less frequently they will be called upon.

In particular the 9.30 am Mass needs more readers. If you could read at this Mass please speak to Emily or email her at mari-aemmy@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.

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WE NEED HELP

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It was a great response.

Thank you to those who have begun helping already. There is a lot to organise and when this is done Fr Steve will call a meeting of all volunteers.

Thank you

LOST PROPERTY

A pair of brown leather gloves
Rimless spectacles in a Boots case
Large sunglasses with bridge across nose

These are all in the sacristy.
If they might be yours please ask after Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



This Saturday, 17 May, sixty Yr3 children from our parish will be making their first communion.

Thank you to the team of catechists and helpers who have guided them over the last six months as they prepared for this very special day.

Please keep them all in your prayers.

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)

Please leave donations in the trolleys at the back of the church.

MASSES

Sun 18 May Fifth Sunday of Easter
 6.00 pm VIGIL Umberto Ferrando RIP (anniv)
 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

Mon 19 May Feria
 10.00 am The Cotter Family

Tues 20 May Feria
 10.00 am Christine Beedle
No Adoration
 but Rosary after Mass for the survivors
 of sexual abuse

Wed 21 May Feria
 10.00 am Ints of the Ewings Family
 7.30 pm Pilgrim to Pentecost Mass

Thurs 22 May Feria
 10.00 am Louise Mayungbe (b'day)
 6.00 pm **CLAVEL** Benediction

Friday 23 May Feria
 9.00 am Yr5 Mass at St Mary's School
 10.00 am Anne Dougan RIP (2nd anniv)
NO ADORATION
The church will be shut to
prepare for the Anniversary Mass

Sat 24 May 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CONSECRATION OF ST EDMUND'S
 10.00 am Emilia Wallner RIP (24th anniv)
 6.00 pm VIGIL **Anniversary Mass with**
Bishop Paul Hendricks

Sun 25 May Sixth Sunday of Easter
 8.00 am Francis Joseph Friend-Pereira RIP
 9.30 am Ints of all church readers
 9.30 am HALL For the people
FAMILY MASS
 11.00 am Maureen Lee RIP
 5.30 pm Jack McCarthy RIP (25 yrs anniv)

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OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 11.5.25	
Plate Collection	1069.41
Contactless	351.32
Bank Standing Order	696.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	993.22
TOTAL	3109.95

We pray for all who have died: Fr Sunith Nonis,
 Leslie Dickson, Fitzroy Maxima Saunders, Kendall
 James, Tony Dawson, Michael Persaud, Bernadette
 Ludlow, Angela Constantine, John Fisher, John
 Parker.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at
this time: Msg Peter Strand, Anthony Mensa,
 Kathleen Yourell, Doreen Griffin, Geraldine
 O'Connor, Catherine 'Kay' O'Sullivan, Mary Smith,
 Joseph Keappock, Patrick Callaghan, Paul Skelly,
 Joseph Cahoon, Suzanne Podesta, John Banfield,
 Eliana Palacios, Terence Thornton, Michael McGee.

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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, Seblio De Bartoli,
 Margaret Paes, Alan Guest, Paul Catchpole.

DIARY

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 See in newsletter for full details

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75 YEARS

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Sunday 11 May 2025

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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

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SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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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.

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St Anthony of Padua

Genoa Road, Anerley, London SE20 8ES

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The Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St. George, Southwark

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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 mariaem-my@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
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Tues 13 May Feria

10.00 am		Val & Julian Judge
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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	CLAUVER	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		
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Contactless	203.71
Bank Standing Order	1563.50
Church Suite Regular Giving	3043.33
TOTAL	5878.61

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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.

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DIARY

May

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

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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.

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Sort Code: 60 02 12

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Sunday 4 May 2025

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The second collection is for the
SVP

PILGRIMS OF HOPE



One of the last acts of Pope Francis' papacy was to declare 2025 a worldwide Jubilee Year, with the theme Pilgrims of Hope. Pilgrims may gain a Jubilee Plenary Indulgence by undertaking a pious pilgrimage (individually or in a group) to a sacred place; in Southwark Archdiocese

Archbishop John has designated 16 Jubilee Churches and Shrines. St Edmund's is honoured to have been declared one of these Jubilee Churches.

This is indeed a special year as we also celebrate the 75th anniversary of the consecration of our church building. You will see posters that have been placed around the church and prayer cards, that we encourage you to take away and use to pray particularly for our parish.

The prayer cards and posters feature a reference to the coat of arms of our patron saint, Edmund of Canterbury (who is depicted in stained glass on the right-hand side of the nave). These symbols are a scarlet cross and a red-billed chough, a type of crow with red beak and claws. Kentish legend says that when St Thomas a Becket was martyred in Canterbury Cathedral a crow dipped his feet

and beak in the martyr's blood and became a chough. The chough in flight represents the Gospel being carried out into the world. St Edmund was a great preacher and a champion for justice, standing up for the rights of the people, he seems to be a particularly appropriate saint for our times.

The reverse of the prayer card, and the posters, explain how a plenary indulgence may be gained. An indulgence is a gift of the Holy Spirit, by which our souls are cleansed of past sins, we are made new again.

Pope Francis called on us all to be Pilgrims of Hope this year. We welcome all pilgrims to St Edmunds on their spiritual and physical journeys; may our hope, born of faith, be a beacon for all in these difficult times.

God Bless,
Deacon Ray

ST EDMUND
of Canterbury
Beckenham



"Care enough to share"

The second collection this weekend is for our local branch of the SVP. If you follow this link you can view their page on the parish website which outlines the range of help they offer.

<https://saintedmunds.net/index.php/supporting-our-community-through-kindness-and-care-our-svp/>

PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST

Join our St Edmunds hub for filmed talks and discussion/sharing groups. Sessions start with Mass in the church at 7.30pm for those who can come, and continue in the Hall straight afterwards. This week's celebrant will be Fr Steve.

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SOLIDACTION



Solidaction's Brazilian evening last Saturday, to raise funds for Living Well was a resounding success.

Everyone in the packed Hall had a really enjoyable evening and £4370.42 was raised for Living Well.

Huge thanks to Chris Arraes and her team for this wonderful result.



YOUTH RETREAT SATURDAY 10 MAY 13—17 YRS

ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL, CHATHAM

This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to grow in faith and community. Parents and leaders can sign up for the event at the following link:

www.tinyurl.com/10mayretreat

For more details or questions, feel free to get in touch.

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MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

JULY 12

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th+ wedding anniversary this year, and would like to be invited to this special Mass, please get in touch 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**

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Law Surgery is held throughout the year (except for August) and we always have a volunteer as doorkeeper and welcomer. Following our appeal for help we are happy to say that we have had one response

Thank you

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK

The Sisters of Life (NY, USA) speaking on
Why Pro-Life Vigils Matter
Tuesday 6 May at 7.00 pm
The London Jesuit Centre, 2nd Floor
114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH
Entry: Free. More details 0779 520 5117

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Jubilee Mass
Saturday 24 May
6.00 pm

MASSES

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9.30 am	Ints of Sr Pat Devine
FAMILY MASS	
11.00 am	Martino Anni & Franca Carta RIP
5.30 pm	For the people
Mon 5 May	Feria
10.00 am	Welfare of Breda Molloy
Tues 6 May	Feria
10.00 am	Ints and wellbeing of Teresa Murphy
	No Adoration
2.00 pm	Mass to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Bishop Challoner School
Wed 7 May	Feria
10.00 am	Christopher Carroll RIP
1.15 pm	Requiem for Brenda Lee
7.30 pm	Pilgrim to Pentecost Mass
Thurs 8 May	Feria
10.00 am	Veronica Collins RIP
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Sunday 27 April 2025

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The second collection is for
the upkeep of
St George's Cathedral

A Solemn Prayer for the Repose of Pope Francis

Eternal Father,
In Your infinite mercy,
You called home Your faithful servant,
Pope Francis,
during the radiant joy of the
Easter Octave —
a sign of the Risen Christ's triumph
over death.

