

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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Sunday 2 November 2025 Yr C



The Retiring Collection
is for the SVP.

ALL SAINTS ALL SOULS

These are usually celebrated on the first and second of November. I have lived in both France and Italy where All Saints Day is a public holiday and, even in this secular age, is well observed in French and Italian society, in the same way that 'cultural Christians' in this country celebrate Christmas and Easter and would eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. In fact, when I lived in France, I was surprised when a Jewish lady I knew said she would be visiting her Jewish relatives graves during the holiday. If you are in France at this time the florists will all be selling chrysanthemums, as this is the flower typically taken to the cemetery. Don't make the mistake of taking a bunch to give to your hostess at a dinner party though, as chrysanthemums are considered the flower of death and mourning. It would be a bit like taking her a wreath.

As people may only have the public holiday itself off work, the cemetery visits for All Souls that day are thus made a day earlier than they should be. The French and Italians have half an excuse in confusing the two celebrations due to the holiday, but many English Catholics do the same. On All Saints Day the liturgical colour is white as we celebrate not only all the canonised saints but also all those 'little people' who lived a hidden life of sanctity, but have never been formally recognised as saints. Pope Francis used to have a very apt phrase; 'the saints next door.' He meant not just those living literally next door, but those who live around us and whom we meet in our daily lives. Those who, quietly and without fuss, simply do the will of God.

On All Souls Day the priest wears purple or black- these colours are used for the Requiem Mass on Remembrance

Sunday as well - as we remember the Holy Souls in purgatory, those who have died in God's friendship but who have not yet progressed enough in sanctity to enter heaven straight away. The Bible tells us 'Nothing unclean will ever enter it' (heaven) Revelation 21:27. So on All Souls Day, and for the rest of November, the emphasis shifts to praying for the faithful departed. The prayers and masses we offer for them help them to stay firm in their resolve to purify themselves, 'It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.' 2 Maccabees 12:46. (Douay-Rheims.) This verse, from an Old Testament book set in the second century BC, shows that the Jews prayed for the dead. Martin Luther and other Protestants rejected the concept of praying for the dead and Catholic teaching on purgatory. They rejected 2 Maccabees and other books, e.g. Tobit, Wisdom, Baruch, that had always been in Christian Bibles. These were in the Septuagint translation of the Old Testament used by the early Christians, but Luther restricted the list of books of his Old Testament to a shorter list of books drawn up by Jewish rabbis after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in AD 70. That is why Protestant Bibles have fewer books than Catholic and Greek Orthodox ones. Some Protestants will loudly insist there is no Biblical warrant for praying for the dead, but they are not using the same Old Testament as the first Christians! Catholic and Greek Orthodox Christians continue to pray for the faithful departed as they have always done, considering this to be a "Holy and wholesome thought."

Fr Andrew Bishop

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If you can't get to St Edmunds, then please contact the Parish Office by email **beckenham@rcaos.org.uk** - please mark the subject box 'Holy Souls' and include the names of your friends and family, or **Tel: 020 8650 0970** and your flower will be completed and then placed on our tree on your behalf.

Thank you



ADMINISTRATOR - PARISH OFFICE

We are looking to recruit a part-time administrator for the Parish Office.

The successful candidate will need good IT skills (including Word, Excel and Publisher) and be comfortable with bookkeeping software. A can-do attitude and a welcoming smile are mandatory 😊

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CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Church Hall, Wednesday 5 November

7.45 pm Praise and worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant to be advised

Followed by Fellowship

10.00 pm Evening concludes.

LAW SURGERY

Law Surgery is this **Monday 3 November**

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

A DAY WITH MARY

Westminster Cathedral

Saturday 8 November

Further information is available at

<https://www adaywithmary.org/>

or **<https://eventcatholic.com/>**

As we have been unable to arrange a date for Fr John Olaniran to visit us for a farewell party, Fr Steve will give him a cheque from the parish at his Induction Mass this evening (Friday).

Thank you for your generosity.

AN INVITATION FROM OUR MP

INTERFAITH WEEK COMMUNITY EVENT WITH LIAM CONLON MP

Liam Conlon MP, Member of Parliament for Beckenham and Penge, invites local faith communities to come together to celebrate the positive contribution faith groups make across our area.

 **Date:** Monday 10th November

 **Time:** 5:30pm – 7:30pm

 **Venue:** St George's Church, Beckenham, BR3 1AX

For security reasons and due to limited spaces, RSVP is essential:

Sign up at **<https://bit.ly/interfaithweekBP>**

Or you can email **liam.conlon.mp@parliament.uk** or call **020 8016 6604**.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL



Today is the last day to drop off your box.

So far we have over 50 boxes, some cash donations and many loose items.

COLOMA MASS OF REMEMBRANCE TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER AT 4.00 PM

Coloma Convent Girls' School is holding a Mass of Remembrance 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 18 November giving the name of your loved one so that they can be remembered at this Mass.



Saturday 6 December

11-4.00 pm in the Church Hall



Lovely Stalls, Hot Food and Drinks in the Cafe,
a Children's Room with Crafts and a
special visit from Father Christmas!



Grand Raffle, Craft, Christmas Wreaths, Tombola, Church Shop,
Children's Room and Claver Sisters Stall

More information will follow but at the moment we are looking for donations for the Tombola Stall - New or Unwanted gifts, Toiletries and Bottles!

We also need Christmas Decorations to decorate our Hall Christmas Tree!

Please bring any donations to the Office on weekday mornings.

CAFOD Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

CAFOD World Gifts

As the countdown to Christmas begins, why not start giving with World Gifts.

Every purchase helps families overcome poverty, build brighter futures and celebrate Christmas with dignity. Discover more of our gifts by visiting cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.



Teach someone to read
£12.00



Water for a family
£35.00



Sewing kit
£22.00



Trees for life
£8.00

CAFOD Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

At the end of the summer you, the St Edmund's parishioners signed the global church petition calling for the cancellation of unfair debts, a need to build better financial systems and implement fairer laws to prevent future debt crises.

Please help CAFOD to reach our target

We're currently 203 away from 10,000 signatures

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/164876/action/1>

Thank you

MASSES

Sun 2 Nov

6.00 pm **VIGIL**
8.00 am
9.30 am
11.00 am

5.30 pm

All Saints

Anthony Griffith RIP (33rd anniv)
Bustard & Baker Families
Colm Ruddy RIP
Dr Michael Ekong, Caroline
Aaele, Mary & John Edet RIP, &
dec'd members of the Edet &
Ekong Families.
Pro populo

Mon 3 Nov

7.30 am
10.00 am

Noon
6.30 pm

**THE COMMORATION OF ALL
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
ALL SOULS DAY**

William & Patricia Ross RIP
Keith Roy Kench RIP, Ken, Karl &
Karen & their parents Henry &
Margaret Kench RIP
Helen Donnelly RIP
Dec'd members of the O'Connor,
Breen & Murray Families

Tues 4 Nov

10.00 am
12.30 pm
*No evening Mass at St Mark's as there is work
being done in the church.*

St Charles Borromeo

Stan Ziolek RIP
Requiem of Peter Kuhn

Wed 5 Nov

10.00 am
7.30 pm

Feria

Fr Tomas Creagh-Fuller RIP (anniv)
Charismatic Mass in Hall

Thurs 6 Nov

10.00 am
6.00 pm **CLAUVER**

Feria

For the deceased Claver Sisters
Adoration & Benediction

Friday 7 Nov

10.00 am

7.00 pm

**The Dedication of the Cathedral
Church of St George**

Margaret & Charles Paes RIP &
their son Malcolm RIP
Esseline Nunes d'Agretta

Sat 8 Nov

10.00 am
Noon
6.00 pm **VIGIL**

Feria

Bridie Gitter RIP
Jubilee Mass
Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta RIP

Sun 9 Nov

8.00 am
9.30 am
11.00 am

**The Dedication of The Lateran
Basilica**

Sean Connolly RIP
For the people
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
For the dead of both world wars

*Please arrive before 11.00 am so the
Minute's Silence can be observed.*

5.30 pm Howard & Piatek Families RIP

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

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Friday at 9.30 am and Adoration after
morning Mass from Monday to Saturday,
unless otherwise announced.

We pray for all who have died:

Paul Stone, Peter Kuhn, Betty Stephens, Rosemary
Horsley, Patrick Gunning, Mary Totterdell, Jonathan
Panglose and Joseph Maximé.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Brian Herring, John McKeon, Michelle
Kuhn, Patricia Furlong, Kathleen Roche,
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
Flood, Mary Phelan.

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, Margaret
Brocklehurst, Leyla Pattison, Janice McIntosh,
Zygmunt Sobolewski, James Creedon, Sarah-Marie
Kench, Duncan, Grace, Nora Haugh, Sue Shaw,
Linda Magness, Charles, John Warren Dene.

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Room
Tues 4 Requiem for Peter Kuhn at 12.30
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Sat 15 Mass for the Bereaved at 2.30 followed
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Wed 19 Requiem of Patrick Gunning at 11.15

December

Sat 6 Christmas Fair
Sat 13 Advent Carol Service

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this week.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Fr Steve and the other clergy have asked me to write to you about becoming ministers of the eucharist. Technically lay people become “extraordinary” ministers of the eucharist. “Extraordinary” is “church jargon” contrasting with the “ordinary” ministers of Holy Communion who are the priests and deacons.

When they think of eucharistic ministers, people think about the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass, and we could indeed do with some more assistance at Mass, but there is another very important reason for asking. One of the roles of an extraordinary eucharistic minister is to take Holy Communion to the sick. We simply no longer have enough priests and deacons to do this. And as a parish we have not been so good at this, especially since Covid, when people became reluctant to go into peoples' homes. It is a sad truth that some of our elderly have been somewhat neglected. I am ashamed to say that people who have been faithful Catholics all their lives, even daily Mass goers, have sometimes slipped through the cracks. We are currently looking at our lists to update them as the first step towards improvement. We would ask anyone who has a friend, relative or neighbour who is in need of a visit or Holy Communion to contact the office - *and with their consent* - give contact details. We are aiming for people to be visited on a more regular basis: they should see a priest regularly, though not every time. If lay ministers are able to take communion on the other occasions, we should be able to visit more people on a more regular basis and also make sure everyone has a chance to see a priest. If someone felt able to help with the admin and check that people are being visited regularly

and on a fair basis, this would help too. Someone taking just an hour or so to check, once a fortnight, would be a great help. This job could be done by one of the eucharistic ministers or by someone who would not be comfortable with visiting people in their homes, but wishes to help alleviate this problem.

Of course, eucharistic ministers are needed to help with Mass but they can also, with permission, expose or repose the Blessed Sacrament. They are not allowed to do the blessing with the monstrance, as this is reserved to priests and deacons. However, even to enable simple exposition is a worthwhile ministry: as the number of priests reduces this may be a great benefit to the community.

Eucharistic Ministers can also conduct eucharistic services when no priest is available. Now this is not to say that ALL eucharistic ministers must do this, most don't or wouldn't feel comfortable so doing, but it is just an indication of the importance of this ministry. Would-be ministers must, however undergo the usual safeguarding checks, due to their interactions with vulnerable adults, and the necessary training.

In the near future clergy will be asking people if they would like to consider undertaking this ministry. If you are asked, do give it your consideration.

Fr Andrew
on behalf of the Clergy Team



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centred community, through humble witness, love, compassion
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BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

We are building up a box of little religious books for children to look at whilst they are in church. We have made a start by purchasing some and hope that parishioners will be happy to donate books that their children have grown out of.

The box will be on the table in the centre aisle for the next few weeks to receive your donations.

Thank you to those who have already brought books in.



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For the latest updates in the Archdiocese of Southwark, including reflections and homilies from Archbishop John Wilson, as well as prayers and music, join the WhatsApp channel. The channel aims to help you draw closer to the Lord Jesus through engaging and prayerful content, so please subscribe and share.

