

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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Sunday 30 November 2025 Yr C



Retiring collection and food  
collection for Living Well

## CHRISTINGLE - A SIGN OF HAPPINESS

Over three hundred years ago, a bishop in Germany gave all the children in his church a gift. The gift was a candle with a red ribbon around it. He wanted to give the children something to remind them that their happiness came from God.

### What Does It All Mean?

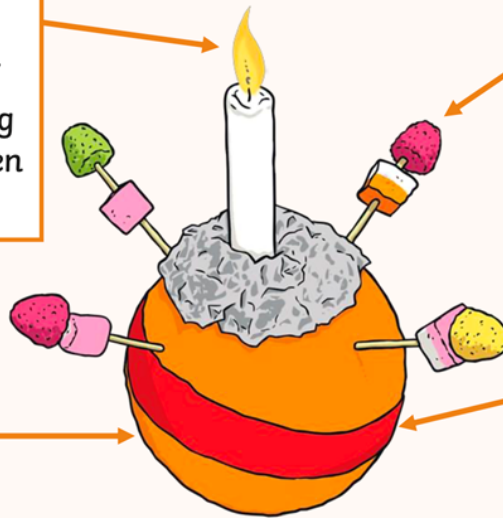
What do you think is the meaning of each part of the Christingle?

The candle  
represents Jesus  
being the light of  
the world, bringing  
hope to people when  
they are in need.

The sweets/dried  
fruit represent  
God's creations in  
the four seasons.

The orange  
represents the  
world.

The red ribbon  
represents God's  
love for the  
world and the  
blood of Jesus  
when he died on  
the cross.



You will need

• 4 cocktail sticks • an orange • a red ribbon • some sweets or dried fruit AND a candle

### Instructions

Tie the red ribbon around the middle of the orange.

Push the four cocktail sticks into the orange.

Carefully, put the sweets or dried fruit on the ends of the cocktail sticks.

Push the candle into the orange. You might need an adult to make a small hole at the top of the orange first.

**We are having a Christingle service at 2.00 pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Why don't you make one and come along?**

**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.**

### **ARCHBISHOP JOHN'S ADVENT 2025 REFLECTION**

This Advent, Archbishop John is calling us on to reflect on the “astonishing truth” that the “Lord Jesus is, and always will be, Emmanuel: God with us, God beside us, God within us”. In a [video reflection](https://rcaos.org.uk/video-reflection), Archbishop John said that: “to say God is with us is not poetry but power. It means that the Lord Jesus stepped into our humanity so that we might step into his divinity. It means that God is no distant deity, but one who draws near; who shares our joys and carries our sorrows; who opens heaven to earth, and earth to heaven”. You can watch his full reflection at [rcaos.org.uk/advent2025](https://rcaos.org.uk/advent2025).

### **CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT consultation response published**

Thank you to the thousands of people who took part in the Called to Bear Fruit Consultation. We are grateful to you all for sharing so openly your hopes for the life of the Church in our Archdiocese.

The consultation response, which includes 15 actions points for renewal, is available at [rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit](https://rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit) and hardcopies will be sent to every parish. The consultation revealed a burning desire within our parishes to be missionary and evangelising disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, who work together to help people encounter His love.

So, as we move forward on the next steps together, let's build up the Body of Christ in Southwark with faith and confidence, becoming ever more a community of missionary disciples filled with joy and hope for the future. As an Archdiocese, we will continue to discern the process of renewal, and further updates will be provided in due course.

### **CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

Church Hall, Wednesday 3 December

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant - Fr Boniface

Followed by Lectio Divina

10.00 pm Evening concludes



### **SVP GIFT CARD APPEAL FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED**

SVP Beckenham has reached out to 10 of our local primary schools to offer a Sainsbury's gift card to those families in particular need. This year we hope to donate £5,000 via gift cards and would very much appreciate your support in getting to this total.

Donations can be made by bank transfer to: 60 60 04, 46076190, Ref: gift cards 2025  
Cash and cheques can be posted through the parish office door.

### **SVP CHRISTMAS LUNCH Monday 15 December in the Hall at 1.00 pm**

Booking is now open for the annual SVP Christmas lunch.

There will be a full Christmas meal and some seasonal entertainment.

No charge for those on a low income but a suggested donation of £15 for all others.

Please email [beckenhamsvp@gmail.com](mailto:beckenhamsvp@gmail.com) or call 07789 497 482 and leave a message or text/WA to reserve your place, to advise of any dietary requirements or to arrange transport.



### **CHURCH SHOP**

The church shop has many Advent and Christmas items in stock.

There are 24-day Advent candles, beautiful Christmas cribs, 2026 diaries, religious Christmas cards, lovely books for children, stocking fillers and all kinds of little gifts.

Please take a look.

### **WALKING GROUP**

All members, past and present, are invited to coffee, mulled wine and mince pies at Margaret's house on Friday 12 December. Michael will lead a walk through Kelsey Park after 10.00 am Mass or just come to 69 Kenwood Drive, BR3 6QZ at 11.15 am

**Margaret 07880 793175**



**Saturday  
6 December  
11- 4.00 pm in  
the Church Hall**



Just a reminder that the parish Christmas Fair is only a week away. All are very welcome, doors open at 11am

Bring your family and friends. Visit the stalls, stay for lunch. We are even expecting a visit from Santa.

Fun for everyone.  
Entry £1.00 (children free)

Thank you for all your generous donations  
- we now have enough.



### ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Saturday 13 December  
in the church at 7.15 pm

Everyone is invited to join our parish choirs to sing carols and listen to Christmas poetry and readings.

Join us afterwards in the Hall for mince pies and mulled wine.



### LAW SURGERY

The final Law Surgery this year is on  
Monday, 1 December

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

### LIVING WELL

We haven't had a food collection for Living Well for quite some time so this weekend we will have one for the essentials they always need and also for items to help their families celebrate Christmas. They are in urgent need of:

- UHT milk
- Tinned vegetables/meat/fruit/soup/tomatoes
- Rice
- Pasta
- Biscuits
- Cereal
- Toilet rolls
- Cooking Oil
- Shower gel and shampoo
- Sanitary towels
- Pet food (dogs and cats)

They have also requested ham/corned beef, salmon, fruit, hot chocolate, festive biscuits and chocolates and treats for the young people.

We will have a retiring collection at our Masses but if you use this crowd-funder link to make your donation <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/lw-winter-crisis-appeal-> or this QR code your donation will be doubled!