We give You thanks
for his life of humble service,
his unwavering commitment to the poor,
his courage in seeking peace and justice,
and his gentle witness to the mercy of Your
Son.

Receive him now into the fullness of
Your glory.
May he rest in the peace promised
by Christ,
whom he served as the Vicar on earth.

May his soul,
and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

O Mary, Mother of the Church,
pray for him.
Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles,
receive him.
All you holy Popes and confessors,
intercede for him.

Amen

Churches have been granted permission to
celebrate a Mass for Pope Francis within the
octave of Easter.

Our Mass at St Edmund's will be this
weekend's Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm on
Saturday evening.



Pope Francis
May he rest in peace and rise in glory

FAMILY MASS

Fr John is away on leave and Fr Steve and
Fr Andrew have been covering the Masses
and other services at St Anthony of Padua
in Anerley following Fr Sunith's death.

Many diocesan priests have been assisting
but for the first time we need to cancel one
of our Masses as we are unable to find a
priest to cover. The Family Mass won't take
place in the Hall this Sunday and next
Sunday it will be in the church as planned.

Refreshments will still be served in the Hall
after Mass, so please join your friends
there.

BE AWARE - PARKING

Cars parked on Village Way, opposite the church, at 10.00 am on Easter Monday (bank holiday) were given parking tickets.

THE VIGIL RECEPTION

The RCIA would like to thank Rose Remedios and the Kelleher family and all others who assisted in preparing the Hall and doing the catering for the Vigil reception which took place in the Hall after the Easter Vigil.

The reception was a lovely way to welcome our new Catholics who, after the Vigil, are now known as Neophytes.

Cathy Denne

PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST

Join our St Edmunds hub for filmed talks and discussion/sharing groups from Wednesday 30 April starting with Mass led by Fr Uduak Abara in the church at 7.30pm for those who can, and continuing in the Hall straight afterwards, where you can register and order your reflection booklet if you haven't done so already.

The evening will finish with refreshments at 9.30pm.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Please collect your Gift Aid envelopes from the Narthex.

After this weekend they will be brought back into the Office so please go there to collect yours.

He is risen
Indeed
Alleluia



The clergy would like to thank you for the many cards, gifts and generous offerings they have received this Easter.

God bless.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Our services over the Easter Triduum could not have happened without a huge amount of back stage work, much of which carries on throughout the year, usually unseen and often unthanked.

It is noticed and appreciated and now is the time to acknowledge all that is done.

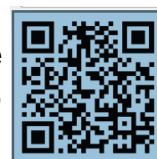
Our wonderful flower team who made our church so beautiful with their arrangements this year, Margretta for suggesting and constructing the stunning Easter curtain which we will use for many years, and those who made the beautiful spring flowers, the team who created our Altar of Repose, the altar servers, the Knights, our choirs and Mark on the organ, Teresa who each week keeps our linen washed and ironed, the welcomers and all the RCIA team and those who did numerous small things around the church without being asked. Thank you to you all, and to the ones who are not mentioned here.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL SECOND COLLECTION

For over half a century St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark.

Today the cathedral continues to welcome thousands of worshippers and visitors. The cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its own parishioners and the Archdiocese to keep its doors open. Your support for this collection will help the Cathedral remain open daily for those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship.

You can donate using the envelopes at the back of the church, or at the CollectTins, or www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral or by using the QR code.



MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

JULY 12

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th+ wedding anniversary this year, and would like to be invited to this special Mass, please let us know by email as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May.**

In the subject line please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham and provide the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating. You will then receive an invitation from the Archbishop to attend this Mass when you can renew your vows. Contact us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk



We have received a letter of thanks from Cafod for the donation of £2,346.59 which they have received from St Edmund's. This is a wonderful sum to send them and doesn't include the donations that many of you will have made direct to their website.

Thank you so much

Coloma Alumni association is calling all Coloma old girls to come to the annual lunch on Saturday 10th May, starting with Mass in St Anne's chapel at 11.15 am, and lunch at midday. Home time is 5.00 pm after tea and cakes. We look forward to welcoming you back to school.

For a booking form please contact colomaoldgirlsassociation@gmail.com or Claire Tucker (chair) on 07774 659 966



LAW SURGERY

Law Surgery in May will be on Monday 12th, later than usual as there is a bank holiday. Please come to the side door of the Hall at 6.00 pm and you will be seen in turn.

Law Surgery is held throughout the year (except for August) and we always have a volunteer as doorkeeper and welcomer. Our one volunteer has been helping for a long time and it would be good if we could set up a rota so he is not the only person on call.

If you could spare an hour or so on the occasional Monday please would you get in touch with the Office.

Thank you

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.

Please contact the Office or one of the clergy to start the process.



Thank you to everyone who is supporting us on #easyfundraising. If you've not signed up yet, please join today and you can raise free donations for St Edmund's every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers like eBay, Argos, M&S, John Lewis, Etsy, Tesco and Just Eat will donate at no extra cost to you.



Jubilee Mass
6.00 pm
Saturday 24 May

MASSES

Sun 27 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
6.00 pm VIGIL	Mass for Pope Francis
8.00 am	Gerry Loftus RIP
9.30 am	Patrick Hanifan RIP
	No Family Mass in the Hall today
11.00 am	Dr Mervyn & Dr Mary Shipsey RIP
5.30 pm	Janet Maureen Dunn Browne RIP & dec'd family members
Mon 28 April	St George
10.00 am	John Dutton RIP (1st anniv)
	No Adoration
12.00 pm	Requiem for Romana Erskine
Tues 29 April	St Catherine of Siena
10.00 am	Concetta & Antonio Coppola RIP
Wed 30 April	St Pius V, Pope
10.00 am	Christopher Carroll RIP
7.30 pm	Pilgrim to Pentecost Mass
Thurs 1 May	St Joseph the Worker
10.00 am	Bridie & Joe Curran RIP
6.00 pm CLAVES	Benediction
Friday 2 May	St Athanasius
10.00 am	Dr Michael Ekong RIP
6.30 pm	Rosary & Confession
7.00 pm	Jubilee Mass
Sat 3 May	St Philip & St James
10.00 am	Peter Xavier De Souza RIP
6.00 pm	Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
Sun 4 May	Third Sunday of Easter
8.00 am	Sean Walsh RIP
9.30 am	Ints of Sr Pat Devine
FAMILY MASS	
11.00 am	Martino Anni & Franca Carta RIP
5.30 pm	For the people

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and usually during Adoration

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Living Well £327.56

Collection at Good Friday Liturgy for the Holy
Places £1346.46

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Kieran Fuller, Marie-Therese Jameson, Winifred
Kourkgy, Nancy Galea, Dani Candasamy, Shirley
Lawler, Christopher McNamara.

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Maxima Saunders, Paul Hixson, Susan McWilliams,
Mary-Jo McCarthy, Jacqueline Djasrabe, Paul,
Margaret Brocklehurst, Leyla Pattison, Janice
McIntosh, Mark Humphreys, Jessica Ram, Zygmunt
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Sunday 20 April 2025

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Today's offerings are your personal gifts to our priests

HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA

Bishop Challoner School are celebrating their 75th anniversary with a Mass on 6th May here in the church. Also, it is the 75th anniversary of the consecration of St Edmund's church on 24th May which will be celebrated at the 6.00 pm Mass. Bishop Paul Hendricks will be the principal celebrant. Please come along to the Mass and the celebration afterwards in our parish hall. Another important date for the diary is 7th June, on the eve of Pentecost, when we are invited as a parish to join in celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Metropolitan Diocese of Southwark, to be held at Aylesford Priory.