Join via this link
rcaos.org.uk/whatsapp



BETTY STEPHENS RIP

Betty Stephens and her family moved to Beckenham in the 1960's and have been active members of the parish since then.

Betty was greatly involved in the parish community. She enjoyed supporting the parish in many ways, often having training priests staying at the family home, running many different stalls at the Christmas Fair, making soft toys to sell, progressing to the White Elephant Stall in later years. No job was refused by Betty.

She was a kind and considerate lady, caring for the sick and elderly, assisting the altar servers each Sunday, working at the jumble sales for the Scouts and she set up and participated in many other groups within the parish, which enabled many to develop a good social life and friendships within the parish.

Betty's faith allowed her to enjoy being active within the parish and she always said that being part of the community was very rewarding and she had made many true friends over the years.

Betty's requiem will be on 10 November at 11.30 am and all parishioners who knew Betty are invited to attend.

Dawn Smith (daughter)

ENTRY INTO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2026

Sunday 23 November

10.30 - 12.30 pm in Meeting Room in the Hall

This is the last session for parents and carers applying to a Catholic primary school to have a Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by a priest.

Due to the volume of applications we are not able to arrange individual appointments.

Certificates of Catholic Practice can be downloaded online but there will be copies available if needed.

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REQUEST FOR HELP

One of our parishioners, Charles Clarke, is writing an academic paper for the University of Cambridge on Catholics' attitude to money.

He would like to ask parishioners if anyone could spend 20 mins to speak to him for his paper. You won't be named in it, and no personal questions will be asked about areas such as income. You just need to be working, and based in the UK. Please contact him at:

coachhouse.clarke@gmail.com
0750 394 0139

ROSEMARY HORSLEY RIP

Rosemary's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 13 November at 12.00 pm in Goring on Thames.

We have full details in the Office so please contact us if you would like to see these.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL



There is just one week left for you to fill a shoebox for Kosovo. Leaflets giving guidance are on the reading slope.

**Boxes can be dropped off until
Sunday 2 November.**

Please don't bring them any later than the 2nd as they will miss the collection and we are unable to store any boxes.

The Office is filled with so many beautifully wrapped boxes, but there is room for more.

Thank you so much for your generosity every year in responding to this wonderful appeal.



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MASSES

Sun 26 Oct	Thirtieth Sunday
6.00 pm VIGIL	Dec'd brothers of Beckenham Catenians
8.00 am	For the people
9.30 am	Baby Arthur Gregory RIP and healing of parents & grandparents
11.00 am	Rosemary Elmer RIP
NO CHORALE	There will be the baptism of baby Astrid during this Mass
5.30 pm	Margaret Paes RIP
Mon 27 Oct	Feria
10.00 am	Janet Maureen Dunn Browne RIP & dec'd family members
Tues 28 Oct	Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles
10.00 am	Sarah Walsh RIP
Wed 29 Oct	Feria
10.00 am	For healing
7.30 pm	Charismatic Mass in Hall
Thurs 30 Oct	Feria
10.00 am	Colin Dowling RIP
6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration
Friday 31 Oct	Feria
10.00 am	Carmel Fahey RIP
Sat 1 Nov	Feria (The Blessed Virgin Mary)
10.00 am	Colin Dowling RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL	Anthony Griffith RIP (33rd anniv)
Sun 2 Nov	All Saints
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October

Friday 24 Requiem for William Kelly at 12.30
Sat 25 Contemplative Saturday in Hall from 11-12

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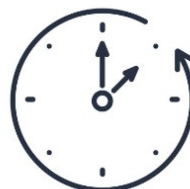
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25 October in the Hall
from 11.00 am until noon.



Clocks go back
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WHY CATHOLICS GO TO HOLY MASS

Holy Mass is a communal gathering where Catholics come together as a community of believers to worship and be united with God and with one another. It is considered the highest form of worship, and a way to give thanks and praise to God for all that he has done for us. It is also a central re-enactment of the last supper when Jesus was with his disciples, and a memorial of His sacrifice on the cross. During Holy Mass Catholics receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, which provides spiritual strength and grace.

Hence attending Mass is essential spiritual food, providing the necessary words and sacrament, to avoid spiritual weakness and emptiness. It is an opportunity for Catholics to be sorry for their sins and receive forgiveness from God.

Nowadays however, not many people take going to Mass seriously. Some people attend Mass online, even when they have no reason to. Others listen to Mass on radios and televisions. From the time COVID struck to now, Mass attendance the world over has declined. For instance, in our church the attendance has dropped from an average of 1035 pre covid to 653 in the count just carried out. It is worth noting that the normal way of attending Holy Mass is for the members of the Christian community to come together to the church or to a community as circumstances may allow and other ways are exceptional. (We do of course give thanks that our housebound parishioners are able to join with us each day on our live streamed Masses and receive communion at home thanks to our Eucharistic Ministers and the clergy team).

Let it be clear to us that if we miss going to Mass, we miss that aspect of "coming together as a community of believers" therefore our community life is weakened. We also miss receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, thereby missing the spiritual food, which cannot be received through attending Mass online or through other channels.

If there is not a compelling reason, let us not avoid coming to Mass in person, so that we can build our spiritual life and strengthen our community life too.

Could each one of us reach out to a friend who has not attended Mass for some good time, and in a loving way explain to the friend and encourage them to resume Mass attendance for their spiritual wellbeing and for the growth of the church.

Thank you,

Fr Arapa Boniface

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. The Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics world-wide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world.

To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 or visit <https://missio.org.uk/> to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible.

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FR JOHN OLANIRAN

31 October at 7.00 pm

St Theresa of the Infant Jesus

Haig Rd, Biggin Hill, Westerham TN16 3LJ

Fr John would be delighted to welcome his St Edmund's friends at his Induction Mass.

If anyone thinking of attending would let the Office know we might be able to arrange car shares, or a minibus.

Please get in touch by Wednesday 22nd.

SEEKING FACILITATORS

The Southwark Marriage and Family Life (M&FL) Team are seeking married couples who are practising Catholics to join their growing team to present courses for Marriage Preparation, Building a Better Marriage and other initiatives in 2026. **Salary:** £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) for the couple. Mileage paid in addition. All training given. For full job description and further details, please contact liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk Closing date for applications is **October 31st**.

300 Club

Congratulations to our October draw winners:

Barbara Ferrando £100

Mary O'Toole £50

Matthew Watchorn £25

Please consider joining the 300 Club.

It is £39 for 12 monthly draws.

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at iblakejames@talktalk.net if you would like to find out more.

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BOOKS FOR THE CHILDREN



Pre covid we had a box at the back of the church full of little religious books for young children to look at during Mass. We should like to re-start this and hope that parishioners would be happy to donate religious books that their children have grown out of, or would be happy to purchase some to donate for the box. The box will be on the table in the centre aisle this weekend. Thank you

MASS FOR THE BEREAVED

Saturday 15 November at 2.30 pm

During November when we particularly remember those who have gone before us, we are holding a Mass for those who have lost someone dear to them.

If you wish to light a candle for them during the Mass please let the Office know the name you wish to be remembered.

There will be refreshments for all in the Hall afterwards.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Church Hall, Wednesday 22 October

7.45 pm Praise and worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Antony Megalan Sellum

Followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament with healing ministry.

10.00 pm Evening concludes.

The team preparing Christmas Wreaths for the Parish Christmas Fair would be grateful for any unwanted Christmas decorations. You can leave your donations at the Office and we will pass them on.

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BECOMING AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

I run a local home care service (Capable Care), and during the pandemic it became clear that some of our clients and other parishioners couldn't get to Mass to receive Communion. I wanted to help, and when St Edmund's invited volunteers to become Eucharistic Ministers, I responded.

I'll admit, I initially thought it was something for the especially holy or those who knew a lot of theology — but I was wrong. Being an Extraordinary Minister isn't about being perfect; it's about helping with one of the most sacred parts of Mass — sharing the Eucharist.

Last Saturday I attended a Formation Day at St George's Cathedral which was relaxed and uplifting, with two talks, a session of adoration, and Mass. Over 70 people from across the Diocese — from teenagers to people in their 80s — took part. Everyone shared the same simple desire: to help make this part of the Mass run smoothly.

If you'd like to serve in this way, please speak to one of the clergy team



Anne-Marie and Leon,
with Canon Victor
Darlington at
St George's Cathedral

ROOTED IN LOVE - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES

Want to grow closer as a couple while deepening your faith and meeting new people?

All engaged and married couples are invited to a **monthly online meeting** where we share friendship, reflect on real-life topics, and pray together as we grow in love rooted in Christ.

Gathering monthly on Zoom **Thursdays**: 30 October at 8:30pm, 27 November at 8:30pm, 11 December at 8:30pm

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If you have any questions, then do get in touch.

Lucienne Vella 07884 184534 or
Susie Watchorn 07956 574789.

Thank you so much for your generosity every year with the shoebox appeal.

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LATIN	
5.30 pm	Manuel Pampin Mosquera RIP (3rd anniv)
Mon 20 Oct	Feria
10.00 am	Tom & Babs Griffin RIP
Tues 21 Oct	Feria (St Margaret Clitherow)
	Claire West RIP
Wed 22 Oct	Feris (St John Paul II)
10.00 am	Jan & Tim Banfield & Family
7.30 pm	Charismatic Mass in Hall
Thurs 23 Oct	Feria
10.00 am	Theresia & George Halpin RIP
6.00 pm CLAUVER	Adoration
Friday 24 Oct	Feria
10.00 am	Dushy Devendra (1st anniv)
12.30 pm	Requiem of William Kelly
Sat 25 Oct	Feria (The Blessed Virgin Mary)
10.00 am	Adrian Wyborn RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL	Dec'd Brothers of Beckenham Catenians
Sun 26 Oct	Thirtieth Sunday
8.00 am	For the people
9.30 am	Baby Arthur Gregory RIP and healing of parents & grandparents
11.00 am	Rosemary Elmer RIP
	There will be the baptism of baby Astrid during this Mass
5.30 pm	Margaret Paes RIP

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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, Margaret Brocklehurst, Leyla Pattison, Janice McIntosh, Jessica Ram, Zygmunt Sobelowski, James Creedon, Sarah-Marie Kench, Duncan, Grace, Nora Haugh, Mary Totterdell, Sue Shaw, Linda Magness

DIARY

October

Friday 24 Requiem for William Kelly at 12.30
Sat 25 Contemplative Saturday in Hall from 11-12

November

Tuesday 4 Requiem for Peter Kuhn at 12.30
Mon 10 Requiem for Betty Stephens at 11.30
Sat 15 Mass for the Bereaved at 2.30 followed by refreshments in the Hall

December

Sat 6 Christmas Fair
Sat 13 Advent Carol Service

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25 October in the Hall
from 11.00 am until noon.

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Sunday 12 October 2025 Yr C



No retiring collection this weekend

PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND?

A few weeks ago the Gospel reading at Sunday Mass included the parable of a man who, wanting to accommodate his bumper harvest, tore down his old barns and built bigger ones. He died before he could derive any benefit from them. The reading is from Luke's gospel (12: 13 - 21) and those of you who come to week-day Mass will have the opportunity of hearing it again in just over a week's time.

The story is so arresting that we tend to forget what made Jesus tell it: a man's request for Jesus' help in getting his hands on an inheritance that his brother had refused to pass on to him. For most of us, Jesus' reaction to the man is disconcerting, because he refuses to help. Instead, he warns the man not to be greedy. 'Don't strive to accumulate more than you need for life,' he says, 'what matters is your credit rating with your Father in heaven.' Whether or not we have personal experience of litigation over wills and inheritances, we will all know of such cases, and most of us will have some sympathy with the man that Jesus puts down so uncompromisingly. The thought of anyone being swindled makes us recoil with indignation as something deep within us kicks in; as Machiavelli observed: a man will sooner forget the death of his father than the loss of his inheritance.