This link takes you to Living Well's website where you can find out more about their activities <https://www.livingwell.life/>



## MASSES

<b>Sun 30 Nov</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
6.00 pm VIGIL	Rita Costelloe RIP
8.00 am	Margaret Paes RIP
9.30 am	Ints of the Johnson Family
11.00 am	Donovan Martin RIP (1st anniv)
5.30 pm	For the people
<b>Mon 1 Dec</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Eugene Kelly RIP
<b>Tues 2 Dec</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Requiem for Michael Waldron
<b>Wed 3 Dec</b>	<b>St Francis Xavier</b>
10.00 am	Alicia Krivicky RIP (20th anniv)
8.00 pm	Charismatic Mass in Hall
<b>Thurs 4 Dec</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Howard Long & his parents RIP
6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration & Benediction
<b>Friday 5 Dec</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
6.30 pm	Rosary & Confession
7.00 pm	Jubilee Mass
<b>Sat 6 Dec</b>	<b>St Nicholas</b>
10.00 am	Ints of Phil Lennon
12.30 pm	Marriage of Liam & Georgina
6.00 pm VIGIL	Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
<b>Sun 7 Dec</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
8.00 am	For the people
9.30 am	Private intention in thanksgiving
11.00 am	Victor Castelino (4th anniv)
5.30 pm	Ints of the Fitzgerald Family

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

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

**We pray for all who have died:** Michael Waldron, Rowena D'Souza, Ilean Curry, Eileen Cammiade, Elizabeth William, Marie Alford, Edwin Voss, Eva Maria Knapp.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Mary Porter, Anthony Leonard, Barbara Poltera, Jeanne Ingram, Margaret Cantwell, Maria Etheridge, Evelyn Keeley, Bella Walter, Veronica Lambert.

**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.

## DIARY

### December

Tues 2	Requiem for Michael Waldron at 10.00
Sat 6	Christmas Fair 11-4.00
Sat 13	Advent Carol Service 7.15 pm
Mon 15	Requiem for Eileen Cammiade -11.30
Mon 15	SVP Christmas lunch
Fri 19	Requiem for Marie Alford -1.00
Mon 22	Christingle Service - 2.00

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

## SOUTHWARK SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The Southwark Spirituality Commission will be sending daily reflections during Advent featuring Scripture, thoughts and prayers. Sign-up to receive them directly into your inbox each morning via [tinyurl.com/SSCAdvent2025](https://tinyurl.com/SSCAdvent2025). These reflections are a great way to keep your mind focused on the Lord Jesus during the busy Advent season.



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Retiring collection for the  
Catholic Youth Service

## RED WEDNESDAY: OUR SUFFERING CHURCH

Last Wednesday, an annual Mass was celebrated in St George's Cathedral where it started in Southwark ten years ago. It is also celebrated in other cathedrals as well.

Entitled Red Wednesday, it's an initiative of the ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) which seeks to raise our awareness of Christians who suffer for their faith.

At the conclusion of the Mass Tobias Yahaya, a 26 year-old married man with a wife and four children, a catechist from Sokoto, Northern Nigeria received from the Bishop Elect of Plymouth, Nicholas Hudson, the main celebrant, an award for his fortitude in the face of extreme persecution and for his willingness to forgive. In tears he humbly received his award, then gathered himself to address the congregation.

He then related the events of 19th April 2023 when he went outside his house to confront three men who were attempting to enter. Almost immediately he felt pain in his chest and fell to the ground bleeding. Two of the men fled, but the main assailant, Ibrahim by name, went to attack Tobias again. He suffered further injuries as he grabbed hold of the blade of the knife. It was then that neighbours, hearing the screams of Tobias' wife, came and apprehended Ibrahim.

Tobias was unconscious for twenty-four hours. Later in hospital he was able to ask Ibrahim, "Why do you want to kill me?" His would be assassin became tearful; while an incredulous onlooker asked Tobias why he was wasting his time.

In court, Ibrahim said the reason he attempted to kill Tobias was the negative influence he'd had on his children.

After sentence was passed Tobias did something quite unexpected. he hugged Ibrahim, shook him by the hand and uttered the words, "I forgive you". At this Ibrahim bowed his head and wept. Tobias had always been inspired by the action of St John Paul II who forgave the man who attempted to assassinate him and later visited him in prison.

Weeks later after the court case Tobias had a discussion with his family and decided to continue his catechetical work, comforted by the words of his mother who told him, *'Where God intends us to be may not be as comfortable as we would wish but it is where the greatest witness can be given.'*

I encourage you to join me this week in praying for Tobias and his family, for their faith, courage and willingness to forgive.

Please also pray for Ibrahim that after being fully repentant he may truly become a peacemaker working alongside Tobias in the vineyard. We also give thanks for the ACN in making us all aware of how difficult and sometimes costly responding to God's call can be.

**Fr Steve**

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### CHRISTINGLE

**Monday 22 December at 2.30 pm**

This will be our first ever Christingle Service to which all children, parents, carers, grandparents are invited.

We can only put this on if we have a team of helpers so if anyone can offer their assistance please could they mail me at [andrewbishop@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:andrewbishop@rcaos.org.uk).

Thank you, Fr Andrew



### MASS FOR THE BEREAVED Saturday 15 November at 2.30 pm

This Mass was held last Saturday and was beautifully led by Fr Boniface. The large number who attended was a huge surprise and demonstrated that there is a need for this service.

Rosie's Choir led the singing for the Mass and created a wonderful prayerful atmosphere.

The Hospitality Team welcomed everyone to the decorated Hall for refreshments after the Mass and worked tirelessly to look after all our guests.

Huge thanks to the Bereavement Support Team for making this very special Mass happen.

### CHURCH SHOP

The church shop will be displaying many of its Advent and Christmas items in the narthex after Masses this weekend.

This is a great opportunity to get ready for Advent which begins next Sunday.

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Please take the opportunity to browse and buy.

### SVP CHRISTMAS LUNCH Monday 15 December in the Hall at 1.00 pm



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### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

If you need urgent assistance please contact Fr Boniface

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Church Hall, Wednesday 26 November

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Boniface Arapa

Followed by the AGM

10.00 pm Evening concludes



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**World Youth Sunday 2025.** There will be a retiring collection to support the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a wide range of opportunities and activities for youth and young adults across the Archdiocese. For more information, visit [www.tinyurl.com/scys1](http://www.tinyurl.com/scys1) or join the Southwark Catholic Youth Network for regular updates at [www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork)



**Saturday 6 December**  
**11- 4.00 pm in the**  
**Church Hall**

**Special visit from**  
**Father Christmas!**



Grand Raffle, Craft,  
Tombola,  
Christmas Wreaths  
Church Shop, Children's Room  
Wonderful Hot Food and Drinks  
in the Cafe

**Please bring donations for the Tombola**  
**Stall - New or Unwanted gifts, Toiletries**  
**and Bottles to the Office on**  
**weekday mornings.**

**Offers of help or more information from**  
**cathpaints2@msn.com**



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Everyone is invited to join our parish choirs to  
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Readings.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE** **Signing Session** **Church Hall after 9.30 Mass**

Fr Steve will be signing forms for parents of  
children wishing to apply for entry to a Catholic  
primary school in September 2026

This is the last signing session.

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We will have a basket collection at our Masses but if you use this crowdfunder link to make your donation <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/plw-winter-crisis-appeal-> or this QR code your donation will be doubled!