Pope Francis' message for Lent was essentially one of Hope in this Jubilee Year of 2025. I would encourage you all to keep this message in the depths of your hearts and at the forefront of your minds as you journey from Lent to Easter. As the Pontiff says 'keep walking towards God and your brothers and sisters ensuring that no one gets left behind or excluded and that every person's dignity is valued.'

I wish you a blessed and happy Easter,
Fr Steve

300 CLUB

April's winners are:
Ailish Dougan £100
Anna Barnfield £50
Ticcy Colling £25

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DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
Led by the Claver Sisters
Every day at 3.00 pm until and including
Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April.

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.



BAPTISMS AT ST EDMUND'S

If you want to have a child baptised at St Edmund's, please email the dedicated account:

beckenhambaptism@rcaos.org.uk
or use the link on our website
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The microphone on the ambo is very sensitive and does not need to be repositioned for individual speakers.
Please do not adjust it.

A very happy and blessed Easter to all parishioners from the Presbytery and Office staff.

MASSES

Saturday 18 April Easter Vigil

7.30 pm Dec'd members of the Brelu-Brelu & Panglose families
Elisea Zamudio RIP
Gaetan Leon Lewis Goa RIP

Sun 20 April

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8.00 am For the People
9.30 am Teodoro Diaz Escalante RIP (6 mths)
9.30 am Hall Thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness
FAMILY MASS
11.00 am Keith Kench RIP
5.30 pm Welfare of Christian Panglose

Mon 21 April

Monday within the Octave of Easter

10.00 am Ints of Teresa Murphy

Tues 22 April

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

10.00 am Ints of Gretta O'Reilly

Wed 23 April

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

10.00 am Tom Doolan RIP
No Adoration
11.30 am Requiem of Tina Valentino

Thurs 24 April

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

10.00 pm Ann Elmer RIP

Friday 25 April

Friday within the Octave of Easter

10.00 am Eileen Sheehan RIP
11.30 am Requiem for Magdalene Thomas

Sat 26 April

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

10.00 am Christina Conlon RIP
6.00 pm Ints of Sygmunt & Sophia Sobolewski

Sun 27 April

Second Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Gerry Loftus RIP
9.30 am Patrick Hanifan RIP (on what would have been his 100th b'day)
For the people
9.30 am Hall
FAMILY MASS
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Offertory for week ending 13 April

Plate Collection	1164.68
Contactless	422.67
Bank Standing Order	661.00
Church Suite Regular giving	1083.20
TOTAL	3331.55

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Sunday 13 April 2025

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There is no second collection this Sunday.



This Sunday is **Palm Sunday**. As usual, those attending either of the 9.30 Masses are invited to assemble just inside the park entrance at **9.15** to be given their blessed palms and form a procession into the church and the hall.

FR SUNITH NONIS RIP

Fr Sunith, the Parish Priest of St Anthony of Padua in Anerley, our neighbouring parish, died suddenly on Sunday night.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Maundy Thursday - Collection for Living Well

Good Friday - Collection for the Holy Places connected to Our Lord's Passion.

These have always been places of veneration and pilgrimage and this collection goes towards their upkeep and maintenance and also towards maintaining Christian schooling in the area.

Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

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

ALTAR SERVERS FOR EASTER TRIDUUM

There will be two rehearsals for altar servers:

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE INDUCTION LOOP SYSTEM HAS BEEN UPGRADED.

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

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

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

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

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Blessing of Easter Food, Wine and Flowers

Holy Saturday
19 April at 9.30 am

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

All are welcome!

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



INVITATION TO TAKE PART IN A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST

This begins the Sunday after Easter, with daily Scripture reflections in a specially written course booklet, six weekly filmed talks pre-recorded at diocesan Jubilee shrines and churches and concludes with the closing Mass at the Jubilee Celebration Day at Aylesford Priory on Pentecost Saturday, 7 June. A coach will be leaving from St Edmunds. For details and to book a place on the coach, please contact the parish office.

Booklets will be available from the parish to enable you to follow the course independently, or you can join our St Edmund's hub for filmed talks and discussion/sharing groups from Wednesday 30 April starting with Mass in the church at 7.30 pm for those who can attend and continuing in the hall straight afterwards, where you can register.

The evening will finish with refreshments at 9.30 pm.

SAINSBURY'S CAR PARK

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

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

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

TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (END OF LIFE) BILL - THIRD READING

The third reading of this Bill is expected to be on Friday 25 April. It is thought that only a small number of MPs need to change how they voted previously and this Bill will not be passed.

There are postcards at the back of the church for parishioners to take away and sign and then post to their MP.



**FUNDRAISING
FEIJOADA
Saturday April 26
6.00 - 10.00 pm
St Edmund's Hall**



**A fabulous evening of
traditional Brazilian food, desserts,
music and dance**

**Tickets are £20 for an adult, with
no charge for under 12s. Tickets available
from 07734 440 834**

**All money raised will go to support
the work of Living Well**

THE PASSION OF JESUS

Saturday 18 April, Noon and 3.15 pm

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

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

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

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

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

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

ST MARK'S WEST WICKHAM

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

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

PARISH 75TH CELEBRATION

We would like to have a picture display in the Hall to illustrate our parish's history. If you have photographs of special occasions at St Edmund's, baptisms, first holy communions, weddings, International day, social events, we would like to borrow them for a short time. We will take good care of them whilst we make a copy and return them to you quickly.

If you could identify the people in them and give a date or at least a year it would be helpful.

Please bring them to the Office or put them through the letter box making sure your name and telephone number are on the envelope.

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MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

JULY 12

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th+ wedding anniversary this year, and would like to be invited to this special Mass, please let us know by email as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May.**

In the subject line please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham and provide the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating. You will then receive an invitation from the Archbishop to attend this Mass when you can renew your vows.

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Sun 13 April **PALM SUNDAY**

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FAMILY MASS

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Mon 14 April **Monday of Holy Week**

10.00 am Ellen McGrath RIP
Adoration and confession

Tues 15 April **Tuesday of Holy Week**

10.00 am Wellbeing of Winnie Farragher
Adoration and confession

Wed 16 April **Wednesday of Holy Week**

There is no Mass this morning

6.15 pm Stations of the Cross led by the RCIA

7.00 pm Holy Hour against Assisted Suicide (with confession)

8.00 pm HALL Light of Christ Mass (with Fr Kenneth Iwunna)

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Thurs 17 April **Maundy Thursday**

There is no Mass this morning

8.00 pm **Mass of the Last Supper**
Barbara Panglose RIP
Maria Locke
Gertrude Nnorom RIP

Friday 18 April **Friday of The Passion of the Lord**

9.30 am Children's Service
11.00 am Walk of Witness from St Edmund's to Beckenham Green
3.00 pm Solemn Action of the Lord's Passion

Sat 19 April **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

9.30 am Blessing of Foods
7.30 pm Dec'd members of the Brelu-Brelu & Panglose Families
Elisea Zamudio RIP
Gaetan Leon Lewis Goa RIP

Sun 20 April **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

8.00 am For the People
9.30 am Teodoro Diaz Escalante RIP (6 mths)
9.30 am Hall Thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness
FAMILY MASS
11.00 am Keith Kench RIP
5.30 pm Welfare of Christian Panglose

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

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Offertory for week ending 6 April

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

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Sunday 6 April 2025

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**Appeal by the
Little Sisters of the Poor**

CAR PARKING

Changes came into effect on 1 April.

Please remember that from now on all cars using the Sainsbury's car park will have to pay whatever time of the day or night they are parked there, and all cars will need to pay to park there on Sundays.

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

ALL PARISH GROUPS

We are still waiting for a response from some parish groups. Would all group leaders please get in touch with the Parish Office to confirm that their group is still active.

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Next Sunday, 13 April is Palm Sunday. As usual, those attending either of the 9.30 Masses are invited to assemble just inside the park entrance at **9.15** to be given their palms and form a procession into the church and the hall.