As I write this, we are waiting to see if the plan to end the war in Gaza will stick. The root of the conflict is essentially the same as that of the man who sought Jesus' help - though multiplied enormously. Those of us who have happy childhood memories will sigh at the thought of the family home being sold after the death of our parents, but we get over it. However, when what is at stake is not the family home but the land of our birth, or the land of our parents and ancestors, it is a different matter, because that land is where our beliefs, culture and values were nurtured, the source from which we developed our sense of belonging, and of how we fit in on God's earth. Having to let go of it, or being forced out of it, can be an assault on our very identity. For Palestinians, the Holy Land is theirs, as it had been for centuries. Until a hundred years ago it was overwhelmingly a land of Palestinians, and its expropriation in 1948, and their enforced removal from large parts of it, remains, for them, a catastrophe. For Jews, piecing together their sense of self-hood after the horrors their people underwent at the hands of the Nazis and their collaborators, the Holy Land holds a similar place: looking back over two thousand years, they also claim it as theirs. The dispute is not just about real estate and a source of livelihood, but about Palestinian and Jewish people's

sense of themselves, of who they are, of where they belong.

But when both sides claim the same land as being inalienably *theirs*, there can be only one outcome, as, for large numbers in both populations, mounting suspicion gives way to fear and hatred, before escalating, inevitably, into a total demonisation of the other side, until each camp even denies the basic human rights of the other, and seizes land, kidnaps and slaughters hostages, or bombs indiscriminately. And, all the while, nobody has achieved anything worth having.

For decades, masses of Palestinians have lived, been born, died, in poverty, in refugee camps, at first hoping for justice, but descending, as despair kicked in, into a craving for revenge. Zionists, with cruelty, violence, fire and bullets, continue to seize land from Palestinians and to build on it, having then to surround their settlements with razor wire to remain safe against reprisals. Can either side ever have a moment's real peace?

When Jesus advised that man over his inheritance dispute, he said nothing about seeking to be reconciled with his brother, and he refused, point blank, to intervene, not even in the interests of justice. Instead, he homed in on what he saw as the core of the matter, telling the man to guard against believing that possessions can make us happy. It's not an easy lesson for any of us. But suppose the man *did*, somehow, go on to seek justice, in the courts, say. Would peace result? A judge might assign him what was due to him; but the family would probably remain broken, perhaps forever, as both brothers continue to live out their resentment in the years ahead.

Maybe there is a lesson here as we consider the problem of justice in the Holy Land. Peace can only come when both sides back down from a belief that it's about winning and losing. Seventy years of conflict have shown the emptiness of that way of thinking. We must thank God that there have long been many, many people - Jews, Muslims, Christians, Palestinians, Israelis - living together in the Holy Land, who *do* want peace, who have *always* wanted peace. If the proposal for ceasing the war in Gaza can take hold, we can yet hope that the voices of these other people can be heard as the din of gunfire and bombing, and the wailing of the bereaved, and the groaning of the wounded and the destitute, gradually fade away.

Deacon Seán

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"If we do not plan, we plan to fail". My words in last's week newsletter caused some comment and feedback so I am writing Part 2 to you sooner than I expected.

The issue of Supply Priests, which I wrote about last time is an immediate issue, but there is a background to this. In 'The Called to Bear Fruit' booklets we looked at a year ago, the Archbishop asked us to prepare for the future so we can ensure provision for the sacraments when we have fewer priests.

This is a practical issue, whatever your opinion on married priests and woman's ordination is. The Anglicans have both, but their clergy numbers are falling too: 47% of their stipendiary clergy will reach retirement age in the next 12 years and the current rate of ordinations will not replace them.

Things are far from hopeless as there is currently a increase in those discerning the priesthood. And we have help from religious orders like the Franciscans, Carmelites and Spiritans in many parishes of the diocese.

However, we have to plan for clergy retiring over the next few years. Last year the Bishop of Arundel and Brighton - our neighbour, of course - caused some shock when he said he intended to replace the existing 85 parishes with just 11 'Team Parishes'.

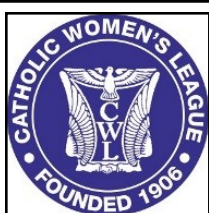
Fr Ashley told me in an email the other day that the first of these has now been set up, in

Brighton and Hove. Last October the Bishop of Lancaster told me, at the ordination of one of my colleagues from the Beda, that he was reducing the number of parishes in his diocese from around 90 down to 25 or so. We can't expect Beckenham to escape. *It is useless to speculate on details* - there is consultation with clergy in the near future to decide these - but generally it is clear that parishes are going to be merged and grouped together in a new way. I expect that there will still be more than one priest at St Edmund's but, rather than seeing them as St Edmund's priests exclusively, we need to understand they are priests for other local churches too as they may need to go there on a regular basis.

All of this means extra work for Fr Steve as the local Dean, but it does ensure that needs are met. In some ways it would be good for our over worked catechists and volunteers to do some things - confirmation? - on a deanery basis. Things will be *different* rather than *worse*, but if we plan, they can be *good*. These changes are likely to come into play over the next few years rather than immediately, but they are coming.

Fr Andrew

Source <https://www.psephizo.com/life-ministry/the-demographic-crisis-in-church-of-england-ministry/> accessed 7/10/25



**13 October
2.30 pm
in the Hall**

The Catholic Women's League has invited Roy Peachey from Mary's Meals to speak at their meeting.

Mary's Meals, founded in 2002, provides a nutritious meal every school day for 3 million school children across 16 countries, enabling them to thrive and learn.

Please join the CWL in the Hall on Monday to hear more about the history, important work, and vision of this children's charity.

FR JOHN OLANIRAN

31 October at 7.00 pm

St Theresa of the Infant Jesus

Haig Rd, Biggin Hill, Westerham TN16 3LJ

Fr John would be delighted to welcome his St Edmund's friends at his Induction Mass.

If anyone thinking of attending would let the Office know we might be able to arrange car shares, or a minibus.

Please get in touch by Wednesday 22nd.

FAMILY MASS FORUM

There will be a follow-up meeting for parents and all parishioners in the hall on Tuesday 14 October at 7.00pm where we can further discuss ideas and provision for young families at the 9.30 Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

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URGENT REQUEST FROM THE SVP

A family being helped by our SVP is in urgent need of a table and at least four chairs.

If anyone is able to offer some help please contact: beckenhamsvp@gmail.com or call 07789 497 482 and leave a message or send a text.

Thank you

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Church Hall, Wednesday 8 October

7.45 pm Praise and worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Boniface

Followed by informal prayers
ending at 10.00 pm



BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK

The 9th-15th October is Baby Loss Awareness Week, which 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 altar 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 Wednesday 15th October at 6.30pm in the Chapel.

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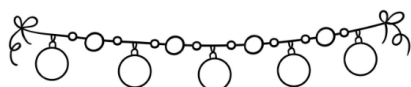
MASSES

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6.00 pm VIGIL	Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta RIP
8.00 am	For the people
9.30 am	Arthur Quinn RIP First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass
11.00 am	Katie Severs RIP
5.30 pm	Edward Piatek RIP
Mon 13 Oct	St Edward the Confessor
10.00 am	Anna Knell RIP
Tues 14 Oct	Feria
	Monica Grima RIP
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Wed 15 Oct	St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)
10.00 am	Baby Charlotte Flannery RIP No Adoration
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Thurs 16 Oct	Feria
10.00 am	Dec'd benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
6.00 pm CLAVES	Adoration
Friday 17 Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch
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Frances Wilson, James McGilloy, Poppy Howie,
Patrick Cummins, Fr Paul Weir, Billy Cannon,
Eileen McGrath, Paula Marbach, Betty Banfield,
Christopher Gunapala, Dave Webb, Bernadette
Murray, Ilie Florian.

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Jessica Ram, Zygmunt Sobolewski, James
Creedon, Sarah-Marie Kench, Duncan, Grace, Nora
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DIARY

October

Mon 13	CWL Meeting with guest speaker from Mary's Meals. 2.30 in Hall. All welcome
Tues 14	Requiem for Maude Herring at noon.
Sat 18 & Sat 25	Retreat days for Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers
Friday 24	Requiem for William Kelly at 12.30

November

Tuesday 4	Requiem for Peter Kuhn at 12.30
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December

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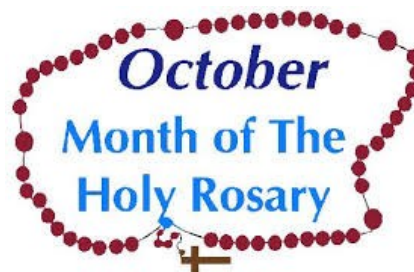
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this weekend

"If we do not plan, we plan to fail." About twenty years ago I worked for a headteacher who would say this very often to students to encourage them to draw up a "revision plan" before their exams. I am sure, however, that it applies to many other things. We can never know what the future will hold, both good and bad, and there will always be surprises, but we can be prepared and so look forward without worry and anxiety. The Archbishop is asking us to prepare for the future at a deanery level, so we can weather the challenges that are coming. You will recall the **"Called to Bear Fruit"** booklets and consultation a little while back, and many of you were gracious enough to give your time to give your thoughts about the future.

You will also recall that in July and August we were supposed to have a supply priest from Nigeria. He never arrived due to difficulties and delays obtaining a visa, as I understand it. This reflects a significant tightening due to the present political climate. Since Brexit the visa regime applies equally to priests from the European Union who have to go through exactly the same process and expense, whereas previously they didn't even need to apply for a visa and could help out here for the summer and improve their English at the same time. And there is the not so little issue of expense: *to have a supply priest for just two months would have cost us over £3,000 for visa fees, air fares, etc.* It is a burden small parishes cannot afford.

Given the twin problems of visas and the cost, the Archbishop has decided that next year the archdiocese will not go down the route of trying to get short term supply priests to cover for priests' holidays. Quite simply weekday masses will need to be cancelled while the parish priest is away, and perhaps at weekends. While a priest is away, it may be that the number of masses will have to be temporarily reduced: if parish A and B **both** have a Saturday evening mass at 6 pm and are just a bus ride apart, it would seem logical, if the parish priest at church A is away, that his parishioners will have either to attend a Sunday mass at another time or go to church B for their usual 6 pm time slot. You might think that St Edmund's has a number of priests so that there will be no impact here, but this is not the case. As dean, Fr. Steve will be spending quite a bit of time and effort organising the local clergy to coordinate when they go away so we can all manage, and it is likely that the priests at St Edmund's will have to cover Sunday masses elsewhere. There is no need to panic, we just need to plan for the future. This might not seem so relevant to you, but it seems to me that we have to keep you in the loop about what is going on.

Fr. Andrew



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CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Friday 3 October

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CHURCH SHOP

The shop now has calendars and diaries for 2026 in stock so please purchase yours now. More can be ordered as required. Christmas cards will soon be available.

Patrick who runs the shop is very happy to order nativity sets for you, but they will no longer be kept in stock as they are expensive items. If you would like to purchase a nativity set please take a look at cbcdistributors.co.uk which has beautiful ones which your family will treasure for years.

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Please join us in the parish hall on 13th October at 2.30 pm to hear more about the history, important work, and vision of this children's charity.

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Here at St Edmund's Church, we have a special Remembrance Tree on the altar 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 Wednesday 15th October at 6.30pm in the Chapel.

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A ring has been found at the back of church. Please contact the parish office if it is yours.



We have been blown away by the generosity of this Parish!

The donations of cakes were astonishing and the donations of money very heart warming. Thank you to all who attended on Saturday morning.

Thankfully, there were enough lovely cakes, to offer to those who attended Mass for the Sick on Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning Teas and Coffees and Monday's Mother and Toddler group as well. In response, everyone was very generous with donations.

A big thank you also goes to the hospitality group for their tireless help and support on that busy Saturday and to the other groups who supported us on Sunday and Monday.

We are delighted to announce we managed to raise £385.65 for Macmillan.