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6.00 pm VIGIL	For the soul that saved my life
8.00 am	For the people
9.30 am	Welfare of Rita Morfino
11.00 am	Welfare of Phil Lennon
5.30 pm	Alan Fine RIP
<b>Mon 24 Nov</b>	<b>St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions</b>
10.00 am	Maud Herring RIP
<b>Tues 25 Nov</b>	<b>Feria (St Catherine of Alexandria)</b>
10.00 am	Gretta Colonnese & Ron Renton RIP
<b>Wed 26 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Iolanda Cirronis RIP
8.00 pm	Charismatic Mass in Hall Celebrant Fr Boniface
<b>Thurs 27 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Janet Maureen Dunn Browne RIP & dec'd family members
6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration
<b>Friday 28 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Ints of Gian Carlo Pupils from St Philip Neri School will be joining us for this Mass
<b>Sat 29 Nov</b>	<b>Feria (St Cuthbert Mayne)</b>
10.00 am	Theresa Lobo RIP
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Crescenzo Panetta, Gretta Colonnese, John Doyle,  
Pauline Tolhurst, Sally O'Shea, Epiphany  
Fernandes, Louise Hitchcock, Giovanni  
Camponaro, Roisin Acquah, David Fletcher, Henry  
Jones, Ernest Galea, Eileen Macey, Ivy Ballard,  
Siobhan Carly Smith.

**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, Marie  
Alford, Simon.

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There is no retiring collection  
this weekend

### THE BEAUTY OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Dear friends in Christ, allow me to share a short story with you, of a son, who took advantage of his brother Jacob, because of fear of telling the truth.

One day I threw a stone and accidentally hit my mother's hen and it died instantly. I thought I was alone but unfortunately, my brother was right behind me, watching.

He said "give me 2000 shillings and I won't tell mum". I said "I don't have that but please don't tell her".

The following day, Mum told my brother to wash the plates and sweep the floors but he said "Mum, Jacob said he will do it".

Then he came to me and said "Jacob you wash the plates and sweep the floors or else, don't forget you killed a hen". Without hesitating, I washed the plates and swept the floors for him.

The next day, mum told him to go and fetch water and fill the drum. He said again: "Mum, Jacob said he will do it". Then he came to me and said: "Jacob, remember that hen!!" Fill this drum with water or else...."

That's how I drew water and filled the drum. That same day in the evening, mum sent him to the market to buy rice and again he said Mum, Jacob said he will go and buy". He came to me again and said, "don't forget that the hen is still dead, go to the market and buy 2 kilos of rice or else....." It was now becoming too much for me, so I just stood up took courage and went to my Mum with tears in my eyes.

I found her seated in the house, I went to her, knelt down and said while crying: "Mum, I am so sorry please forgive me. I am the one who killed your hen but it wasn't

deliberately. Please Mum, forgive me. I am sorry."

Then she replied:, "My son, the day you killed the hen, I was at the window watching everything that happened. Your brother made you his slave because you did not want to come to me to confess and apologize. But now you have done it, you will be free, he will no longer use you".

Dear friends, each time we sin, God sees us and our sins make us slaves. The moment we confess to God and ask for forgiveness, we are set free.

In confession we accuse ourselves to God and ask for forgiveness which we receive instantly from him through His minister, the priest.

We tell God the truth about ourselves, about our relationship with Him and with others.

We regret our bad ways of life, promise God we shall do better with his help, thereby repairing our spiritual life.

We restore our personal relationship with Him and the church, weakened by sin. We receive sacramental grace to help us resist future temptations and sin.

Confession promotes greater self control, and humility, and helps us overcome bad habits, helping us become more like Christ Jesus. Finally the sacrament provides a solution for sins committed and restores sanctifying grace to all who receive the sacrament.

May we kindly like Jacob in the story above, take courage, go and confess to God all our sins, so that sins do not enslave us any more, most especially at this special time of the year when we prepare to Receive Jesus Christ, born in our hearts at Christmas.

Thank you,

Fr Boniface Arapa

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**MASS FOR THE BEREAVED**  
**Saturday 15 November at 2.30 pm**

All are welcome to attend to remember those they have loved and lost.

There are refreshments in the Hall after Mass.

**PRAYER TREE FOR THE HOLY SOULS**

Blank templates are by the Remembrance Book at the back of the church.

**MARY TOTTERDELL RIP**

Michael Totterdell would like to thank the parish for the wonderful support, love and sympathy shown to him and his family both before and after the death of his beautiful wife, Mary. He is truly grateful and humbled by your many acts of kindness.

Thank you.

**300 CLUB**

The winners for November are:  
Niamh and Terry O'Regan £100  
Francesca Fear £50  
Michael Belfourd £25

There is still time to join before the final draw of the year is made at the Advent Carol Service on 13 December.

Membership is £39 pounds for 12 draws with the chance to win one of 36 prizes throughout the year. There is a bumper £250 first prize in December, £100 second prize and a beautiful Xmas hamper as third prize.

Registration forms are at the back of the church so please take one and return it immediately if you would like to be in the Christmas draw.

**CHURCH SHOP**

The church shop will display many of its Advent and Christmas items in the narthex after Masses on 22 and 23 November.

This is a great opportunity to get ready for Advent which begins the following Sunday.

There are 24 day Advent candles, beautiful Christmas cribs, 2026 diaries, religious Christmas cards, lovely books for children, stocking fillers and all kinds of little gifts.

Please take the opportunity to browse and buy.

There is a defibrillator on the wall in the inner porch. It is alarmed so please don't touch it until it is needed. When opened it tells you what needs to be done if you suspect someone is in cardiac arrest.

**SVP CHRISTMAS LUNCH**  
**Monday 15 December in the Hall at 1.00 pm**

Booking is now open for the annual SVP Christmas lunch.

There will be a full Christmas meal and some seasonal entertainment.

No charge for those on a low income but a suggested donation of £15 for all others.

Please email [beckenhamsvp@gmail.com](mailto:beckenhamsvp@gmail.com) or call 07789 497 482 and leave a message or text/WA to reserve your place, to advise of any dietary requirements or to arrange transport.

**YOUTH DAY**  
**SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE**

**When:** Saturday 22 November

**Time:** 11:00 am to 5:30 pm

**Where:** St. John Fisher School, Chatham, Kent. *Transport available from London via [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)*

**Who:** Ages 10–14

**Details:** Join the next Southwark Catholic Youth Service youth day for a day of faith, fun, and friendship. The day will include ice-breakers, a talk, question-box, pizza lunch, football and crafts, Adoration, and Mass. Register [www.tinyurl.com/yday22nov](http://www.tinyurl.com/yday22nov). For other dates and details of other events go to [www.tinyurl.com/scys1](http://www.tinyurl.com/scys1)



**SVP GIFT CARD APPEAL**  
**FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN**  
**NEED**

SVP Beckenham has reached out to 10 of our local primary schools to offer a Sainsbury's gift card to those families in particular need. This year we hope to donate £5,000 via gift cards and would very much appreciate your support in getting to this total.