Here is advance notice of when Holy Week services will be. There are flyers in the porch and full details will be on the website.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES WEDNESDAY

**No Mass today as all priests will be at St George's Cathedral
6.15 pm Stations of the Cross led by the RCIA**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

**No morning Mass
8.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by procession to the Altar of Repose and watching until midnight, concluding with Night Prayer**

GOOD FRIDAY

**9.30 am Service for children
11.00 am Walk of Witness from St Edmund's to Beckenham Green for ecumenical service at 11.30
3.00 pm Our Lord's Passion**

HOLY SATURDAY

**9.30 am Blessing of Foods
11.00 am until noon Confessions
7.30 pm Easter Vigil**

Easter Day

Masses at 8.00, 9.30, 11.00 and 5.30

The Walk of Witness is an ecumenical service which has been taking place in Beckenham for over 30 years. It starts from the steps of St Edmund's and the procession follows the cross in silence as it moves up the High Street to Beckenham Green where a short service is held.

This year the service will be led by Fr Steve.

The Walk needs stewards both on the route and at Beckenham Green. Please email davidjohnson127@talktalk.net if you could assist.

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Progress continues to be made.

A SAFE PLACE TO LAND

The Landings team offers a non-judgemental forum to help you to reconnect with the Catholic faith.

Lay-led meetings are accepting, confidential and enriching for all who take part.

For more information contact Andrew at:
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INVITATION TO TAKE PART IN A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST

This begins the Sunday after Easter, with daily Scripture reflections in a specially written course booklet, six weekly filmed talks pre-recorded at diocesan Jubilee shrines and churches and concludes with the closing Mass at the Jubilee Celebration Day at Aylesford Priory on Pentecost Saturday, 7 June. A coach will be leaving from St Edmunds. For details and to book please contact the parish office.

Booklets will be available from the parish to enable you to follow the course independently, or you can join our St Edmund's hub for filmed talks and discussion/sharing groups from Wednesday 30 April starting with Mass in the church at 7.30 pm for those who can attend and continuing in the hall straight afterwards, where you can register.

The evening will finish with refreshments at 9.30 pm.

Triduum is a Latin term meaning **three days**, used by the Catholic Church to denote the three days from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and ends after evening prayers at sunset on Easter Day.

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UNWANTED MOBILE PHONES FOR GHANA

Fr Philip Addo, a disabled priest in Ghana, has asked Deacon Seán if he could send some second-hand phones for distributing to people living or working in and around the home for disabled people where he lives and serves as chaplain.

Fr Addo will arrange for phones to be wiped and repaired if necessary.

The care home, called Ahotokurom, is in a poor rural area where many people, especially those working on the land, cannot afford to buy even the most basic of phones. Any old or spare ones you can give would make a real difference to their lives.

With thanks in anticipation. **Deacon Seán**

We are happy to take the phones in the Office, they can safely be put through the letter box, or they can be handed in at the sacristy on Sunday.

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

TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (END OF LIFE) BILL - THIRD READING

The third reading of this Bill is expected to be on Friday 25 April. It is thought that only a small number of MPs need to change how they voted previously and this Bill will not be passed.

There are postcards at the back of the church for parishioners to take away and sign and then post to their MP.

We also have a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop John Wilson on this Bill which is to be read at all Masses this weekend.



**FUNDRAISING
FEIJOADA
Saturday April 26
6.00 - 10.00 pm
St Edmund's Hall**



**A fabulous evening of
traditional Brazilian food, desserts,
music and dance**

**Tickets are £20 for an adult, with
no charge for under 12s. Tickets available
from 07734 440 834**

**All money raised will go to support
the work of Living Well**

LAW SURGERY

Monday 7 April

Committee Room in the Hall

Please come at 6.00 pm to be seen in
order of arrival.

Fr Simplicio D'Souza underwent major heart surgery on Tuesday. We are happy to tell you that it went well and he is improving daily but he has a long way to go in his recovery.

Please keep him in your prayers

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 9 April

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

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Celebrant Fr David Gummett

Followed by Adoration before the
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10.00 pm Evening concludes

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR Second Collection

The Little Sisters of the Poor run a Catholic Care Home in Vauxhall where they care for the elderly poor.

'We welcome the elderly as we would Jesus Christ himself and we care for the elderly poor in the spirit of Jesus Christ himself and serve them with love and respect until death.'

They have cared for many elderly Southwark priests including our own Canon Jack.



The Sisters have their Spring Fair on 3 May, and the greatest hat designer in the world Philip Treacey has designed a hat for them to raffle at £5 a ticket. They will be selling tickets for this whilst they are here so seize the opportunity - someone has to win!

PARISH 75TH CELEBRATION

We would like to have a picture display in the Hall to illustrate our parish's history. If you have photographs of special occasions at St Edmund's, baptisms, first holy communions, weddings, International day, social events, we would like to borrow them for a short time. We will take good care of them whilst we make a copy and return them to you quickly.

If you could identify the people in them and give a date or at least a year it would be helpful.

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Bank Standing Order	783.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1830.46
Total	4215.42

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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 arch-diocese 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 arch-diocese. 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:
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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



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 Trus

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MASSES

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6.00 pm VIGIL	Dec'd brothers of Beckenham Catenians
8 00 am	Second Scrutiny
9.30 am	Colin Dowling RIP
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FAMILY MASS	For the people
11.00 am	David Stephens RIP
5.30 pm	Confirmation Commitment Mass
	For the Confirmandi, their parents and catechists

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10.00 am Tony Duggan RIP

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10.00 am In thanksgiving - Charlotte, Michael & Jacqueline Ekong
Stations of the Cross and confession

8.00 pm HALL Light of Christ Mass

Thurs 3 April **Feria**
10.00 am Frankie Thornton RIP
6.00 pm CLAVER Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 4 April **Feria**
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
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The second collection is for
Poor Parishes

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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

READERS FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM

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We need readers for all these services.

If you are able to read at any of them please contact Rosemary on 07956 109 465 or r.ekong@ucl.ac.uk and let her know which service you will be attending.

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.



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MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

JULY 12

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th+ wedding anniversary this year, and would like to be invited to this special Mass, please let us know by email as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May**.

In the subject line please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham and provide the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating. You will then receive an invitation from the Archbishop to attend this Mass when you can renew your vows. Contact us at 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.

If your group is no longer running please contact the Parish Office so records can be updated.

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

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Find out more about the campaign at rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration

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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.

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 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

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

Sunday 30 Mar **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

8.00 am Colin Dowling RIP
 9.30 am Jackie Cox RIP
 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

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

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, Lucy Yong.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Sadie Rance, Yvonne Morrison, Martin Leigh, Catherine O'Marney, Pat Parfitt, Baby John Hobson, Patrick Pettican, John Taylor, Beth Rose Nee, Kweku Ansah, Susannah Hayes, Fr Barry Hughes, Sydney Perkins, Maureen Turner

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

March

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Wed 26 Requiem for Anne Flynn at noon

April

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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

May

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

June

Sat 7 Diocesan Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory. **Book your coach tickets now. £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 22 March from 11-12 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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OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 16.3.25

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

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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
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.

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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.

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Celebrant Fr Kenneth Iwunna
(St. Saviours, Lewisham)

Followed by Informal Prayer meeting.

10.00 pm Evening concludes

Thank you to all who came to the second meeting on **Called to Bear Fruit**.

The final meeting is on Tuesday 1 April at 7.30 pm in the Hall.

All are welcome to come along

SOUTHWARK SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION

Here are some links which you might find helpful in your Lenten journey.

Daily reflections featuring thoughts, Scripture and prayer

<https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/>

Lenten resources from Catholic Bishops conference and Bible Society

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/lent-and-eastertide-resources/>

Hallow app

Lent Pray40: The Way

Ascension app

Set Free - daily Lenten reflections

Archdiocese of Southwark

Prayers for adoration - daily prayer videos focusing on the Eucharist

<https://www.youtube.com/@RCSouthwark1>

Additionally there is a series of Lent 'Pilgrim' talks on Monday evenings at St Joseph's Church, Bromley (Holy Trinity House). 7.30-8.30 pm on 17th, 24th and 31st March.