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Sleep outside for one night to raise awareness and funds for homelessness

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2025

BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH, 7PM

SIGN-UP NOW!

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Charity Number: 1186655



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7.30 pm	Charismatic Mass in Hall
Thurs 9 Oct	St John Henry Newman
10.00 am	Ian Scott RIP
6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration
Friday 10 Oct	Feria
10.00 am	Franciszek Pietrzyk RIP & family
Sat 11 Oct	St John XXIII, Pope
10.00 am	Intentions of Yvonne O'Keeffe
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Sun 12 Oct	Twenty-eighth Sunday
Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their families	
8.00 am	For the people
9.30 am	Arthur Quinn RIP
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Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Edith Ransford, Terry Dunn, Annie Spearman, Jenny Greenland, Robert Simpson, George Cornish, George Campbell, Kitty Sharpe, Mauree Teresa Dowling, Mary Olaniran, Albertina Ferrando, Ernest Smith & Kathleen Blackham.

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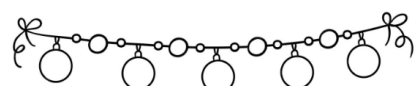
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The team preparing Christmas Wreaths for the Parish Christmas Fair would be grateful for any unwanted Christmas decorations. You can leave your donations at the office and we will pass them on. Thank you



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No retiring collection

THE 9.30 FAMILY MASS MEETING HOPE AND HEALING

Last Tuesday evening a meeting was held in the parish hall for all the attendees of the 9.30 Sunday morning Mass. It was an opportunity to find ways of improving how we accommodate and best serve those who come, especially parents and their young children.

This meeting had resulted from a particularly noisy Mass on Sunday 7th, followed by both an item in the following Sunday's newsletter - which some parents took exception to - and a homily by me addressing the issue. There were also numerous discussions and emails over the following week, with opinions clearly divided.

I was therefore immensely appreciative to all those who came and participated in the meeting. Everyone was given the opportunity to express their point of view and to listen to others. Considering how some people's feelings were raw and emotions high, I felt the meeting was conducted in a spirit of Christian charity and benevolence that I felt both humbled and encouraged by it.

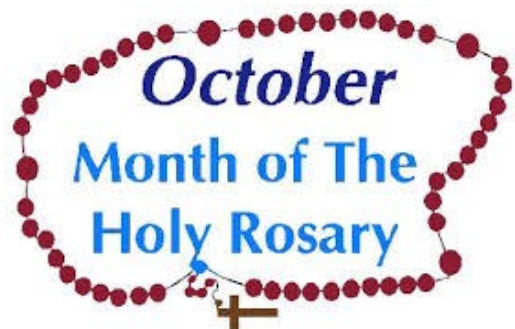
I would like to express my gratitude to Ruth McConkey for chairing the meeting so sensitively and Emma Carlile for her dedicated note taking at the meeting, (not any easy task considering the poor acoustics in the hall) and thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the meeting. I am grateful to everyone who shared their views and gave their time to help us think about how to move forwards. We will be sharing a summary of what we heard and the next steps shortly.

Last Wednesday I attended the Hope and Healing service at our Cathedral, St Georges, for those harmed and affected in any way by abuse. Archbishop John Wilson, Canon John Diver, the Episcopal Vicar for Safeguarding and Karen Troullides, the Faith Liaison Officer based at Lewisham were present along with fifty clergy and lay members.

What unfolded over the following hour was a beautiful and sensitive liturgy of readings, prayers and music, a reflection and the lighting of candles. It was a moving testimony of faith and hope.

Earlier in the evening in the middle of work and with much to do I asked myself, 'Shall I go to the Cathedral, can I afford the time?' Later that evening I came away from St Georges absolutely certain it was time well spent.

Fr Steve



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CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Friday 3 October

Cafod is asking us all to remember our global neighbours in need by marking Harvest Fast Day on October 3. There will be Cafod speakers at all Masses this week-end.

Please take home a Cafod envelope and return it at Mass during the retiring collection next weekend. Alternatively, you can make a donation online at: cafod.org.uk/envelope. This will enable you to link your donation to the total from St Edmund's Parish. Also, if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider gift-aiding your donation, as this will increase its value by 25% at no extra cost to you.

ENTRY INTO CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS 2026

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COMMISSIONING DAY FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 11 October
at St George's Cathedral

There are some parishioners who have had their DBS clearance for their role as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion have yet to be commissioned.

There is to be a commissioning Day at St George's Cathedral on 11 October and if you are able to attend this day please let the Parish Office know straight away so that they can register you for a place.

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For the latest updates in the Archdiocese of Southwark, including reflections and homilies from Archbishop John Wilson, as well as prayers and music, join the WhatsApp channel. The channel aims to help you draw closer to the Lord Jesus through engaging and prayerful content, so please subscribe and share.

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CHURCH SHOP

The shop now has calendars and diaries for 2026 in stock so please purchase yours now. More can be ordered as required.

Christmas cards will soon be available.

Patrick who runs the shop is very happy to order nativity sets for you, but they will no longer be kept in stock as they are expensive items. If you would like to purchase a nativity set please take a look at cbcdistributors.co.uk which has beautiful ones which your family will treasure for years.

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300 Club

Congratulations to our September draw winners:

No 172 - Helen Wates - £100
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No 21 - Ana Weeks - 25

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5.30 pm	Marianne Martin RIP
Mon 29 Sept	Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
10.00 am	Tom Knell RIP
Tues 30 Sept	Saint Jerome
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Wed 1 Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus
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Account name: RCAS Beckenham
Sort Code: 60 02 12
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Link to set up a regular donation through ChurchSuite:
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THE IMPORTANCE AND THE BENEFIT OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIVES

The late and renowned priest of the Diocese of Rome, Father Gabriele Amorth, wrote some striking phrases related to Eucharistic Adoration. These words reveal the extraordinary power of being in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Below, I share with you several of these phrases:

- "He is there, hidden in that white bread! But He is not hidden from us; we see Him, and His light burns us. It is like a fire that we cannot put out!"
- "That piece of bread is not just bread. It is He, the same one who threw us out of heaven! We hate Him, but we cannot get close to Him!"
- "If humans knew who is really there, the whole world would kneel and we would be defeated forever!"
- "Every minute spent before Him takes away our strength. He forces us to flee like cowards!"
- "That place where they adore Him is full of angels. We cannot enter there even with our traps!"
- "When they worship Him, He strengthens their souls and destroys everything we have done in their lives."
- "One hour before Him takes away from us the souls we had trapped for years. It is like a great war against us, and we always lose it!"
- "The Holy Hour fills their homes and families with light. We cannot bear that light, it blinds us!"
- "When they do the Holy Hour for sinners, they receive His mercy and our chains are broken. It is a condemnation for us!"
- "Those hours of silence before Him are like a hammer hitting our heads. We cannot resist it!"
- "When they look at Him, they say nothing, but He acts in their hearts. It destroys us from within!"
- "Silence before Him is more powerful than a thousand words. He fills them with grace and makes them invincible!"
- "Every moment of adoration offered by the souls in purgatory frees them. Those acts are like swords that cut our chains!"
- "The souls He frees take away ground from us, and we cannot regain it!"
- "Stop those reparative worships! Every act before Him destroys what we have built with so much effort."

- "Reparative worship is poison for us. It is as if you destroy everything we do in your souls!"
- "When you make amends for blasphemies and sacrileges, you weaken us more than you can imagine."
- "Those who spend time before Him are protected! It is as if they build a barrier of fire around them. We cannot reach them easily!"
- "Every time one of you looks at Him with faith, we receive a punishment that hurts us more than a thousand chains."
- "When someone worships Him with all their heart, He snatches away what is ours. He humiliates us every time!"
- "Those prayers before the Blessed Sacrament for sinners are our ruin. They receive His mercy and repent, and that destroys our traps!"
- "When they pray for the lost before Him, He shows them His love and breaks our chains. It is a disaster for us!"
- "Adoration for sinners leaves us powerless over them. He covers them with His blood, and we can no longer touch them!"
- "It burns us, it burns us! That light that radiates from the Blessed Sacrament is like a fire that never goes out."
- "He is alive there, and we cannot bear it. His gaze destroys us."
- "The souls that consecrate themselves to Adoration are like swords that pierce us. We cannot overcome them!"
- "Those small groups that adore Him are more powerful than entire armies of our own."
- "One hour with Him is worth more than thousands of prayers that do not include His presence."
- "Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is like a rain that puts out the fires we have lit in the world."
- "These acts of worship bring peace to the earth."

If adoration of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar brings us such great benefits and protection from the devil, why don't we as members of this church community treasure, love and participate in it regularly as a way of saving our souls! Ponder about it,

Fr Boniface Arapa

In last week's newsletter and my homily last Sunday I wrote and spoke about the noise level at Masses and in particular at the 9.30. My intention was simply to address the issue as I had received both criticism and support. I hope I have replied to all who contacted me. I would like to reiterate that there was no intention to cause any hurt or offence.

We now need to look at the way forward so I would like to propose a meeting in the parish hall on Tuesday 23rd September at 7.00pm for those who attend the 9.30 Mass. I hope we can work together and agree the best way to support all our parishioners and especially the families of young children. I look forward to discussing this with you on Tuesday.

Fr Steve

FOLK CHOIR

We'd like to thank everyone; current and past members and friends, for making 5:30 Mass last Sunday such a success. It felt like a wonderful celebration of the choir and a testament to how much it means to the parish. A special thank you also to Cathy and her team who helped make the gathering in the hall after Mass so special, it was lovely to see so many people there. We hope to be contributing to the liturgy for many years to come.

Folk Choir

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK EVANGELII GAUDIUM (HOME MISSION)

This collection provides Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization.

RCIA COURSE

This course for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or those who wish to join the Church, started last week.

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Cathy and Mary

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MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday 27 September at 2.30 pm

This Mass is being celebrated for anyone who is ill, in any way.

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Our SVP is providing transport for anyone who needs it so please email

beckenhamsvp@gmail.com or call
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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Calling all Parishioners:

You are invited to our Coffee and Cake Morning on Saturday, 27 September in the Church Hall between 10.00 am. and 12.30 pm.

Please do come with family and friends to raise money to support this very worthy cause.

Calling all Bakers: please consider also baking a cake(s) or tray-bake to donate! Some suggested recipes are available at the back of Church.

If you don't bake please would you donate a shop-bought cake?

Cake donations can be received in the Hall from 9.00 am. on the day or you can drop them off to the Office on Friday.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!



WALK TO ST EDITH'S WELL.

With fellow pilgrims from St. Thomas' Church in Sevenoaks, and joined by walkers from the Jubilee Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory in June, together with folk from other parishes, we set off in cheerful spirits. Despite the grey skies and threat of rain, we arrived at Kemsing with new friendships formed and old ones rekindled.

At the Well, Fr. Peter led the prayers and devotions in honour of St. Edith and our intentions were offered for our parish communities.



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ANNUAL MASS COUNT

At this time each year, in every chapel and church throughout the world, the number of those attending Mass is recorded over four consecutive weeks and submitted to the Vatican.

The count starts this weekend.

As the priest begins to read the notices he will ask the welcoming team to begin the count and when done, to write it on the chart in the sacristy. It will only take a couple of minutes

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

21ST – 25TH OCTOBER COST £399:

Dartford parish is running a pilgrimage at half term which has a few spaces left.

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10.00 am	Lily Beavis & Tony Colonnese RIP
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	Pat & John McAvoy RIP
Wed 24 Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham
10.00 am	Thank you to St Clare
7.30 pm	Charismatic Mass in Hall
Thurs 25 Sept	Feria
10.00 am	Tom Knell RIP
6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration
Friday 26 Sept	Feria (Saints Cosmas & Damian)
10.00 am	Fr Adam RIP (6th anniv)
Sat 27 Sept	St Vincent de Paul
10.00 am	Rukee Pereira (b'day)
2.30 pm	Mass of Anointing
6.00 pm VIGIL	Janet Maureen Dunn Brown RIP & dec'd family members
Sun 28 Sept	Twenty-sixth Sunday
	World Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees
8.00 am	Coral Harrow RIP, Maureen Harrow RIP and dec'd members of the Bean Family
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11.00 am	Maria & Julius Jasiewicz RIP
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Congratulations to our Folk Choir on 55 years of music

CHRIST'S TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

It is often said that what we fear is not death, but dying, and it was no different for Jesus. The closer Jesus came to his own death, a death that he knew would be one of appalling, cruel torture, the more the horror of what he would have to undergo began to undermine his resolve.