Donations can be made by bank transfer to: 60 60 04, 46076190, Ref: gift cards 2025  
Cash and cheques can be posted through the parish office door.



**Saturday 6 December**  
**11- 4.00 pm in the Church Hall**



Special visit from Father Christmas!

Grand Raffle, Craft, Christmas Wreaths, Tombola,  
Church Shop, Children's Room and Claver Sisters Stall  
**Wonderful Hot Food and Drinks in the Cafe**

We need donations for the Tombola Stall -  
New or Unwanted gifts, Toiletries and Bottles!

***Please bring any donations to the Office on weekday mornings.***

**WHAT WE NEED NOW**



**People to help in the Children's Room**

Everything will be ready for you to use.

**We just need you to sign up for a helper's slot.**



**Does anyone have expertise in face painting, nail painting or using temporary tattoos? We could use these talents.**

**Offers of help or more information from [cathpaints2@msn.com](mailto:cathpaints2@msn.com)**

**A WEEKEND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE  
BEEN BEREAVED**

**The Friars, Aylesford**

**20 – 22 March 2026**

**9 - 11 October 2026.**

This weekend takes place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance.

The weekend is for anyone who has experienced bereavement, either recently or some time ago.

We grieve, remember, hope and give thanks for our loved ones in the light of the Resurrection of Jesus.

For more information contact Reception on 01622 717 272 or email

[reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)

*This course comes highly  
recommended by a parishioner who  
attended in October.*

A survey is being carried out for the Bishops Conference of England and Wales.

It is hoping to gather knowledge of what people with Autism and ADHD (and similar) and their carers experience at church and what would make it easier for them to be part of parish worship and life. Please, if you have any experience of this take a moment to look at the survey. The hope is that, armed with knowledge, the church can set about becoming a more welcoming and inclusive community.

[https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/  
neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/](https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/)

**CHRISTINGLE**

**Monday 22 December at 2.30 pm**

This will be our first ever Christingle Service to which all children, parents, carers, grandparents are invited.

We can only put this on if we have a team of helpers so if anyone can offer their assistance please could they email me at [andrewbishop@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:andrewbishop@rcaos.org.uk).

Thank you, Fr Andrew



## MASSES

<b>Sun 16 Nov</b>	<b>Thirty-third Sunday</b> <b>World Day of the Poor</b> <b>Feast of St Edmund of Canterbury</b>
6.00 pm VIGIL	Gervais Virassamy RIP
8.00 am	For the people
9.30 am	Edmund Mayungbe RIP
11.00 am	Eily Moore RIP
5.30 pm	Sandy Baron RIP
<b>Mon 17 Nov</b>	<b>Feria (St Hilda)</b>
10.00 am	Dec'd benefactors and promoters of the Claver Sisters <b>No Adoration</b>
<b>Tues 18 Nov</b>	<b>Feria (The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter &amp; Paul)</b>
10.00 am	Maggie RIP <b>No Adoration</b>
<b>Wed 19 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Ints of Sr Pat Devine <b>No Adoration</b>
11.15 am	Requiem of Patrick Gunning
8.00 pm	Charismatic Mass in Hall Celebrant Fr Kenneth Iwunna
<b>Thurs 20 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Sue O'Donnell RIP
6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration
<b>Friday 21 Nov</b>	<b>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
10.00 am	Ints of Elena Aquina & of the Grant Family
<b>Sat 22 Nov</b>	<b>St Cecilia</b>
10.00 am	Welfare of Margaret & Derek Walker
6.00 pm VIGIL	For the soul that saved my life
<b>Sun 23 Nov</b>	<b>Thirty-third Sunday</b> <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>
8.00 am	For the people
9.30 am	Welfare of Rita Morfino
11.00 am	Welfare of Phil Lennon
5.30 pm	Alan Fine RIP

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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.

On Tuesday morning our priests will be  
attending the Mass at St George's Cathedral-  
for the deceased clergy of Southwark diocese .

**We pray for all who have died:** Patrick Gunning,  
Michael Waldron, Des Johnson, Rowena D'Souza.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries are  
at this time:** Edward Mayungbe, John Newcombe,  
Charlie Doyle, Andrew Doran, Brian Ryan, Patricia  
Gilbert, Thomas Widdowson, Tina Laughney,  
Eileen Rogers, Michael Carney, Peggy Northwood,  
Agnes Hazer, Eileen Rogers, Violet Pasiniewicz,  
Leonard Walker, Dino Toschi, Ellen McCarthy,  
Sheila Hartley, Siobhan O'Reilly, Ann Moys,  
Andrew McNally, Aurora Matella.

**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,

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The retiring collection is for the Archbishop's Appeal

## RED POPPIES

This Sunday morning, thousands of people from across the country – as here in Beckenham - will attend services at their neighbourhood war memorials to remember men and women from the armed services and emergency services who have died in war or in other military conflicts. Many thousands more will attend the main national commemoration centred on the Cenotaph in Whitehall, with millions more watching on television. For many of these, Remembrance Sunday is one of the most important days in our collective national calendar. Not everyone agrees.

Some consider such ceremonies outdated: historic events that have outlived their time. Most of those who survived the two great world wars of the twentieth century, they might argue, are themselves now dead: isn't it time to let go? Some argue: what about all the civilians who have perished in wars? Don't they deserve commemorating as well? Some, from the former colonies, or from Ireland, remember that, in their own countries, and well into the twentieth century, British forces were often used as instruments of brutal oppression. And some of the millions from Asia, Africa, or the West Indies who fought on the Allied side find it hard to overlook the rampant racism within the forces at the time and the deliberate decision by post-war British governments to erase from our national consciousness the huge contribution made by non-white men and women toward the war effort in both world wars. Some will argue that war, or violence of any kind, are abhorrent and inconsistent with their Christian beliefs, and that commemorating those who died during such conflicts is tantamount to approving of war.

I have more sympathy with some of these arguments than with others, but I respect them all, even if I do not agree with them. To those who consider Remembrance Sunday outdated, I would simply ask: do you think that our lives would be better now, in 2025, if men and women had not been prepared to put their neck on the line in 1939? And what of those who have died in action since then – do they not deserve our gratitude? As to the argument about 'civilians as well', I would suggest that it is a matter of proportion. Civilian deaths in this country from enemy action during the second world war, excluding members of the merchant navy, were less than one in a thousand of the population. By contrast, in both world wars, the death rate among those on active service was 12 to 13 per cent and in the merchant navy the figure was even higher. The risk of dying as a civilian, though real, was still very small, even in London and the major cities. But those joining up, whether voluntarily or through conscription, had a one in eight chance of not coming back. That, to my mind, is courage on a noble scale.