Further details contact

www.stjosephsbromley.org



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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.

Walk the Augustine Camino for Mary's Meals

Monday 1 September – Sunday 8 September
There are flyers about this walk on the reading slopes. It is a week's pilgrimage visiting these four English shrines.

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

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. Couples who have attended have been universally enthusiastic.

There is no charge and no group sharing.

Couples have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship.

These BABM days start at 9.30 am and finish by 4.30 pm.

Dates and venues are:

- April 12, West Croydon;
- September 13, Amigo Hall, Southwark

More details – 07983 524 727 or email:

mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

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: [\[bit.ly/4iiufhn\]](http://bit.ly/4iiufhn)
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Places are £20.00 which includes lunch and snacks. Payment details follow registration.

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FAMILY MASS
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Mon 17 March St Patrick, Bishop
 10.00 am Kathryn Fitzpatrick RIP

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 10.00 am Vincenzino Grillo RIP

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 10.00 am Rosina Porta & Enrico Carboni RIP
 Stations of the Cross to be led
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Thurs 20 March Feria
 10.00 am Nancy & Cormac Hargreaves RIP
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Plate Collection	1069.82
Contactless	541.75
Bank Standing Order	2012.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1185.08
TOTAL	4808.65

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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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 21st 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 23rd 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](#)

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 12 March

7.45 pm. Praise and Worship

8.00 pm. Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr David Gummett

Followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

10.00 pm Evening concludes

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 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

SOUTHWARK SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION

Here are some links which you might find helpful in your Lenten journey.

Daily reflections featuring thoughts, Scripture and prayer

<https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/>

Lenten resources from Catholic Bishops conference and Bible Society

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/lent-and-eastertide-resources/>

Hallow app

Lent Pray40: The Way

Ascension app

Set Free - daily Lenten reflections

Archdiocese of Southwark

Prayers for adoration - daily prayer videos focusing on the Eucharist

<https://www.youtube.com/@RCSouthwark1>

Additionally there is a series of Lent 'Pilgrim' talks on Monday evenings at St Joseph's Church, Bromley (Holy Trinity House). 7.30-8.30 pm on 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March. Further details contact

www.stjosephsbromley.org

CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK

CSAN is the official network of social action organizations within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, dedicated to addressing poverty, social injustice, and marginalization.

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, where you'll find further information about the survey.

The survey will close on 25th March

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.

There is another opportunity to visit Rome in November. Information at back of church.

**Walk the Augustine Camino for
Mary's Meals**

Monday 1 September – Sunday 8 September
There are flyers about this walk on the reading slopes. It is a week's pilgrimage visiting these four English shrines.

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

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. Couples who have attended have been universally enthusiastic.

There is no charge and no group sharing.

Couples have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship.

These BABM days start at 9.30 am and finish by 4.30 pm.

Dates and venues are:

- April 12, West Croydon;
- September 13, Amigo Hall, Southwark

More details – 07983 524 727 or email:
mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

Thank you to all who came to the first meeting on **Called to Bear Fruit**.

The next meeting is Tuesday 11 at 7.30 pm, and then on Tuesday 1 April.

All are welcome to come along.

**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: [\[bit.ly/4iiufhn\]](http://bit.ly/4iiufhn)
bit.ly/4iiufhn

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

We have received a letter from Stella Maris thanking parishioners for your generous offering of £1004.84 (plus Gift Aid) which will ensure that seafarers in this county and around the world will continue to receive the care and support that they need.

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 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



If you have a red Missio box would you 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.

MASSES

Sunday 9 Mar FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
 6.00 pm VIGIL Valerie Parker RIP and Franka Bruschi RIP
 8.00 am Fr Donald Clements RIP
 9.30 am Enrolment Mass for Confirmation candidates. For the people
 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
 3.00 pm CLAVER Stations of the Cross
 6.15 pm Stations of the Cross
 7.00 pm Sue O'Donnell RIP

Sat 15 Mar Feria
 10.00 am Anne Reilly RIP
 6.00 pm VIGIL Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP

Sunday 16 Mar SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
 8.00 am Dominic Geoghegan RIP
 9.30 am Eileen Sheehan RIP
 9.30 am HALL For the people
 FAMILY MASS
 11.00 am Dr Michael Ekong RIP
 5.30 pm Dr Alexander Uche 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: Keith Kench, Ken Kench, Vincent Bagatta, Barbara Panglose, Graham Murray, Christopher Carroll, Derek Attwell, George Hext, Sr Mary, Linda Travell, Patrick Naughton.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Yemi Olaonipekun, Anthony Walsh, Pietro Perdoni, Stanley Barnard, Robert Commiade, Gerry Harris, Ian Beston, Patrick Mulcahy, Jack Fleming, Mary Teresa Carroll, Maurice Osbourne, Emer Fox, Phil Fleming, Anne Reilly, Carolina (Lina) Phillips.

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, Patsy Gray

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
 Wed 12 Requiem for Keith Kench at 11.15 am

April

Sat 12 Lenten Reconciliation Service at 4.00 pm

May

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

June

Sat 7 Diocesan Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory. **Book your coach tickets now. £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.

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

OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 2.3.25

Plate Collection	898.85
Contactless	418.74
Bank Standing Order	733.33
Church Suite Regular Giving	3177.72
TOTAL	5228.64

Bank details to set up a regular standing order:

Account name: RCAS Beckenham
 Sort Code: 60 02 12
 Acc No: 14282887
 Link to set up a regular donation through ChurchSuite:
<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/donate/>

Our Parish Safeguarding rep is Yvonne Epale who can be reached at safeguardingSC3@safeguardraos.org.uk

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Sunday 2 March 2025

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**Our second collection is for
Living Well**

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

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.

More information on the plans of the diocese for this jubilee year can be found at: 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: [\[bit.ly/4iufhn\]](https://bit.ly/4iufhn)

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

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.

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

Please book your tickets at:
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 350th 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

Our Parish Safeguarding rep is
Yvonne Epale who can be reached at
safeguardingSC3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

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 a fabric 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

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

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

March

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

April

Sat 12	Lenten Reconciliation Service at 4.00 pm
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May

Sat 24	St Edmund's 75th Anniversary Mass
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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 23.2 25	
Plate Collection	745.78
Contactless	268.66
Bank Standing Order	847.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1070.57
TOTAL	2932.01

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 23 February 2025 Yr C



The second collection is for
the Clergy Support Fund

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 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

**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 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

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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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.

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

Please book your tickets at:
www.newt.org or call 07837 214601

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

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

4 – 10 June

This 7 day pilgrimage celebrates the 350th 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.

Our Parish Safeguarding rep is
Yvonne Epale who can be reached at
safeguarding-
SC3@safeguardraos.org.uk

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

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



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

Sunday 23 Feb	Seventh Sunday
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 Hufte Family
Monday 24 Feb	Feria
10.00 am	Dec'd members of the Keane Family.
Tues 25 Feb	St Ethelbert, King
10.00 am	Alfred Lutz RIP
Wed 26 Feb	Feria
10.00 am	Janet Maureen Dunn-Browne & dec'd family members
8.00 pm HALL	Light of Christ Mass
Thurs 27 Feb	Feria
10.00 am	Eficio & dec'd members of the Floris family RIP
Friday 28 Feb	Feria
10.00 am	Maisie & Paul O-Keefe RIP
Sat 1 Mar	St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales
10.00 am	Fr Michael Cronin RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL	Aquilina Pampin Mosquera RIP (2nd anniv)
Sunday 2 Mar	Eighth Sunday
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

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

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

We pray for all who have died: Fr Paddy Cannon, Beryl Arnot, Bridget Edwards, Keith Kench, Ken Kench, Oludayo Adeodu, Vincent Bagatta

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: James Greenan, Brenda & Anthony Boyle, Terence McCarthy, Agnes Chambers, Anthony John Earley, Kieran Fleming, Oleksandr Milinievskyi, Charles Gerrard, Angela Bowers, John Chilton, Mary Ann Booth, Bill McConnell, David Flynn, Georges Sinon, Paul Morris, Mary O'Keeffe, Arleen Vince, Raymond Tesniere, Marie Hayock, Bridget Eileen Scully, Ronan Commene, Anthony Osei, George Halpin, Terry Davies, Margaret Fennessy, Joseph Duong.