It was while he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane that his agony truly began, culminating in the cry, 'May this cup be taken away from me!' He even knew that he had it in his power to escape from those who were on their way to arrest him. All it would take would be to do as his ancestor, King David, had done, many centuries earlier, when he had fled from Jerusalem to escape the army of his rebellious son, Absalom: to carry on up the Mount of Olives and escape from there into the seclusion and safety of the wilderness beyond.

So great was his consternation as he awaited his Father's answer that, as Luke tells us, Jesus sweated blood. This is a rare phenomenon, but it does sometimes happen – its technical name is 'haemato-hidrosis'. Around the sweat glands there are delicate networks of very fine blood vessels, and under the pressure of great stress these blood vessels constrict. Then, as the anxiety passes, the blood vessels dilate and rupture, the blood passes into the sweat glands, and out through the skin. We should notice that detail: the blood is squeezed out *once the anxiety has passed*. With his Father's help in response to his prayer, by the time he is sweating blood Jesus has already *triumphed* over his fear of what will befall him: his agony has passed because he has completely accepted his Father's will. This is the beginning of Christ's triumph, and it is surely a source of deep consolation to us to know that, in his love for us, and for his Father, he went willingly, and with total readiness, to his death, enduring his final hours of insult, humiliation and pain in a state of utter inner peace. There, in the Garden of Gethsemane, the battle had already been won.

Deacon Seán

BEHAVIOUR AT MASS

Everyone is most welcome to attend and participate in the Mass and we are blessed here at St Edmund's to have five Sunday Masses.

To see young families at these Masses is very inspiring and fills me with hope for the future. However, I feel I must address an issue which has been a problem for a while and was particularly noticeable at last Sunday's 9.30 Mass.

There were one or two children who were clearly in some distress and crying very loudly so that many of the congregation were greatly distracted: they couldn't concentrate on their prayers or what Fr Boniface was saying.

When children become too boisterous or

agitated it is the duty of the parents to take control of the situation and remove their child to a place where he or she cannot be a distraction and hopefully be happier in themselves.

Please take your child to the narthex till they quieten down - you can hear the Mass there, and can return when your child is calm.

Children must not be allowed to run around in the church. This is a safety issue in a crowded church and is completely unacceptable. Children should sit with their parent at all times.

Fr Steve

This Sunday, the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross, parishioners will have an opportunity to venerate a fragment of the Holy Cross. This will be after the dismissal at the vigil Mass on Saturday and the 8.00 am and 11.00 am Masses on Sunday.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING **Calling all Parishioners:**

You are invited to our Coffee and Cake Morning on Saturday, 27 September in the Church Hall between 10.00 am. and 12.30 pm.

Please do come with family and friends to raise money to support this very worthy cause.

Calling all Bakers: please consider also baking a cake(s) or tray-bake to donate! Some suggested recipes are available at the back of Church.

If you don't bake please would you perhaps donate a shop-bought cake?

Cake donations can be received in the Hall from 9.00 am. on the day or you can drop them off to the Office on Friday.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!
Thank you!



On Monday, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Deacon Sean will lead the congregation in praying the Chaplet of Our Lady of Sorrows during Adoration as we offer prayers for the victims of sexual abuse.



Please bring your red boxes to the Office for emptying.

DAY OF RETREAT FOR LECTORS AND EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

There are two days to choose from:
Saturday 18 October at St Stephen's Church, Welling or Saturday 25 October at Bishop Thomas Grant School in Streatham.
Places need to be booked through the Parish Office. Please send an email giving your name and the session you would like to attend.

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After the Mass we will have refreshments in the Hall.

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beckenhamsvp@gmail.com
or call 07789 497 482 and leave a message
or send a text

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS

Our parish school St Mary's Catholic Primary, will be holding open mornings for parents of children due to start Reception in September 2026 at 10.45 am on Thursday 2 October; Wednesday 15 October; Wednesday 5 November and Wednesday 26 November.

If you would like to attend any of these open mornings, please contact Mrs Tracey - School Admissions Officer by email at admin@stmaryscp.co.uk

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

MAUDE HERRING RIP

Maude Herring was a well-known and respected parishioner of St Edmund's for most of her long life. She died peacefully this week having spent a couple of weeks in a care home following a fall in which she fractured her hip. Maude was 103.

Maude worked for many years as school secretary at Bishop Challoner School, retiring in 1985, and was an active member of the CWL, where she was a strict treasurer but also famous for her catering skills. She and her friend Joan Harvey undertook most of the catering for parish events of which there were many, in addition to producing impressive quantities of home-made cakes and jam for the Christmas Fair.

Maude was awarded the Benemerenti Medal which is bestowed by the Pope in recognition of service to the Catholic Church

She was a great character and still remembered by many of us at St. Edmund's.'

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE FURTHER ACTION NEEDED!

As the Assisted Suicide Bill progresses through the Lords, Peers have made it clear that receiving physical letters will have the most influence at this stage of the process.

Right To Life UK has launched a new *EasyAction* tool that creates a personalised letter to be sent in the post to a Peer highlighting a key concern with the Bill, selects a Peer to receive it, and customises the letter so that it is addressed from you.

***Please take action now and visit:
www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter
to send a letter to Peers asking them to***



MARRIAGE SUPPORT Starts 17 October

Does your relationship need some TLC?
Need help with deeper issues?
Contact www.retrouvaille.org.uk

SERVICE FOR HOPE AND HEALING

Archbishop John Wilson and the Safeguarding team, invite all parishioners to join them on 24 September at 6.30pm, for the Service for Hope and Healing, for all those that have been harmed by abuse. The service is to express the archdiocese's commitment to all those that have been harmed, their family and friends, and to come together as a community and demonstrate our solidarity for those harmed.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

Saturday 20 September
St George's Cathedral, SE1 6HU
Day begins at 10.00 am.

Registration is now open.

aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2025
Places are always booked up very quickly so please register promptly.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

21ST – 25TH OCTOBER COST £399:

Dartford parish is running a pilgrimage at half term which has a few spaces left.

They are offering a very generous discount for young people under 16.

Costs include return flights from Stansted, half board accommodation, transfer from/to Lourdes, £70 single supplement.

Children under 16 go for £199.

DAY OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND THANKSGIVING

This day is intended for those who followed the Archdiocese's Pilgrimage to Pentecost and the Jubilee Celebration Day at Aylesford.

Saturday 4 October
St George's Cathedral
10.15 am - 5.00 pm

2025 celebrates the
75th Anniversary of the
consecration of
St Edmund's Church.

MASSES

Sun 14 Sept	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
6.00 pm VIGIL	Siobhan Donnelly RIP (anniv)
8.00 am	Peter May RIP
9.30 am	Monica Grima RIP
11.00 am	In thanksgiving - The Ekong Family
5.30 pm	In thanksgiving & appreciation of the Folk Choir on its 55th Anniversary
Mon 15 Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows
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	Shiroma Dabrera (b'day)
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10.00 am	Liz Bennett RIP
1.00 pm	Marriage blessing of Bernice Moss & Olumba Ekpo
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Our retiring collection next weekend is for the SVP

WELCOME TO FR BONIFACE

Dear Fathers Steve, Andrew, and the Christian community of St Edmund's parish, Beckenham, I am so delighted to be "coming home" again, this time, not for a short term supply but for a long term placement.

My pastoral experience in the parish in 2018 remains forever in my mind, and St Edmunds remains indeed my second home. The hospitality, the family spirit and the generosity of the community that I experienced then, gives me the confidence that I shall live a good life in the community even now that I shall be with you. I am very much looking forward to sharing my pastor experience in Uganda with you, at the same time eager to learn from you.

I very strongly believe that when we co-operate and work together, we shall build the kingdom of God amidst us. May His will be done.

Thank you,

Fr Boniface Arapa



Please welcome Fr Boniface to St Edmund's, and introduce yourself to him if you have the opportunity.

FR JOHN OLANIRAN

It was only four months ago when Fr Sunith, the parish priest of St Anthony of Padua died, that our own Fr John was sent there to console a grieving parish and to hold the fort before a new priest was appointed.

At that time we didn't know that Fr John would not return to us, but in days he will begin a permanent placement as Parish Administrator of Westerham and Biggin Hill parishes.

Fr John was at St Edmund's for three years and we would like to mark his ministry here with a financial gift. There are envelopes at the back of the church which can be put in the collection basket or handed in to the Office, or you can make your gift using the QR code.



Thank you so much.

300 CLUB

Some months ago, at the instigation of the 300 Club organiser, we asked parishioners to suggest improvements they would like to see in the Hall.

Many of those who responded suggested a large screen that could show films, the words of hymns, on-line talks etc.

The screen is now in place and if anyone has ideas of how we could use it for parish entertainment, please come forward.

Catechists - it is there for you to use. It is straightforward, but please come in for a demo before you need to use it for the first time.

Thank you to the 300 Club for funding the screen. There are still numbers left so if you want to be part of this club please contact the Office.

FAITH EXPLORERS

The 'Bible In a Year' group was created and run by Annie Williamson who was passionate about the Bible in a Year podcast by Ascension Press and hosted by Fr Mike Schmitz. You can listen for free on the Ascension Press app or the 'Hallow' app.

The group has grown into something more: a supportive and evolving community now to be renamed as '*Faith Explorers*'. Initially formed to help each other stay committed to regular Scripture reading, many of us have completed or are soon to complete our journey - and found it life-changing and inspiring. Yet the group continues to seek more, expanding our understanding by exploring faith through theological works, personal reflection, and open discussion.

Faith Explorers is a place where everyone is welcome - no experience necessary, no question too small or too big. Whether you're a Bible In a Year finalist, just beginning your faith journey, or somewhere in between, you'll find listening to others is as valued as sharing your (often) newly discovered insight or revelation.

Come as you are. Share what you're discovering or simply be present. Whether that be wishing to start your own Bible journey, the 'Rosary In a Year', or if you've found your way to other writers such as C.S Lewis, you'll find a space where people support each other, ask honest questions, and explore faith in real, personal ways. We've found this group to be a great place to grow, learn, and deepen our spiritual lives.

Some of our members wish to share their personal testimonies:

I found Bible In a Year a really great experience, Fr Mike and Jeff Cavins have a really clear way to explain the true meaning behind some of the more difficult Bible passages. It was half an hour each day well spent and a great opportunity to do something I would never have done without this podcast."

I have learnt so much about God's nature, that He wills to love us, and redeem us over and over until time itself comes to an end.

I see Faith Explorers as a support group which continues to evolve as we learn more and spread our net wider into theological works. How we each approach this has been fascinating and interesting; it is a great place to ask questions and get some answers. For me, I wanted to read

the Bible properly and to start to understand it. What a brilliant podcast series it has been. There are lots of follow-on materials I am finding. It is no exaggeration to say the process has been life changing for me. Thank you."

Come and try us - see if we're right for you. Faith is a journey, and you don't have to walk it alone, and you can walk it at your pace (not just in a year).

"(Bible In a year) Can answer many questions, even some on University Challenge!"

We meet on average every two weeks, usually in the meeting room in the church hall. We will be meeting again after our summer break, on 5 September.