As for the 'Christian principles' argument, I would remind you that the Church does not require total, non-violent submission in the face of aggression, and it not only supports the principle of national self defence but also that of military conscription – albeit with very rigorous qualifications (See Catechism of the Catholic Church 2308, 2310).

But there is one argument against the marking of Remembrance Sunday that I wholly object to, and that is the assertion that it glorifies war. It does not. The entire emphasis on Sunday will be on those who died in wars and conflicts from the First World War onwards. Yes, there are people on the right who have tried to hijack Remembrance Sunday commemorations for their own nationalistic, and sometimes racist purposes. And, yes, it is not unknown for Governments to try to manipulate the occasion, and the memory of those who died, for their own purposes. But the vast majority of those attending or watching the ceremonies on Sunday will be honouring, in gratitude, sometimes with prayers, those who died not only in two world wars but also, let us not forget, in many other military actions since. Yes, there will be some uniforms and some flags at the cenotaph: it is, after all, servicemen and women that we will be honouring. But that will be the end of it. The ten thousand people who will march or be wheeled down Whitehall after the main ceremony will not include a single serving member of the armed services. The veterans and their family members who make up the parade will not be wearing uniforms, apart from berets, for some, and military decorations. There will be no flag-waving, no tub-thumping, no displays of tanks and military hardware – nothing that could possibly be construed as glorification of war. Instead, there will be poppies. Let me finish by recording what the British Legion has to say about the role of this spindly, fragile, wispy, but beautiful, flower:

'During WW1, much of the fighting took place in Western Europe. The countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over repeatedly. Previously beautiful landscapes turned to mud; bleak and barren scenes where little or nothing could grow'.

'There was a notable and striking exception to the bleakness - the bright red Flanders poppies. These resilient flowers flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, growing in the thousands upon thousands'.

'Remembrance does not glorify war, and its symbol, the red poppy, is a sign of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future.' (From the British Legion website.)

Deacon Seán

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

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**Our Prayer Tree for the Holy Souls** is now on the sanctuary.

By our Remembrance Book, you will find blank templates to complete and hang on the tree.

If you are unable to get to St Edmunds, please contact the Parish Office by email who will hang your names for 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.

All are welcome to attend this Mass and 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.

**LADY CHAPEL REFURBISHMENT**

The diocesan expert who needs to advise us on what we can do in the Lady Chapel is still unwell which is why there has been no progress for some months. He will visit us as soon as he is able to travel.

The Church Shop now has Christmas Cards, calendars, 2026 diaries, Christmas candles and children's Christmas books in stock.

Please let Patrick know if there is anything you would like ordered from <https://www.cbcdistributors.co.uk/>

**CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**



**Thank you**

Your beautiful shoeboxes flooded in over the weekend and on Monday **94** were collected to join all the others going to Kosovo.

Everyone who came to the Office to give their boxes had a smile on their face; clearly they had enjoyed preparing them. We will never see the smiles on the faces of the recipients, but we know they will be there.

Thank you for your generosity and love in making this a wonderful year for Blythswood.

**My dear Parishioners of St. Edmund of Canterbury - Beckenham.**

This is to express my sincere gratitude for the Cash gift sent to me through Fr Stephen Wymer. This is quite thoughtful and generous of you. Thanks very sincerely. Be assured of our prayers for you and your families.

May the Lord bless you all from the plenitude of His mercy.

**Fr. John Olaniran.**

**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.


If you would like to be considered for this position please contact Fr Steve by email [stephenwymer@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:stephenwymer@rcaos.org.uk) with an outline of your experience and why you believe you are well suited for this role.


The closing date for applications is Tuesday 18 November.


## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:liam.conlon.mp@parliament.uk) or call **020 8016 6604**.

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

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### BAPTISMS AT ST EDMUND'S

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**[beckenhambaptism@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:beckenhambaptism@rcaos.org.uk)**

### BROMLEY HOMELESS SLEEP OUT 2025

Norah Agiru, one of our parishioners, is joining the Sleep Out on Saturday 15 November. If anyone would like to support her please go to her Justgiving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/norah-agiru-1?newPage=true>

There is a poster in the porch.

## MASSES

<b>Sun 9 Nov</b>	<b>The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica</b>
6.00 pm VIGIL	Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta RIP
8.00 am	Sean Connolly RIP
9.30 am	For the people
11.00 am	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>
	For the dead of both world wars
	<i>Please arrive before 11.00 am so the Two Minutes Silence can be observed.</i>
5.30 pm	Howard & Piatek Families RIP
<b>Mon 10 Nov</b>	<b>St Leo the Great</b>
10.00 am	Brian Lennon RIP
	<b>No Adoration</b>
11.30 am	Requiem of Betty Stephens
<b>Tues 11 Nov</b>	<b>St Martin of Tours</b>
10.00 am	Requiem of Mary Totterdell
<b>Wed 12 Nov</b>	<b>St Josaphat</b>
10.00 am	Ints of Bernie Walsh
8.00 pm	Charismatic Mass in Hall
<b>Thurs 13 Nov</b>	<b>Feria (St Frances Xavier Cabrini)</b>
10.00 am	Benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration
<b>Friday 14 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Monica Grima RIP
<b>Sat 15 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	A private intention
2.30 am	Mass for the Bereaved
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## We pray for all who have died:

Betty Stephens, Rosemary Horsley, Patrick Gunning, Mary Totterdell, Jonathan Panglose, Joseph Maximé, Michael Waldron.

## Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Cardinal Heenan, Fr Robin Mountford, Mary Ward, Patricia Ross, Eddie Finch, John Basquill, Madeline Ellis, Maureen Tyler, John Pedler, James Hussey, Michael Sullivan, John Taylor, Frank Bond, Elsie Callaghan, Brian Cardell, Margaret Feagan, John O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Rourke, Rosi Baruffi, Robert Reed.

## 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, Marie Alford.

## DIARY

### November

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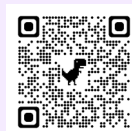
## ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL RETIRING COLLECTION 9 NOVEMBER

This mandatory diocesan collection funds three key mission areas: Youth and Evangelization, Our Faith in Action and Clergy Care and Formation.

It expresses something vital about who we are as a family of faith in Southwark.

- Donate Online: [rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal](http://rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal)
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504

Cash / Cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes at the back of church





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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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**Thank you**



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8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant to be advised

Followed by Fellowship

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### 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

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# 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](http://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  
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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 **CLAVER**

**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

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and usually during Adoration

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unless otherwise announced.

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Horsley, Patrick Gunning, Mary Totterdell, Jonathan  
Panglose and Joseph Maximé.

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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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[sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com](mailto:sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com)

Sunday 26 October 2025 Yr C



There is no second collection  
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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### 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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### 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.

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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](mailto: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.