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

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
Wed 12	Requiem for Keith Kench at 11.15 am

April

Sat 12	Lenten Reconciliation Service at 4.00 pm
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May

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

Sat 7	Diocesan Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory
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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 16 .2 25

Plate Collection	926.30
Contactless	416.27
Bank Standing Order	760.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	593.84
TOTAL	2696.41

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 1 December 2024 Yr C

Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver
020 8313 3915
sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com

Donations and collection
for Living Well

CONFIRMATION 2025

Registration for the 2025 Confirmation Program opens on the 1st of December. Baptised young people in year 9 or above are invited to enroll. Classes will take place on Monday evenings starting in March and culminating with the Confirmation Mass in the summer.

Please use this link to register:
<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/events/nn42ohqm>

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

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.



The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be outside church this weekend to sell their 2025 Mission Calendar. These are being sold on behalf of the Missionary Sisters of St. Augustine who run a dispensary in a diocese in Benin and who hope to be able to buy a new vehicle to help them in their work.

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

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.

Please email Margaret for details if you plan to go straight to the house
drmargaretkelleher@hotmail.com

TODAY

CWL TABLE SALE

Sunday 1 December
In the Hall after 9.30 Mass

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/>

**THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

invites you to join them in the Hall on
Wednesday 4 December

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant is Fr Steve

Followed by AGM

10.00 pm Evening concludes.

**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

**READERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS VIGIL
& MIDNIGHT MASS**

Tuesday Night - 24th December

Several Readers are required 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 by **email only** to
r.ekong@ucl.ac.uk or leave a message with
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
the shopping for you. £40 covers the cost of one full food
parcel.

Requested items are: tinned ham/corned beef/salmon/
veg/fruit/soup. Long life milk, tea bags,
coffee, jam/marmalade, rice pudding,
custard, cereal, pasta, shampoo and
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

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

These reflections are a great way to keep your
mind focused on the Lord Jesus during the
busy Advent season.

PARISH ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

On **Saturday 14 December at 7.15 pm** in the
church and online on our webcam
at: **www.saintedmunds.net**

Why not come and enjoy carols and readings,
with our four parish choirs, to really get ready
for Christmas?

If you wish to join us online there will be a
programme on the website from
12 December.

We raise money at this annual event to support
St. Christopher's Hospice and as usual we will
have a collection after the Service.

If you wish to donate direct to the charity
you can 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.

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>

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve 24 December

There will be Masses at both St Edmund's Church and at St Mary's School at 4.00 pm

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

8.00 pm

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



MASSES

Sunday 1 Dec	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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
Monday 2 Dec	Feria
10.00 am	Jean-Paul Schoens
Tues 3 Dec	St Francis Xavier
10.00 am	Benefactors & Promoters of the Claver Sisters
	Francis D'Souza RIP
	No Adoration
7.00 pm	Bishop Challoner School
	Advent Carol Service
Wed 4 Dec	St John Damascene
10.00 am	For all the souls in Purgatory
Thurs 5 Dec	Feria (St John Almond)
10.00 am	Berthe Reynaud
Friday 6 Dec	St Nicholas, Bishop
10.00 am	Howard Long & his parents Arthur & Phyllis RIP
Sat 7 Dec	St Ambrose, Bishop
10.00 am`	The Holy Souls
2 - 3.00 pm	Reconciliation for First Holy Communion candidates
6.00 pm	Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
Sunday 8 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
8.00 am	Nancy & Steven Dennis RIP
9.30 am	Welfare & intentions of Raphael Fleming
9.30 am	For the people
FAMILY MASS	
11.00 am	Thomas Lee RIP
	Rite of Acceptance for RCIA candidates
5.30 pm	Michael Stannard 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

HOPE

We pray for those who have died: Bernadette Murray, Rachel Cain, Bishop John Hine, John Taylor, Sandra Jones and David Fletcher.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Barbara Poltera, Jeanne Ingram, Margaret Cantwell, Maria Etheridge, Evelyn Keeley, Bella Walter, Veronica Lambert, Helen Shipsey, Leonard Cook, Pearse Kilcullen, Mim Jennngs.

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 when it is in the Lady Chapel.

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

DIARY

Dec	
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

OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 24.11.24

Plate Collection	866.74
Contactless	194.65
Bank Standing Order	741.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1013.67
TOTAL	2816.06

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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Deacon Seán Murphy - 07960 958 441 - seanmurphy@rcaos.org.uk

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Sunday 24 Nov 2024

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Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver
020 8313 3915

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

Each year Living Well has a special collection for donations to enable them to give their guests something special at Christmas.

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.

Further information is available at:

<https://www adaywithmary.org/> or
<https://eventcatholic.com/>

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 or join the Southwark Catholic Youth network for regular updates at 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.



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

Our CWL is holding a Table Sale, mostly of bric-a-brac items, to raise money for the charities they support.

It could be the perfect place to pick up some Christmas gifts.

There will be refreshments on sale.



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.

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) 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.

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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

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9.30 am FAMILY MASS	For the people
11.00 am	Journey mercies for Daniel Christopher Conner
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Monday 25 Nov	St Catherine of Alexandria
10.00 am	Crescenzo Panetta RIP
Tues 26 Nov	Feria
10.00 am	Paulo & Armando Cogoni RIP
Wed 27 Nov	Feria
10.00 am	John Murnane's Medjugorje pilgrim friends, living & deceased
Thurs 28 Nov	Feria
10.00 am	Giovanni Campanaro RIP
Friday 29 Nov	St Cuthbert Mayne & Companions
10.00 am	Welfare & intentions of Rae Fleming
Sat 30 Nov	St Andrew, Apostle
10.00 am	Robert Swan RIP & intentions of Colleen Swan
6.00 pm	For the people of the parish
Faith in Action Mass	
Sunday 1 Dec	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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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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
TOTAL	2962.47

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.

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and 25 November when it is in the
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DIARY

Nov	
Sat 30	St Mary's Christmas Fair 11am to 3pm
Dec	
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/>

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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

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

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.

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There will be refreshments on sale.



Each year Living Well has a special collection for donations to enable them to give their guests something special at Christmas.

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

We will list these in a couple of weeks.



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.



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

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/>

BAPTISMS AT ST EDMUND'S

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

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beckenhambaptism@rcaos.org.uk

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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

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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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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.

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10.00 am	Welfare & intentions of Raphael Fleming
Tues 19 Nov	Feria
10.00 am	John Dutton RIP
Wed 20 Nov	Feria
10.00 am	Ann Moys RIP (anniv) & Alice Castle RIP
Thurs 21 Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00 am	Birthday thanksgiving of John Conner
Friday 22 Nov	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
10.00 am	Tommy Ruddy RIP
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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
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 – mark the subject box 'Holy Souls' and include the names of your friends and family, or **call the Parish Office on 020 8650 0970.**

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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.

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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 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](#).

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Holy Hour for the Dignity of the Human Person

The bishops of England and Wales have agreed to gather for a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of the dignity of the human person and the culture of life in England and Wales.

The Bishops' Holy Hour will start at
5.30 pm on Wednesday 13 November.