If you wish to enquire, please contact Olli at:
beckenhamfaithexplorers@rcaos.org.uk

LAW SURGERY

Law Surgery is this **Monday, September 1.**

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

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Church Hall

Wednesday 3 September

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Boniface Arapa

Followed by Lectio Divina

10.00 pm Evening concludes

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our Bereavement Support Group begins its next sessions on Thursday 18 September, meeting weekly at 6.00 pm until 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room of St. Edmund's Hall.

Last minute enquiries to:
beckenhambsg@rcaos.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.

There are copies of the Prayer to Saint Michael and the Memorare on the table at the back of the church. As Fr Steve has said over the last few weeks these prayers will be recited at some Masses. If the prayers are unfamiliar to you, please pick up a copy and take it away with you.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

Saturday 20 September
St George's Cathedral, SE1 6HU
Day begins at 10.00 am.

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Catechists are invited to a day filled with teachings and prayer and a chance to meet fellow Catechists.

Registration and choice of workshops can be found at

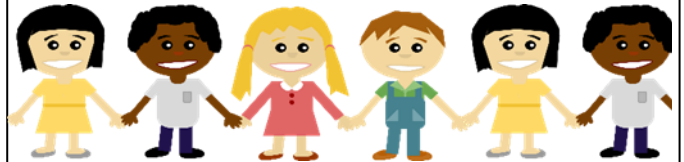
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All parish catechists are encouraged to attend this day. Details have been sent to them already, but if you have been missed out, or are thinking of becoming a catechist, please take a look at the link above.

Babies and Toddlers Group St Edmund's Hall

Mondays during term time
10 – 11.30 am
£3.00 per family

RESTARTS 8 SEPTEMBER



CHURCH SUITE

Some people, when setting up their account on Church Suite, fail to tick the box allowing emails from the parish.

The result of this is that they don't receive the weekly newsletter.

If this is you, and you would like to receive the newsletter every Friday afternoon, it is very easy for you to go into your account and make this amendment for yourself.



Weekend of 6 and 7 September
Croydon Road Rec

WARNING

There is a major festival in the recreation ground next weekend.

Please be aware that the roads near to the church will be very busy and that parking will be even more difficult than it normally is.

There may only be limited space in the car park and there could well be congestion on the nearby roads.

MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Our annual Mass of Anointing of the Sick is to be celebrated on Saturday 27 September at 2.30 pm. Anyone who is ill, in any way, and wishes to be anointed is encouraged to attend.

After the Mass we will have refreshments in the Hall.

There will be transport available for those who need it. Details to come.

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.

All our choirs will be back next weekend after their summer break.

MASSES

Sun 31 August	Twenty second Sunday
6.00 pm VIGIL	Dante & Angelica Dragonetti RIP
8.00 am	Thomas & Violet Cronin RIP
9.30 am	For the people
11.00 am	Enedina Floris RIP
5.30 pm	Mike Howard & Monica Howard RIP
Mon 1 Sept	Feria
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6.30 pm	Rosary & Confession
7.00 pm	Jubilee Mass (HARVEST)
Sat 6 Sept	The Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00 am	Blessed Mother Mary
6.00 pm VIGIL	Alek Pasiniewicz RIP
Sun 7 Sept	Twenty third Sunday
8.00 am	Bridget Hrekow RIP
9.30 am	For the people
FAMILY MASS	
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Fri 5	Faith Explorers (see p2)
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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

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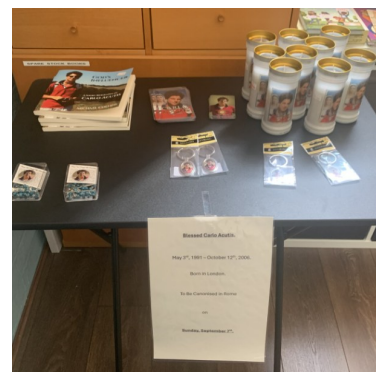
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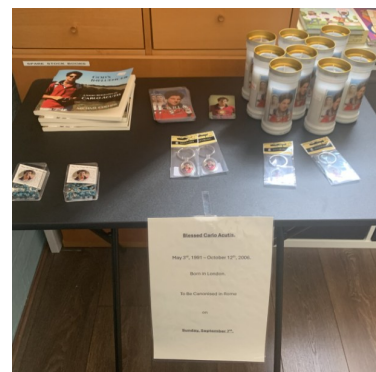
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We also give money to good causes. In the last year the Beckenham Catenians have raised over £1,250 for the Priest Training Fund of the Southwark Archdiocese.

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.

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A Summer Prayer

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The pace of life slows...
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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)
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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
Thurs 21	Requiem of Eugene Kelly at 12.30

September

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

Sat 18 & Sat 25	Retreat days for Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers
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December

Sat 6	Christmas Fair
Sat 13	Advent Carol Service

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The next two dates for Contemplative Saturday
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Sunday 27 July 2025

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A JOURNEY IN FAITH

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 2025/26

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

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

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

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

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

Mary and Cathy.

SUMMER COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursday Mornings
After 10.00 am Mass

It was lovely to welcome so many to the first summer coffee morning on Thursday. Thank you to Fr Andrew for joining us. There was lots of talk and laughter and promises to be there next Thursday.



Knights of St Columba
Serving God by serving others.

NATIONAL RELIC TOUR St Columba of Iona, St Margaret of Scotland & St Andrew the Apostle

Monday and Tuesday 11 & 12 August
St Edmund's will be hosting relics of these three saints.

They will be on display both mornings during Adoration and also on Monday evening from 6.00 pm for an hour.

Thank you to the Knights of St Columba who have arranged this national tour.



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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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP STARTING SOON

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

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

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

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

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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.

MASSES

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
Mon 28 July	Feria
10.00 am	Dominic Geoghan RIP
Tues 29 July	Sts Mary, Martha & Lazarus
10.00 am	Richard Wallner RIP (5th anniv)
Wed 30 July	Feria
10.00 am	Olga Chalker RIP
7.30 pm	Mass in Hall
Thurs 31 July	St Ignatius of Loyola
10.00 am	Ints of Denis Brennan
1.30 pm	Requiem of Clare West
6.00 pm CLAVES	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
10.00 am	Fr Martin O'Connor RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL	Brigid Weir RIP
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better than others but I have still got a long way to
go.

Fr Steve

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Xamena, Baby Olivia & Isabelle English, Betty
Clark, Anthony Pinkett, John Cameron McShane,
Dominic Geoghegan, Peter Warren, Ivan Farnon,
Peter Devine, Cormac Hargreaves, Zolzislaw
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DIARY

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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

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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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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).

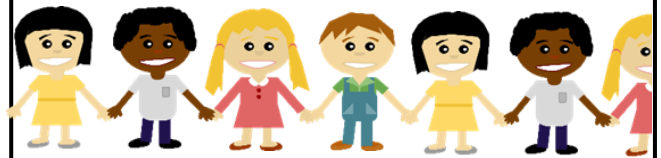
If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith then our next RCIA course begins on 11 September.

Meetings are held weekly on Thursday evenings.

If you would like any more information about the course, please contact us on: faithhub.28@gmail.com.

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.

SUMMER COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursday Mornings
After 10.00 am Mass

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.

LONDON CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP

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

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:

WhatsApp Brendan 0742 554 9408,

Facebook – 'London Catholic Social Group' or londonswcatholicsocial@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation that helps couples form and sustain healthy marriages and provides support in times of relationship difficulty. It has been operating for nearly 80 years and we are keen to try and find more volunteers to help with this important work. There are various ways in which volunteers can become involved, as outlined under the *Get Involved* section of our website marriagecare.org.uk.

We are currently looking for Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. Full training is provided for this role, which mostly delivers courses online to couples across the country.

There are other ways of supporting our work too, for example by helping with our communications and administration or being on the reception at our centre in Blackheath for one or two evenings a month.

For more information please email:

volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

or the local centre co-ordinator:

Tony.Lawrence@marriagecare.org.

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

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
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

Sun 20 July	Sixteenth Sunday
6.00 pm VIGIL	Antonio Panetta & Family RIP
8.00 am	In thanksgiving - Melissa Cuyril
9.30 am	Josephine Uche RIP & Leonard Orji RIP
11.00 am LATIN	Anna Floris, Annita Giorri & dec'd family members.
5.30 pm	For the people
Mon 21 July	Feria
10.00 am	Joanna Duguid RIP
Tues 22 July	St Mary Magdalene
10.00 am	Norah Coughlan RIP
	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

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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.

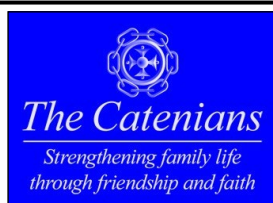


A LIFECHANGING OPPORTUNITY!

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.

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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:
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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

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MARRIAGE CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation that helps couples form and sustain healthy marriages and provides support in times of relationship difficulty. It has been operating for nearly 80 years and we are keen to try and find more volunteers to help with this important work. There are various ways in which volunteers can become involved, as outlined under the *Get Involved* section of our website marriagecare.org.uk.

We are currently looking for Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. Full training is provided for this role, which mostly delivers courses online to couples across the country.

There are other ways of supporting our work too, for example by helping with our communications and administration or being on the reception at our centre in Blackheath for one or two evenings a month.

For more information please email:

volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

or the local centre co-ordinator:

Tony.Lawrence@marriagecare.org.

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

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

**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
6.00 pm CLAVES	Adoration
Friday 18 July	Feria
10.00 am	Ints of Stephen & Manesha Banfield
Sat 19 July	The Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00 am	John & Freda Locke RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL	Antonio Panetta & Family RIP
Sun 20 July	Sixteenth Sunday
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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
Thur 31	Requiem of Clare West at 1.30
October	
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December	
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Sunday 6 July 2025

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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.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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LAW SURGERY

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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>



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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

If you are reading this newsletter on Friday, why not come down to the Hall at 3.00 pm tomorrow to see the art exhibition being put on by our SVP, and enjoy some refreshments in the garden.

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roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk

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

Sun 6 July 6.00 pm VIGIL 8.00 am 9.30 am FAMILY MASS 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Fourteenth Sunday John Sharpe RIP For the people Barry Marchant RIP In thanksgiving – the Ekong Family For Maks on his birthday
Mon 7 July 10.00 am	Feria Health & blessings for Imelda Halpin & her family
Tues 8 July 10.00 am	Feria Dec'd benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
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Thurs 10 July 10.00 am 6.00 pm CLAVER	Feria Michelle Alagaratnam - in thanks giving Adoration
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DIARY

July

Sat 5	SVP Art Exhibition in the Hall at 3.00 pm
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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..

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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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Register your interest now and we'll keep you updated as plans develop. This link, cafod.org.uk/masslobby will take you to The Climate Coalition website, as you need to be registered officially to meet your MP. The Climate Coalition will send you logistical information about the lobby, but your details will not be shared and you won't receive emails from The Climate Coalition after the lobby itself.

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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A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

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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:

- Support the Holy Father's mission, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples.
- Support numerous charitable works in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or those in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development.

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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Deacon Ray, his wife Annie and their family will be leaving St. Edmund's parish in July and relocating to deepest, but not necessarily darkest Kent!

Ray and Annie have been active in this parish for many years in a variety of roles too numerous to mention here, but really contributing to the life of our parish.

We will miss them both greatly and thank them for all their hard work and dedication. Ray will deacon his last Mass at St Edmund's at the 9.30 am Mass on 13 July.

After that Mass we would like as many people as possible to join us in the Hall for a reception and farewell.

Discover Local Art at the Beckenham SVP Exhibition!

The Beckenham SVP conference is excited to host an exhibition of art at the **St Edmund's Hall on Saturday, 5th July at 3:00pm.**

Art teacher Lucia Boaghe will be displaying some of her local artists' work for you to browse while you enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake. Some of the paintings will be for sale and entrance is free. Feeling creative? Lucia will be on hand to guide you if you'd like to try your hand at drawing!