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## MASSES

<b>Sun 26 Oct</b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday</b>
6.00 pm <b>VIGIL</b>	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
<small>NO CHORALE</small>	<small>There will be the baptism of baby Astrid during this Mass</small>
5.30 pm	Margaret Paes RIP
<b>Mon 27 Oct</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Janet Maureen Dunn Browne RIP & dec'd family members
<b>Tues 28 Oct</b>	<b>Sts Simon &amp; Jude, Apostles</b>
10.00 am	Sarah Walsh RIP
<b>Wed 29 Oct</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	For healing
7.30 pm	Charismatic Mass in Hall
<b>Thurs 30 Oct</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Colin Dowling RIP
6.00 pm <b>CLAVER</b>	Adoration
<b>Friday 31 Oct</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Carmel Fahey RIP
<b>Sat 1 Nov</b>	<b>Feria (The Blessed Virgin Mary)</b>
10.00 am	Colin Dowling RIP
6.00 pm <b>VIGIL</b>	Anthony Griffith RIP (33rd anniv)
<b>Sun 2 Nov</b>	<b>All Saints</b>
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11.00 am	Dr Michael Ekong, Caroline Aaele, Mary & John Edet RIP, & dec'd members of the Edet & Ekong Families.
5.30 pm	Pro populo

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## DIARY

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Sat 25 Contemplative Saturday in Hall from 11-12

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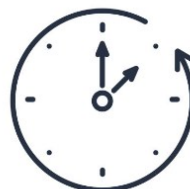
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Contemplative Saturday is on  
**25 October** in the Hall  
from 11.00 am until noon.



Clocks go back  
on Saturday  
night



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Sunday 19 October 2025 Yr C



Retiring collection is for MISSIO

## 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 worldwide 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### 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](mailto: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.**

**Email Isabelle Blake-James**

**at [iblakejames@talktalk.net](mailto:iblakejames@talktalk.net) if you would like to find out more.**

### JOIN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK WHATSAPP CHANNEL

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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or by scanning the QR code.



### 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.

Please take a moment to look through your boxes of decorations and donate items you no longer use.



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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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By filling a shoebox with simple things you can bring hope this Christmas.

**This year please bring your filled boxes to the Parish Office – boxes can be dropped off until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

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.**



## MASSES

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8.00 am	For the people
9.30 am	For dec'd members of Ransford & Marbach Families
11.00 am	Fabiola Zorilla RIP (1st anniv)
<b>LATIN</b>	
5.30 pm	Manuel Pampin Mosquera RIP (3rd anniv)
<b>Mon 20 Oct</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Tom & Babs Griffin RIP
<b>Tues 21 Oct</b>	<b>Feria (St Margaret Clitherow)</b>
	Claire West RIP
<b>Wed 22 Oct</b>	<b>Feris (St John Paul II)</b>
10.00 am	Jan & Tim Banfield & Family
7.30 pm	Charismatic Mass in Hall
<b>Thurs 23 Oct</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Theresia & George Halpin RIP
6.00 pm <b>CLAVER</b>	Adoration
<b>Friday 24 Oct</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Dushy Devendra (1st anniv)
12.30 pm	Requiem of William Kelly
<b>Sat 25 Oct</b>	<b>Feria (The Blessed Virgin Mary)</b>
10.00 am	Adrian Wyborn RIP
6.00 pm <b>VIGIL</b>	Dec'd Brothers of Beckenham Catenians
<b>Sun 26 Oct</b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday</b>
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

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

Contemplative Saturday is on  
25 October in the Hall  
from 11.00 am until noon.



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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

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

"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'.

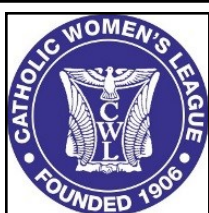
Fr Ashley told me in an email the other day that the first of these has now been set up, in

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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **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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**Sunday 12 October - 12.30 - 2.30 pm** in the Hall

**Thursday 16 October**

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6.00 - 8.00 pm in the Presbytery

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These sessions allow parents and carers of children entering **secondary school** sufficient time to submit their forms before the closing date.

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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.

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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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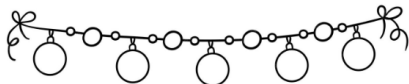
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8.00 am	For the people
9.30 am	Arthur Quinn RIP First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass
11.00 am	Katie Severs RIP
5.30 pm	Edward Piatek RIP
<b>Mon 13 Oct</b>	<b>St Edward the Confessor</b>
10.00 am	Anna Knell RIP
<b>Tues 14 Oct</b>	<b>Feria</b>
	Monica Grima RIP
12.00 pm	Requiem of Maude Herring
<b>Wed 15 Oct</b>	<b>St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)</b>
10.00 am	Baby Charlotte Flannery RIP <b>No Adoration</b>
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<b>Thurs 16 Oct</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Dec'd benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
6.00 pm CLAVES	Adoration
<b>Friday 17 Oct</b>	<b>St Ignatius of Antioch</b>
10.00 am	Clara Mayungbe (b'day)
<b>Sat 18 Oct</b>	<b>St Luke, Evangelist</b>
10.00 am	Piers Hanlon RIP
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Betty Stephens.

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Wallis, Peter Fagan Snr, Geoffrey Burnham,  
Frances Wilson, James McGiloway, Poppy Howie,  
Patrick Cummins, Fr Paul Weir, Billy Cannon,  
Eileen McGrath, Paula Marbach, Betty Banfield,  
Christopher Gunapala, Dave Webb, Bernadette  
Murray, Ilie Florian.

**We pray for all who are in ill health, for their  
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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 Sobelewski, James  
Creedon, Sarah-Marie Kench, Duncan, Grace, Nora  
Haugh, Marie Benham, Ilean Curry, Mary Totterdell,  
Sue Shaw, Linda Magness

## 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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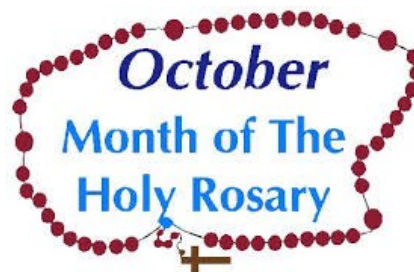
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this weekend

*"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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**The Catholic Women's League** has invited Roy Peachey from Mary's Meals to speak at our next meeting on Monday 13th October. 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 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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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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Celebrant Fr Tomasz Margol (Virgo Fidelis)

Followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament with prayer & praise

10.00pm Evening concludes

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.



## **SLEEP OUT 2025**



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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10.00 am	Intentions of Sr Monica
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10.00 am	Dermot Reilly RIP
7.30 pm	Charismatic Mass in Hall
<b>Thurs 9 Oct</b>	<b>St John Henry Newman</b>
10.00 am	Ian Scott RIP
6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration
<b>Friday 10 Oct</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Franciszek Pietrzyk RIP & family
<b>Sat 11 Oct</b>	<b>St John XXIII, Pope</b>
10.00 am	Intentions of Yvonne O'Keeffe
6.00 pm VIGIL	Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta RIP

<b>Sun 12 Oct</b>	<b>Twenty-eighth Sunday</b> <b>Day of Prayer for Prisoners &amp; their families</b>
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

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## 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.