Parishes, have been invited to arrange Holy Hours at the same time, so as to be united with the bishops in a powerful moment of prayer, that the intrinsic dignity of every person be respected.

At St Edmund's we will have the Rosary, followed by a period of Adoration, concluding with Benediction at the same time as the Bishops' Hour.

Please see if you can come for this short time to pray together.

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8.00 pm Holy Mass Celebrant is

Fr Aloysius Sempagala (Uganda)

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration with
Prayer and Praise

10.00 pm Evening concludes

The 2025 Church Diary is now open 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 get in touch.

Many Mass intentions have been booked already, so if you have any dates that you would particularly like, please send them as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



SVP CHRISTMAS LUNCH MONDAY 9 DECEMBER



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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
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A child's charm bracelet was found in the Hall
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Raffle & Auction, Santa's Grotto,
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& Games and Food & Drink
Stalls.

Prospective stall holders and food vendors
please contact pta1@bcsweb.co.uk

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

Divine Mercy Retreat

Saturday 9 November

1.00 pm to 4.30 pm

St Vincent's RC Church

Mallard Close, Dartford, DA1 5HU

The retreat will be led by the Marian
Fathers and will include teachings on the
Holy Rosary, 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. No booking required.

Call Millie on **07957594646** for
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Coloma Convent Girls' School is
holding a Mass of Remembrance
on Thursday 21 November at
4.00 pm to remember all
deceased Coloma students, staff
& family members. Families of those who
have died are warmly invited to attend this
Mass which will take place at the school.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to
liturgy@coloma.co.uk by 15 November
indicating the name of your loved one so
that they can be remembered at this Mass

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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.

As darkness comes earlier each day 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

MASSES

Sunday 10 Nov Thirty-second Sunday Remembrance Sunday

6.00 pm VIGIL Dec'd members of Howard & Piatek Families
8.00 am Peter May RIP
9.30 am Theresa Lobo RIP
9.30 am **HALL** For the people
FAMILY MASS
9.30 am For the people
11.00 am Federico Biancucci RIP
Please arrive by 10.55 so we can share the nation's silence at 11.00 am.
5.30 pm Jeanne & Pierre Champetier RIP

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

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Our church's feast day
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Church Suite Regular Giving	2178.51
TOTAL	5516.56

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Sunday 3 Nov 2024

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**There is no second
collection this weekend**

Holy Hour for the Dignity of the Human Person

During the November meeting of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, the bishops will gather for a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of the dignity of the human person and the culture of life in England and Wales.

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**.

Parishes, religious houses, and other institutions within Southwark archdiocese, as well as those in other dioceses across England and Wales, have been invited to arrange Holy Hours at the same time, so as to be united with the bishops in a powerful moment of prayer, that the intrinsic dignity of every person be respected.

At St Edmund's we will have the Rosary, followed by a period of Adoration, concluding with Benediction at the same time as the Bishops' Hour.

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

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

Every gift is welcome. Find out more, or donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal or scan the QR Code.

Telephone weekdays 9-5 pm: 020 7960 2504

Cash/Cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes at the back of church. Thank you for your generosity of heart.



**THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

invites you to join them in the Hall on
Wednesday 6 November

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass Celebrant is

Fr Kenneth Iwunna from St Saviors,
Lewisham

Followed by Lectio Divina

10.00 pm Evening concludes

DAY OF HEALING

Saturday 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

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.

The 2025 Church Diary is now open 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.

Many Mass intentions have been booked
already, so if you have any dates that you
would particularly like please send them as
soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

**We have no Masses without an
intention in 2024.**

**BECKENHAM CHRISTMAS
SHOEBOX APPEAL 2024**



Thank you so much for your shoebox
donations. Over 60 were collected on
Tuesday and by now should be on their way
to Kosovo.

Your lovely gifts will bring such joy and
happiness to the recipients.

Thank you

FAITH IN ACTION AWARDS CEREMONY

Saturday 30 November

3.30-5.30 pm

followed by Vigil Mass at 6.00

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
£2,200 for charity.

Please keep these young people and their
families in your prayers, and email bromley-deaneryFIA@rcaos.org.uk if you'd like to
join us to give them a big hand as they
receive their various awards in our Hall.

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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**

BISHOP CHALLENGOR SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024

Sunday 1 December
12.00 - 3.30 pm

Raffle & Auction, Santa's Grotto,
Craft Stalls, Children's Activities
& Games and Food & Drink
Stalls.

Prospective stall holders and food vendors
please contact pta1@bcsweb.co.uk

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

Divine Mercy Retreat

Saturday 9 November

1.00 pm to 4.30 pm

St Vincent's RC Church

Mallard Close, Dartford, DA1 5HU

The retreat will be led by the Marian
Fathers and will include teachings on the
Holy Rosary, 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. No booking required.

Call Millie on **07957594646** for
more information

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.



Coloma Convent Girls' School is
holding a Mass of Remembrance
on Thursday 21 November at
4.00 pm to remember all
deceased Coloma students, staff
& family members. Families of those who
have died are warmly invited to attend this
Mass which will take place at the school.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to
liturgy@coloma.co.uk by 15 November
indicating the name of your loved one so
that they can be remembered at this Mass

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Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

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gives displaced families
emergency water

£120

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to three households

Millions are fleeing airstrikes in
Lebanon and Gaza. CAFOD and
our Church partners are already
there, responding.

*Please pray and please give.
Every gift is needed.*

GIVE TODAY

cafod.org.uk/give

or call **0808 58 588 85**

Scan here



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SHUTTING THE DOORS

Over the last few months we have seen an
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Presbytery, and also inside the church, who
have caused us concern and might pose a
threat to people praying in the church.

As darkness comes earlier each day 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

MASSES

Sunday 3 Nov

6.00 pm Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
 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
 Anna Murgia RIP
 5.30 pm

Monday 4 Nov

10.00 am **St Charles Borromeo, Martyr**
 Stan Ziolek RIP (anniv)

Tues 5 Nov

10.00 am **Feria**
 Dec'd Claver Sisters
 2.00 pm Requiem for Fabiola Zorilla
 Corrigan

Wed 6 Nov

10.00 am **Feria**
 Michael Ekong RIP

Thurs 7 Nov

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

Friday 8 Nov

9.00 am **Feria (St Willibrord, Bishop)**
 St Mary's Yr 3
 10.00 am Berthe Reynaud

Sat 9 Nov

10.00 am **The Dedication of the Lateran
 Basilica**
 Harendrakumar Manibel Patel RIP
 6.00 pm Dec'd members of Howard &
 Platek Families

Sunday 10 Nov

**Thirty-second Sunday
 Remembrance Sunday**
 8.00 am Peter May RIP
 9.30 am For the people
 9.30 am FAMILY MASS Theresa Lobo RIP
 11.00 am Federico Biancucci RIP
**Please arrive by 10.55 so we can share the
 nation's silence at 11.00 am.**
 5.30 pm Jeanne & Pierre Champetier 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 27.10.24	
Plate Collection	1097.95
Contactless	325.40
Bank Standing Order	785.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1167.85
TOTAL	3376.20

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We pray for those who have died: Pat Leach, Hugh Anthony Richards, Joel Oluka Okiror, Francis Ekomolott Onapito, Bernadette Murray, Fabiola Zorilla Corrigan.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Michael & Bill Cleary, Fr Desmond Trant-McCarthy, Margery May, Fr Martin Breen, Brian Cooper, Harry Leamon, Mark Parsons, Fr John Redford, Valentine Potts, Sandra Richards, Jim Byrne, Eileen Hixson, Dorrien Muriel Flood, Megan Grey, Mary Phelan, Cardinal John Heenan, Fr Robin Mountford, Mary Ward,

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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except for the first Monday when it is in the Lady Chapel.

Contemplative Saturday on **2 November** in the Hall from 11-12.noon.