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9.30 am	Pro populo
11.00 am	Rodolfo Cabilin, Edgardo Magbalsa RIP & dec'd family members
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Mon 30 June	Feria
10.00 am	Paul Booth RIP
Tues 1 July	Feria (St Oliver Plunket)
10.00 am	Pat & John McAvoy RIP
Wed 2 July	Feria
10.00 am	Fabiola Zorilla Corrigan RIP (b'day)
7.30 pm	Mass in Hall
Thurs 3 July	St Thomas, Apostle
10.00 am	Hazel Teresa Friend-Pereira RIP
6.00 pm CLAVER	No Adoration
Friday 4 July	Feria (St Elizabeth of Portugal)
10.00 am	NO MASS
6.30 pm	Rosary & confession
7.00 pm	Jubilee Mass
	Ints of Bridie Carroll
Sat 5 July	Feria
10.00 am	Ints of the Claver Sisters on feast of Mother Foundress Bl Mary Theresa Ledochowska
6.00 pm VIGIL	John Sharpe RIP
Sun 6 July	Fourteenth Sunday
8.00 am	For the people
9.30 am	Barry Marchant RIP
FAMILY MASS	
11.00 am	In thanksgiving – the Ekong Family
5.30 pm	For Maks on his birthday

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**75TH
ANNIVERSARY OF
THE
CONSECRATION OF
ST EDMUND'S**

We pray for all who have died: Margaret Paes, Joan Taylor.

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DIARY

July

Sat 5	SVP Art Exhibition in the Hall at 3.00 pm
Mon 7	Law Surgery in Hall from 6.00 pm
Wed 9	Requiem of Margaret Paes at 11.30 am (Margaret was the mother of Rose Remedios)
Sun 13	Farewell reception for Deacon Ray & Annie in Hall after 9.30 Mass

December

Sat 6	Christmas Fair
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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.



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM CAFOD

MASS LOBBY IN WESTMINSTER WEDNESDAY 9 JULY

Will you join us in the 'Act Now, Change Forever' mass lobby of Parliament on Wednesday 9 July 2025 along with thousands of people from across the country?

Register your interest now and we'll keep you updated as plans develop. This link will take you to The Climate Coalition website, as you need to be registered officially to meet your MP. The Climate Coalition will send you logistical information about the lobby, but your details will not be shared and you won't receive emails from The Climate Coalition after the lobby itself.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION

Deacon Ray, his wife Annie and their family will be leaving St. Edmund's parish in July and relocating to deepest, but not necessarily darkest Kent!

Ray and Annie have been active in this parish for many years in a variety of roles too numerous to mention here, but really contributing to the life of our parish.

We will miss them both greatly and thank them for all their hard work and dedication. Ray will deacon his last Mass at St Edmund's at the 9.30 am Mass on 13 July.

After that Mass we would like as many people as possible to join us in the Hall for a reception and farewell.

If you would like more information about this celebration, or to offer help, then please contact Cathy on cathpaints2@msn.com.

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON

I was unable to celebrate my Silver Jubilee of Ordination publicly due to the Covid restrictions in place at the time. This year marks the 30th Anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood, and I would like to warmly invite you, my dear brothers, along with the religious and consecrated, and lay faithful of the Archdiocese, to join me for a **Mass of Thanksgiving** at St George's Cathedral on **Friday 25 July at 7pm**, followed by a Reception in Amigo Hall.

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

300 CLUB

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

Two of this month's winners are the grandchildren of parishioners.

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:

<https://www.universalis.com/n-apps.htm>

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THE LIGHT OF CHRIST MEETING

Wednesday 25 June at 7.45 pm

7.45 pm. Praise and Worship

8.00 pm. Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Kenneth Iwunna
(St Saviours, Lewisham)

Followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and healing ministry.

10.00pm. Evening concludes.



On the Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ [Corpus Christi], Saturday 21/ Sunday 22 June, all Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are asked to renew their commitment to this ministry at the Mass they attend.

A JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA).



If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith then our next RCIA course begins on 11 September.

Meetings are held weekly on Thursday evenings.

If you would like any more information about this, please contact us on:

faithhub.28@gmail.com.

NEXT SATURDAY



Phishing emails (scams). Please be aware of phishing emails – which are an attempt to scam someone using a well-known name, such as an organisation or **even a parish priest**.

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- Please **always** check the sender's email address, and not just the name.

AGENCY FOR EVANGELISATION AND CATECHESIS

Every parishioner, as well as teachers and parents in our schools, has free and unlimited access to the workshops created by the world-renowned Catechetical Institute.

From Scripture to parenting workshops, to catechetical training and mentoring, there is something for everyone.

For information on how to register your free account visit:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>

EASYFUNDRAISING

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.

Please sign up today by going to:

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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.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the preparations for this Mass.

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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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MASSES

Sun 22 June Corpus Christi Renewal of commitment for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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8.00 am Wellbeing of Ray & Louise Watson
9.30 am Wellbeing of Ndidi
11.00 am Catherine Waters RIP (b'day anniv)
5.30 pm Johanna Pauline Piatek RIP

Mon 23 June Feria (St Etheldreda)
10.00 am Ted Billy RIP (1st anniv)

Tues 24 June The Nativity of St John the Baptist
10.00 am Wellbeing of Catherine May

Wed 25 June Feria
10.00 am Wellbeing of Chibuike
No Adoration
7.30 pm Mass in Hall

Thurs 26 June Feria
10.00 am Tony Leonard RIP
6.00 pm CLAVER Adoration

Friday 27 June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
10.00 am Janet Maureen Dunn Brown RIP
and dec'd family members

Sat 28 June The Immaculate Heart of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00 am Antonio Cappa RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL Vincenzo Collonnese RIP

Sun 30 June Sts Peter & Paul
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

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weekend, the feast of Corpus Christi.

We pray for all who have died: Margaret Paes,
Sandy Baron, Joan Taylor.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are
at this time:** Sr Ann Byrne, Michael O'Brien,
Honorina Johnson, Canon Patrick Pearson, William
Foster, Licia de Fabiani, June Singleton, Gerard
Belfourd, Mary Goulding, Margaret Reilly, Bessie
Boudville.

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Susan McWilliams, Mary-Jo McCarthy, Jacqueline
Djasrabe, Paul, Margaret Brocklehurst, Leyla
Pattison, Janice McIntosh, Jessica Ram, Zygmunt
Sobelewski, James Creedon, Alan Guest, Paul
Catchpole.

DIARY

June

Tues 24 Lady Chapel refurb - 7.00 pm

July

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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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Come Holy Spirit.



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.



STELLA MARIS

Online webinar being run by Stella Maris on Thursday 19 June from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm.

You will hear about the work that Stella Maris has been doing with seafarers and fishers over the past year or so, including the use of the funds kindly donated on Sea Sunday last year.

To attend this webinar, please sign up at: www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyouwebinar

CURRY AFTERNOON

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

21 June

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

Come with family and friends and enjoy a fun afternoon.

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend and are also available from the Parish Office

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!

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

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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.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

St George's Cathedral will be visited by a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

On Thursday 26 June there will be an evening of adoration and veneration of the relic for young adults.

On Friday 27 June, Archbishop John will preside at the 6.00 pm Solemn Mass of the Sacred Heart, which will include veneration of the relic.

On Saturday 28 June, there will be a "morning with Carlo Acutis", which will include Mass, adoration, rosary and a talk on the relic.

An exhibition will also be on display at the Cathedral from 19 June to 7 July.

Visit: stgeorgescathedral.org.uk for more information.

CURVED PEWS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

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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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.

The evening will conclude at 9.30 pm with refreshments.

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MASSES

Sun 15 June	The Most Holy Trinity
6.00 pm VIGIL	James Dempsey RIP
8.00 am	Keith Kench RIP
9.30 am	Henzert Wallace RIP
11.00 am	For the intentions of the Neophytes
5.30 pm	Eddie Dowling RIP
Mon 16 June	Feria (St Richard of Chichester)
10.00 am	Audrey Brown RIP
Tues 17 June	Feria
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 CLAVES	Adoration
Friday 20 June	St Alban, Martyr
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Sat 21 June	St Aloysius Gonzaga
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OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 8.6.25	
Plate Collection	983.21
Contactless	128.00
Bank Standing Order	1889.50
Church Suite Regular Giving	1459.50
TOTAL	4460.21

We pray for all who have died: Baby Arthur Gregory, Margaret Paes, Sandy Baron.

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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

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

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.

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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.

STELLA MARIS

Parishioners are warmly invited to an online webinar being run by Stella Maris on Thursday 19 June from 7:30 pm to 9.00 pm.

You will hear about the work that Stella Maris has been doing with seafarers and fishers over the past year or so, including the use of the funds kindly donated on Sea Sunday last year. To attend this webinar, please sign up at: www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyouwebinar

PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST

The final meeting of the *Pilgrimage to Pentecost* will be Wednesday 11 June in the Hall with 7.30 pm Mass beforehand in the church celebrated by Fr Andrew.

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.

We will do this for a few weeks to see how it works.

We are grateful to all the parishioners who use the contactless machines at the back of the church for their donations.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

St George's Cathedral will be visited by a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

On Thursday 26 June there will be an evening of adoration and veneration of the relic for young adults.

On Friday 27 June, Archbishop John will preside at the 6.00 pm Solemn Mass of the Sacred Heart, which will include veneration of the relic.

On Saturday 28 June, there will be a "morning with Carlo Acutis", which will include Mass, adoration, rosary and a talk on the relic.

An exhibition will also be on display at the Cathedral from 19 June to 7 July.

Visit: stgeorgescathedral.org.uk for more information.

CURVED PEWS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

In the Lady Chapel we have four long, dark wood, curved pews. These have been used on the sanctuary in the past and have been at St Edmund's for many years.

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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21 June

1.00 pm to 4.00 pm
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YOU CAN HELP**

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

Please contact Sr. Reena on
020 8313 3915 or e-mail her at
sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com

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

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

WALK THE AUGUSTINE CAMINO FOR MARY'S MEALS

1 September – 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 8 June

Pentecost Sunday

6.00 pm VIGIL Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta RIP
 8.00 am Colin Garvey RIP
 9.30 am Emilia RIP
 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

10.00 am Brenda Lee RIP

Yr2 pupils from St Mary's will be making a pilgrimage to join us at this Mass.

6.30 pm Confirmation Mass
 For the intentions of the confirmandi

Sat 14 June

Feria (The Blessed Virgin Mary)

10.00 am Monica Grima RIP
 6.00 pm VIGIL James Dempsey RIP

Sun 15 June

The Most Holy Trinity

8.00 am Keith Kench RIP
 9.30 am Henzert Wallace RIP
 9.30 am HALL For the people
 FAMILY MASS
 11.00 am For the intentions of the Neophytes
 5.30 pm Eddie Dowling RIP

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OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 1.6.25	
Plate Collection	1136.94
Contactless	282.44
Bank Standing Order	608.33
Church Suite Regular Giving	2576.87
TOTAL	4604.58

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

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Michael Gray, Mary Brady, Colette Dungey, Francis Weal, Anne Shaw, Dee Beechinor-Collins, Cathy De Lacey, Jeremy Smith, Anne McCabe, Peter Gorman, Frank McMahon, Krystyna Barbara Mansi, Mireille Tilbrook, Francis O'Grady, Margaret Wymer, Audrey Brown, John Colling, Celia Jovic.

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

DIARY

June

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

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

Sat 21 Claver Sisters Curry Afternoon

July

Wed 9 Requiem of Margaret Paes at 11.30 am

December

Sat 6 Christmas Fair

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

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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Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver 020 8313 3915

Sunday 1 June 2025

Yr C



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

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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.

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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

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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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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 CLAVER	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
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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**

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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

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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Fr Andrew Bishop - andrewbishop@rcaos.org.uk
Deacon Seán Murphy - 07960 958 441 - seanmurphy@rcaos.org.uk
Deacon Ray Williamson - raywilliamson@rcaos.org.uk
Safeguarding - Yvonne Epale - safeguardingSG3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk
Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver 020 8313 3915

Sunday 25 May 2025

Yr C



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.)