**We pray for all who have died:** Desmond Johnson, Fr John Ryan. Maude Herring, Paul Stone, Fr Patrick Hayward, William Kelly, Monica Lajwii, Mari-Therese Sinon & Rose Westgarth

**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.

**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 Sobolewski, James Creedon, Baby Hector Winston, Sarah-Marie Kench, Duncan, Grace, Nora Haugh, Marie Benham, Ilean Curry, Mary Totterdell, Sue Shaw, Nicole Scott & Linda Magness

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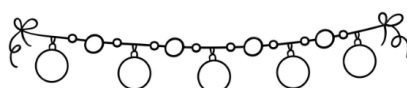
### December

Sat 6	Christmas Fair
Sat 13	Advent Carol Service

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Please respect the need to arrive promptly and observe the silence

Contemplative Saturday is on a Saturday once a month from 11.00 am to noon.  
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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.

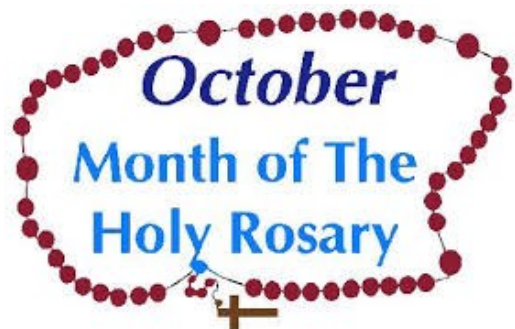
I would like to express my gratitude to Ruth McConkey for chairing the meeting so sensitively and Emma Carlile for her dedicated note taking at the meeting, (not any easy task considering the poor acoustics in the hall) and thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the meeting. I am grateful 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.

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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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### ***300 Club***

Congratulations to our September draw winners:

No 172 - Helen Wates - £100  
No 18 - Fr Steve - £50  
No 21 - Ana Weeks - 25

2025 celebrates the  
75th Anniversary of the  
consecration of  
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### **HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS - IS THIS FOR YOU?**

The chaplaincy at Lewisham Hospital is currently looking to recruit more volunteers to visit patients on the wards, and a training course is due to start in mid-October.

If you are interested in knowing more, please email Rev Emmanuel at [ekormi@nhs.net](mailto:ekormi@nhs.net), or call the Chaplaincy on 020 8836 6831.

Gwen Chiosso from St Stephen's parish in Welling has written an article about her experience at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woolwich, which can be found here: <http://www.saintstephens.co.uk/blog/hospital-chaplaincy-volunteering/#more-1395>

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9.30 am	For the people
11.00 am	Maria & Julius Jasiewicz RIP
5.30 pm	Marianne Martin RIP
<b>Mon 29 Sept</b>	<b>Saints Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael, Archangels</b>
10.00 am	Tom Knell RIP
<b>Tues 30 Sept</b>	<b>Saint Jerome</b>
	In thanksgiving St Martan
<b>Wed 1 Oct</b>	<b>St Therese of the Child Jesus</b>
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	Our Lady of the Rosary
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Sort Code: 60 02 12  
Acc No: 14282887  
Link to set up a regular donation through ChurchSuite:  
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Catholic Agency for the  
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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!"
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- "He is alive there, and we cannot bear it. His gaze destroys us."
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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.

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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)**

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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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The chaplaincy at Lewisham Hospital is currently looking to recruit more volunteers to visit patients on the wards, and a training course is due to start in mid-October.

If you are interested in knowing more, please email Rev Emmanuel at [ekormi@nhs.net](mailto:ekormi@nhs.net), or call the Chaplaincy on 020 8836 6831.

Gwen Chiosso from St Stephen's parish in Welling has written an article about her experience at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woolwich, which can be found here: <http://www.saintstephens.co.uk/blog/hospital-chaplaincy-volunteering/#more-1395>

### **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.

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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

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10.00 am	Thank you to St Clare
7.30 pm	Charismatic Mass in Hall
<b>Thurs 25 Sept</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Tom Knell RIP
6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration
<b>Friday 26 Sept</b>	<b>Feria (Saints Cosmas &amp; Damian)</b>
10.00 am	Fr Adam RIP (6th anniv)
<b>Sat 27 Sept</b>	<b>St Vincent de Paul</b>
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
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	<b>World Day of Prayer for Migrants &amp; Refugees</b>
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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 'haematohidrosis'. 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.

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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.

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### 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.

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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."*

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*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*

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Saturday 20 September  
St George's Cathedral, SE1 6HU  
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Registration and choice of workshops can be found at

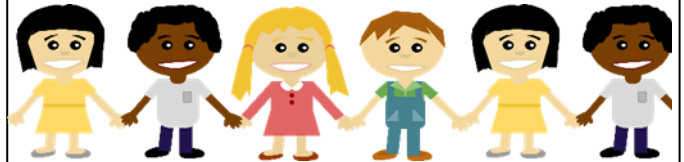
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All parish catechists are encouraged to attend this day. Details have been sent to them already, but if you have been missed out, or are thinking of becoming a catechist, please take a look at the link above.

### **Babies and Toddlers Group St Edmund's Hall**

Mondays during term time  
10 – 11.30 am  
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### **RESTARTS 8 SEPTEMBER**



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**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.**

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### **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.

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6.30 pm	Rosary & Confession
7.00 pm	Jubilee Mass (HARVEST)
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<b>FAMILY MASS</b>	
11.00 am LATIN	Peter Dias RIP & Guy Dabrere (b'day)
5.30 pm	Ania & Cornel on their 25th wedding anniversary

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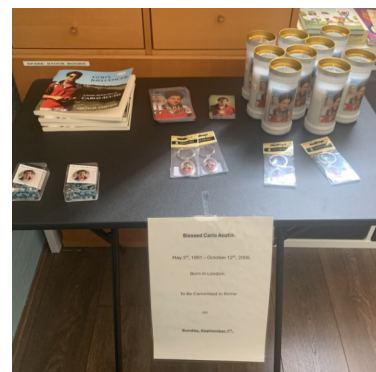
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The annual walk to St Edith's Well, Kemsing, will take place on Sunday 14 September and is a whole day event. We shall meet as usual after 8.00 am Mass. Fr Piotr Kucharski, PP of the parish of St Thomas, Sevenoaks and at present on holiday in Poland,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