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

DIARY

Nov

Mon 4 Law Surgery in Hall Meeting Room
 Tues 5 Requiem for Fabiola Zorilla
 Corrigan at 2.00 pm
 Sat 9 Fundraising Cheese & Wine
 evening for the Claver Sisters
 mission work.

Dec

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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**The Second collection is
for Missio**

THE LETTER - a Postscript

On 17th 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. 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 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

**THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
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invites you to join them in the Hall on
Wednesday 30 October

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Mass .

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

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 or just turn up.

**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/](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**

Shoeboxes will be collected from the Parish Office on Wednesday morning so please could they be left at the sacristy on Sunday or brought to the Office on Monday or Tuesday.

There are leaflets at the back of church if you haven't yet picked one up.

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.

If you have any questions then do get in touch with

Lucienne Vella 07884 184534 or
Susie Watchorn 07956 574789.



300 Club

Thanks to a substantial donation from the 300 Club we will shortly be taking delivery of replacement chairs for the church hall.

If you know of a charity or organisation who could benefit from receiving our old but serviceable hall chairs please contact the parish office with details.

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

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

If anyone wishes to visit him please contact the Parish Office for the address.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2024

We will be displaying our swathe of poppies in the church again during November.

If you would like to add to it by making crocheted, knitted, or fabric poppies, in red and black, up to 10 cm in diameter we would be very happy to accept them.

There is a basket in the porch for you to put your completed poppies in, **by Friday 1 November** please.

Poppy templates are available at the back of the church but please feel free to do your own design.



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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CLAVER SISTERS FUNDRAISER

Cheese & Wine Evening
Saturday 9 November
7.00 - 9.00 pm

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Cash only please.

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SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE

There have now been over **ten and a half million abortions** in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 57 years ago, on 27th October 1967. On the day before this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Saturday 26th October please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day.

MASSES	
Sunday 27 Oct	Thirtieth Sunday
6.00 pm VIGIL	Deceased Brothers of Beckenham Catenians
8.00 am	The Holy Souls
9.30 am	Anthony Hugh McLoughlin RIP
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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OFFERTORY	
WEEK ENDING 20.10.24	
Plate Collection	818.33
Contactless	183.84
Bank Standing Order	947.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	970.22
TOTAL	2919.39

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Contemplative Saturday on 2 November in the Hall from 11-12.

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DIARY

Oct

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

Tues 5 Requiem for Fabiola Zorilla Corrigan at 2.00 pm
Sat 9 Fundraising Cheese & Wine for the Claver Sisters mission work.

Dec

Mon 9 SVP Christmas lunch



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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



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>

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION

Fr Steve will sign application forms at the following times.

Secondary School applications

Sunday 20 October 10.30pm - 12.30 pm

Please contact the office to
book your slot.

BECKENHAM CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2024



LAST WEEK TO BRING YOUR SHOEBOX TO THE OFFICE

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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.

Fr Steve



THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

invites you to join them in the Hall on
Wednesday 23 October

7.45 pm Praise and Worship
8.00 pm Mass for Family Restoration
and Healing with blessing of water salt
and oil with Adoration and individual
prayer. Celebrated by Fr Mark Binang

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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 or just turn up.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2024

We are planning to display our swathe of poppies in the church again during November.

We are inviting you to add to our swathe by making knitted, crocheted or fabric poppies, in red and black, up to 10 cm in diameter.

There will be a basket on the table, in the porch at the back of the Church, for you to put your completed poppies in **no later than Friday 1st November** please.



Poppy templates are available at the back of the church but please feel free to do your own design.

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Cheese & Wine Evening
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7.00 - 9.00 pm

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CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development



Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

£10
gives displaced families
emergency water

£120
gets emergency shelter
to three households

Millions are fleeing airstrikes in Lebanon and Gaza. CAFOD and our Church partners are already there, responding.

*Please pray and please give.
Every gift is needed.*

Scan here



GIVE TODAY
cafod.org.uk/give
or call **0808 58 588 85**

300 Club

Thanks to a substantial donation from the 300 Club we will shortly be taking delivery of replacement chairs for the church hall.

If you would like to join the 300 Club and be entered in the monthly draw, please contact the parish office. Each number is £39 a year.

If you know of a charity or organisation who could benefit from receiving our old but serviceable hall chairs please contact the parish office with details.

SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND
FASTING FOR LIFE

There have now been over **ten and a half million abortions** in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 57 years ago, on 27th October 1967. On the day before this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Saturday 26th October please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day. Share this with your friends on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/808459844574645>

MASSES

Sunday 20 Oct	Twenty-ninth Sunday
6.00 pm VIGIL	Manuel Pampin Mosquera RIP (2nd anniv)
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
Monday 21 Oct	Feria (St Margaret Clitherow)
10.00 am	Giampaolo Manca RIP
Tues 22 Oct	Feria (St John Paul II)
10.00 am	Intentions of the Banfield family
Wed 23 Oct	Feria (St John of Capistrano)
10.00 am	Theresa & George Halpin (RIP)
12.00 noon	Funeral of Robert Swan 'Bob'
Thurs 24 Oct	Feria (St Anthony Mary Claret)
10.00 am	For all the souls in purgatory
Friday 25 Oct	Feria
10.00 am	John & Betty Diaz
Sat 26 Oct	Saints Chad and Cedd (Bishops)
10.00 am	Ints of Michelle Alagaratnam for success in her exams
6.00 pm VIGIL	Deceased Brothers of Beckenham Catenians
Sunday 27 Oct	Thirtieth Sunday
8.00 am	The Holy Souls
9.30 am	Anthony Hugh McLoughlin RIP
9.30 am FAMILY MASS	For the people
11.00 am	Rosemary Elmer RIP
5.30 pm	Tim Baron

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.

We pray for those who have died:

Robert Swan, Pat Leach, Francis D'Souza,
Enrico Carboni Gillian Maddock-Lyon, Hugh
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
Leonard, Sr Bernard James, Eileen Hood,
Lucy Denne, Annie Martin, Bernard Grey.

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.

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.

OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 13.10.24	
Plate Collection	1050.69
Contactless	328.20
Bank Standing Order	576.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1047.10
TOTAL	3001.99

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.
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Mon 9	SVP Christmas lunch
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If you have a red box at home please bring it to the Office for its
half yearly emptying. It will be returned to the narthex for you to
collect. If you cannot see your returned box please take a blank
box and add your name and telephone number to the label.

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

20 Village Way, Beckenham BR3 3NP Website: www.saintedmunds.net

Parish Office - Phone: 020 8650 0970 - Email: beckenham@rcaos.org.uk

Fr. Steve Wymer - Parish Priest 020 8650 3390 - stephenwymer@rcaos.org.uk

Fr John Olaniran - 020 8650 7533 - johnolaniran@rcaos.org.uk

Fr Andrew Bishop - andrewbishop@rcaos.org.uk

Deacon Seán Murphy - 07960 958 441 - seanmurphy@rcaos.org.uk

Deacon Ray Williamson - raywilliamson@rcaos.org.uk

Sunday 13 Oct 2024

Yr B

Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver
020 8313 3915

sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com

**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.

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.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION

Fr Steve will sign application forms at the following times.

Secondary School applications

Thursday 17 October 3 - 5pm and 6 - 8pm

Sunday 20 October 10.30pm - 12.30 pm

So far we have 8 families who have booked an appointment. This must leave many families applying to Catholic secondary schools who have not yet made contact. Please get in touch straight away as these are the only times Fr Steve will be signing the forms.

Please contact the office to book your slot.

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.

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

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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>

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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>

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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



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.

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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 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
9.30 am FAMILY MASS	FHC Enrollment Mass
11.00 am	Ints of the Dennis family
5.30 pm	Enedina Frau RIP
	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
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Contactless	263.94
Bank Standing Order	2227.33
Church Suite Regular Giving	2148.32
TOTAL	5466.63

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Acc No: 14282887

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