PARKING ON FORECOURT

Please do not park on the driveway unless you are coming into the presbytery or the office.

Please do not leave your car on the drive whilst you go shopping in Sainsbury's or on the High Street.

If you are not one of those who does this you will find it hard to believe that it happens. But it does, and on a regular basis.

Parking without permission blocks the priests' car on the drive and often hinders access to the ramp.



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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.

COACH TO AYLESFORD PRIORY

Saturday June 7

The coach to Aylesford Priory will be leaving at 8.30 am from St Edmund's Church.

Please arrive at 8.15 am as the coach will leave promptly at 8.30 to arrive at Aylesford for 10.00 am when the day's program starts.

The coach will depart from Aylesford at 5.30 pm.

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

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

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

Please contact Sr. Reena on
020 8313 3915
or e-mail her at

sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com



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

MASSES

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
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

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OFFERTORY WEEK ENDING 18.5.25	
Plate Collection	1139.16
Contactless	344.43
Bank Standing Order	786.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1062.36
TOTAL	3331.95

We pray for all who have died: Tony Dawson, Bernadette Ludlow, John Parker, Lilian Carmagnole.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Frances Joseph Friend-Pereira, Catherine Casey, Jack McCarthy, Christine Thomas, Joan Fleming, Mary Redman, Trevor Binley, Chris Ivin, Joseph Keappock, Canon John Lennon, Susan Clough, John Keappock.

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

MAY

Fri 30 Funeral service for Tony Dawson at 12.30

June

Sat 7 Diocesan Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory.

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

Meditation every Monday in the Hall from
5.30 - 6.20 pm, except for the first Monday of
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75 YEARS

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Sunday 18 May 2025

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This weekend our second collection is for Living Well and we will also be collecting food donations.

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
towards Pentecost weekend.

Each session begins with Mass in the
church at 7.30 pm and then moves to the
Hall. Daily reflection booklets are available
in the Hall at £3.50.

PARKING ON FORECOURT

Please do not park on the driveway unless
you are coming into the presbytery or the
office.

Please do not leave your car on the drive
whilst you go shopping in Sainsbury's or on
the High Street.

If you are not one of those who does this
you will find it hard to believe that it
happens. But it does, and on a regular
basis.

Parking without permission blocks the
priests' car on the drive and often hinders
access to the ramp.



The coach to Aylesford is
fully booked.

CURRY AFTERNOON

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

21 June

1pm to 4 pm

At the Claver Convent,
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course. **Booking is essential.** Please
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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.

COACH TO AYLESFORD PRIORY

Saturday June 7

The coach to Aylesford Priory will be leaving at 8.30 am from St Edmund's Church.

Please arrive at 8.15 am as the coach will leave promptly to arrive at Aylesford for 10.00 am when the day's program starts.

The coach will depart from Aylesford at 5.30 pm.

WE NEED HELP

Thank you so much to all who responded to the request in last week's newsletter asking for help in preparing the church and the sanctuary for weekday morning Mass.

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

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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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 Elizabeth, Rosanna Sookram, Hans Halpin, Paul M
 Williams, Norma Powell, Joan Morris, Paul Hixson,
 Susan McWilliams, Mary-Jo McCarthy, Jacqueline
 Djasrabe, Paul, Margaret Brocklehurst, Leyla
 Pattison, Janice McIntosh, Jessica Ram, Zygmunt
 Sobolewski, James Creedon, Sebio De Bartoli,
 Margaret Paes, Alan Guest, Paul Catchpole.

DIARY

Tues 20 Reception of Fr Sunith's body and Mass
 at St Anthony of Padua, 6.30 pm
 See in newsletter for full details

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

June
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 Mon 9 CWL meeting in the Hall

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75 YEARS

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Sunday 11 May 2025

Yr C



The second collection is for the Priest Training Fund

“PEACE BE WITH ALL OF YOU!

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

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

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

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

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

It's been an uplifting week.

May God bless you all.

Fr Steve

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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

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

We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers.

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

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

Or Scan the QR Code

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

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



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

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



PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST

Have you joined our Pilgrimage to Pentecost?

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

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

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

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

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

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FR SUNITH NONIS

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

Tuesday 20th May

6.30 pm - Reception of Body and Mass

St Anthony of Padua

Genoa Road, Anerley, London SE20 8ES

Wednesday 21st May

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

2:00 pm - Requiem Mass

The Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St. George, Southwark

LAW SURGERY

Law Surgery is this Monday.

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

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

www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP

JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY – booking for children and young people sessions

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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DIARY

May

Mon 12	Law Surgery in Hall Meeting Room at 6.00 pm
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Sat 24 St Edmund's 75th Anniversary Mass at 6.00 pm

June

Sat 7	Diocesan Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory.
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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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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.

The evening will finish with refreshments at 9.30pm.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL - less than 2 weeks left!

The Report Stage of the Assisted Suicide Bill is 16 May. It is vital that you contact your MP urgently about this issue.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote to email your MP - it takes just 30 seconds! If you have the time, please also visit your MP - you can arrange a meeting now by visiting www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FR SUNITH NONIS

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

Tuesday 20th May

6.30 pm - Reception of Body and Mass

St Anthony of Padua

Genoa Road, Anerley, London SE20 8ES

Wednesday 21st May

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

2:00 pm - Requiem Mass

The Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St. George, Southwark

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.

Elvie Tumang

Team Administrator

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PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

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

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

We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers.

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



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**

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.

We have had parishioners who have joined ACN pilgrimages in this country and cannot recommend them too highly.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN UNITED KINGDOM

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. 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

JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY – booking for children and young people sessions

If you have not already done so, please contact the office to book a place on our coach to the archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June. It promises to be a great event! For more information, visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubilee_celebration

That is also where you go to register for 90-minute ministry sessions for children (KS1+2) and young people (KS3+4). **Pre-booking for these sessions begins at 11 am this Monday 5 May.** Places are limited - first come, first served. Please book only for your own children or grandchildren. For those who miss out, there are other children's activities, notably a novel 'Saints Treasure Trail' which has been developed especially for this celebration.



Jubilee Mass
Saturday 24 May
6.00 pm

MASSES

Sun 4 May

6.00 pm VIGIL
8.00 am
9.30 am
FAMILY MASS
11.00 am
5.30 pm

Third Sunday of Easter

Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
Sean Walsh RIP
Ints of Sr Pat Devine

Martino Anni & Franca Carta RIP
For the people

Mon 5 May

10.00 am

Feria

Welfare of Breda Molloy

Tues 6 May

10.00 am

Feria

Ints and wellbeing of Teresa Murphy

No Adoration

2.00 pm

Mass to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Bishop Challoner School

Wed 7 May

10.00 am

1.15 pm

7.30 pm

Feria

Christopher Carroll RIP
Requiem for Brenda Lee
Pilgrim to Pentecost Mass

Thurs 8 May

10.00 am

12.30 pm

6.00 pm CLAVER

Feria

Veronica Collins RIP
Funeral service for Sylvia Gallagher
Benediction

Friday 9 May

10.00 am

Feria

Wellbeing of Gretta O'Reilly

Sat 10 May

10.00 am

6.00 pm

Feria

Lucy Yong RIP
Wellbeing of Nwosu & Chidolue families

Sun 11 May

8.00 am

9.30 am

9.30 am HALL

FAMILY MASS

11.00 am

5.30 pm

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Ints of Angela Dowling
Linda Travell RIP
For the people

Dec'd members of the Lennon Family (No Chorale)
Ints of the Pinkett Family

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We pray for all who have died: Canon Leo Mooney, Sylvia Gallagher, Fr Sunith Nonis, Mark Humphreys, Brenda Lee, Leslie Dickson, Fitzroy Maxima Saunders, Kendall James, Grace Odoki-Olam and His Holiness Pope Francis

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Maureen Hodgson, Roland Doyle-Davidson, Stephen Barry, Rosalita Mamboyo, Rosemary McWilliams, Gilberte Van Der Steen, Edward Burton, Mary Brown, John Cleary, Barbara Webster and Len Bill.

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, Paul Hixson, Susan McWilliams, Mary-Jo McCarthy, Jacqueline Djasrabe, Paul, Margaret Brocklehurst, Leyla Pattison, Janice McIntosh, Jessica Ram, Zygmunt Sobelewski, James Creedon, Seblio De Bartoli, John Parker.

DIARY

May

Wed 7

Requiem Mass for Brenda Lee (daughter of Cathy May) at 1.15 pm
Funeral of Sylvia Gallagher at 12.30 pm
Law Surgery in Hall Meeting Room at 6.00 pm

Thur 8

Mon 12

Sat 24

St Edmund's 75th Anniversary Mass at 6.00 pm

June

Sat 7

Diocesan Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory. Some coach places still available

Tickets are £20 from the Office.

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

Contemplative Saturday
3 May from 11-12 in the Hall

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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

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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

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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
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Collection at Mass of the Lord's Supper for
Living Well £327.56

Collection at Good Friday Liturgy for the Holy
Places £1346.46

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who can be reached at
safeguardingSG3@safeguardraos.org.uk

We pray for all who have died: Martha Mary Gray,
Canon Leo Mooney, Romana Erskine, Sylvia
Gallagher, Fr Sunith Nonis, Mark Humphreys,
His Holiness Pope Francis, Brenda Lee.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at
this time:** Margaret Cassar, Archibald Taylor,
Monica Wells, John Dutton, Fr Anthony Porter,
Cathy Macnamara, Peg Fleming, Bernice Archbald,
Kieran Fuller, Marie-Therese Jameson, Winifred
Kourkgy, Nancy Galea, Dani Candasamy, Shirley
Lawler, Christopher McNamara.

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, Paul,
Margaret Brocklehurst, Leyla Pattison, Janice
McIntosh, Mark Humphreys, Jessica Ram, Zygmunt
Sobelewski, Fr Simplicio D'Souza, James Creedon,
Sebio De Bartoli.

DIARY

May	
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Mon 12	Law Surgery in Hall Meeting Room at 6.00 pm
Sat 24	St Edmund's 75th Anniversary Mass at 6.00 pm
June	
Sat 7	Diocesan Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory. Please book your place in the coach. Tickets are £20 from the Office.

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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

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:
LandingsBeckenham@gmail.com

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
<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/forms/erbuetfw>

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
11.00 am Drs Mervyn & Mary Shipsey RIP
5.30 pm Janet Maureen Dunn Browne RIP & dec'd family members

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 there is Adoration after morning Mass.

Our Parish Safeguarding rep is Yvonne Epale who can be reached at safeguardingSG3@safeguardraos.org.uk

We pray for all who have died: Martha Mary Gray, Tina Valentino, Canon Leo Mooney Romana Erskine, Sylvia Gallagher, Fr Sunith Nonis, Mark Humphreys and Magdalene Thomas

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Fr Tony Pyle, Eileen Ridgeway, Catherine Shipton, Michael Howard, Theresa Cooper, Josie Wait, John Mattison, Edward Callaghan, Rose Dimeo, Anthony Kilcullen, Mary Dickson, John Ferreira.

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, Paul, Margaret Brocklehurst, Leyla Pattison, Janice McIntosh, Jessica Ram, Zygmunt Sobolewski, James Smith, Fr Simplicio D'Souza, James Creedon, Jessica Ramm

DIARY

April

Wed 23 Requiem for Tina Valentino at 11.30
Fri 25 Requiem for Magdalene Thomas 11.30

May

Thur 8 Funeral of Sylvia Gallagher at 12.30 pm
Sat 24 St Edmund's 75th Anniversary Mass at 6.00 pm

June

Sat 7 Diocesan Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory. Please book your place in the coach. **Tickets are £20 from the Office.**

Meditation every Monday in the Hall from 5.30 - 6.20 pm, (not on Bank Holidays) except for the first Monday of each month when it is in the Lady Chapel.

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/>

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.

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: LandingsBeckenham@gmail.com

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.