Michael Elmer





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

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

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

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

#### **PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL**

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

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

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

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

Fr Steve

#### **PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL**

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

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

*May God rebuke him we humbly pray;*

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

*Thrust down to hell Satan and all other evil spirits*

*who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.*

*Amen*



## MASSES

<b>Sun 17 August</b>	<b>Twentieth Sunday</b>
6.00 pm VIGIL	Elmary Butler RIP & ints of Kian
8.00 am	Keith Kench RIP
9.30 am	Brian Lennon RIP
11.00 am LATIN	Gesuino Collu RIP
5.30 pm	For the people
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10.00 am	Michael Stannard RIP (1st anniv)
<b>Tues 19 August</b>	<b>Feria</b>
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11.00 am	Funeral service for Asher Downer
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7.30 pm	
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10.00 am	Ints of the Banfield Family
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6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration & Benediction
<b>Friday 22 August</b>	<b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
10.00 am	Canon Oliver Heaney RIP
<b>Sat 23 August</b>	<b>Feria (St Rose of Lima)</b>
10.00 am	Margaret Kelleher (b'day)
6.00 pm VIGIL	Patrick Durham RIP
<b>Sun 24 August</b>	<b>Twentyfirst Sunday</b>
8.00 am	Pat & Mary Cronin RIP
9.30 am	For the people
11.00 am LATIN	Fr Alphonse Vianneyraj RIP
5.30 pm	Mykeel Seeboruth RIP
<b>Mon 25 August</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Anne Wakerley (b'day)
<b>Tues 26 August</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Margaret Larmer RIP (60th anniv)
<b>Wed 27 August</b>	<b>St Monica</b>
10.00 am	Janet Maureen Dunn-Browne RIP & dec'd family members
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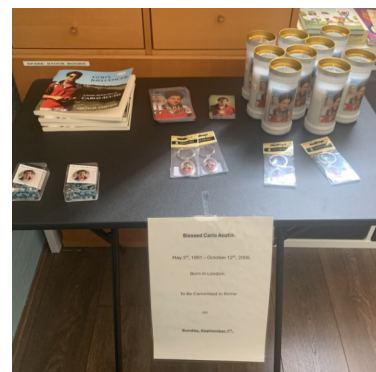
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The annual walk to St Edith's Well, Kemsing, will take place on Sunday 14 September and is a whole day event. We shall meet as usual after 8.00 am Mass. Fr Piotr Kucharski, PP of the parish of St Thomas, Sevenoaks and at present on holiday in Poland, has plans to enhance the pilgrimage this year. More detailed information will be given later.

Michael Elmer





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

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

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

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#### **DOUBLE ISSUE**

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

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

#### **PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL**

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

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

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

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

Fr Steve

#### **PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL**

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

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

*May God rebuke him we humbly pray;*

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

*Thrust down to hell Satan and all other evil spirits*

*who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.*

*Amen*



## MASSES

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

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

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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, Paul, Margaret Brocklehurst, Leyla Pattison, Janice McIntosh, Jessica Ram, Zygmunt Sobelewski, James Creedon, Baby Hector Winston, Sarah-Marie

## DIARY

### August

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

### September

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

### October

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

### December

- Sat 6 Christmas Fair  
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Next Contemplative  
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There is no Retiring Collection this week.

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

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

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

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

We wish Fr Andrew a very enjoyable break.

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### **HALL DOOR KEYPAD NUMBER**

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



### **MARRIAGE HELP**

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage.

Next date: 17th-19th  
Oct. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)  
Tel: 0788 7296983

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(Uganda)

Followed by Lectio Divina1

10.00 pm Evening concludes

### **THE WELL**

An Evening of Eucharistic revival with Christopher West and Mike Mangione

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

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

Tickets cost £20 and can be booked via:  
[www.rcaos.org.uk/thewell2025](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/thewell2025)



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Mary and Cathy.

### **THE CATENIANS**

The Catenians play an important role in strengthening Catholic communities. We meet once a month and organise various social events throughout the year.

Our focus is on faith, friendship and family and we offer the chance to meet fellow Catholics and their families from Beckenham, Hayes and beyond.

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

If you would like to join our association you can be assured of a warm welcome. For more information please phone Andy Holmes on 07890 008 458 or email [acncarriman@ntlworld.com](mailto:acncarriman@ntlworld.com)

## SVP BECKENHAM HOSTS ART EXHIBITION



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

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

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

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

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

### A Summer Prayer

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



## MASSES

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

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### 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.
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Tue 19	Funeral service for Asher Downer at 11.00
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### 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.

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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.

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Fellowship

10.00 pm Evening concludes

### **PLANNED PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AT ST EDMUNDS**

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

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

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

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

### **TEAS & COFFEES ON SUNDAY MORNING**

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

We look forward to welcoming you back in September.

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

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<b>Sun 27 July</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday</b>
6.00 pm VIGIL	For the people
8.00 am	Janet Maureen Dunn Browne RIP & dec'd family members
9.30 am	Leonard Pope RIP
11.00 am LATIN	Magdalene Thomas RIP
5.30 pm	For Rafal on his birthday
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<b>Tues 29 July</b>	<b>Sts Mary, Martha &amp; Lazarus</b>
10.00 am	Richard Wallner RIP (5th anniv)
<b>Wed 30 July</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Olga Chalker RIP
7.30 pm	Mass in Hall
<b>Thurs 31 July</b>	<b>St Ignatius of Loyola</b>
10.00 am	Ints of Denis Brennan
1.30 pm	Requiem of Clare West
6.00 pm CLAVES	Adoration
<b>Friday 1 August</b>	<b>St Alphonsus Liguori</b>
10.00 am	Eileen Curley RIP (10th anniv)
6.30 pm	Rosary & Confession
7.00 pm	Jubilee Mass
<b>Sat 2 August</b>	<b>Feria</b>
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Mass at a church near you.

<https://masstimes.org/>

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support over the last few weeks. Some days are  
better than others but I have still got a long way to  
go.

Fr Steve

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

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Rosanna, Hans Halpin, Paul M Williams, Norma  
Powell, Joan Morris, Paul Hixson, Mary-Jo  
McCarthy, Jacqueline Djasrabe, Paul, Margaret  
Brocklehurst, Leyla Pattison, Janice McIntosh,  
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Sunday 20 July 2025

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There is no Retiring Collection  
this week.

### A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

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

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

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

You remain in our prayers, God Bless,

Deacon Ray

### PLANNED PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AT ST EDMUNDS

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

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

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

Thank you, Fr Steve

### CAFOD CAMPAIGN TO CANCEL THE DEBT

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

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

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



### LADY CHAPEL

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



### ADVANCE NOTICE

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

More details will follow!

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

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

Any queries contact Cathy via the Office.



### A JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA).

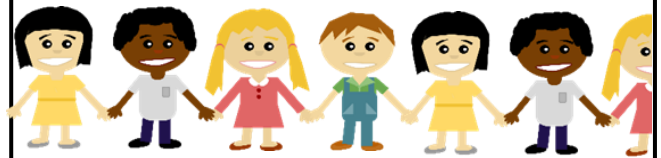
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### MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP

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



### MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

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

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

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

### MESSAGE FROM THE FOLK CHOIR

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

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

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

### 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.

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### **HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAYS**

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

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

### **SUMMER TRAVEL PRAYER**

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

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

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

*Author Unknown*

### **THE JUBILEE PRAYER**

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son,  
Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos  
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  
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	<b>Adoration until 11.00 am</b>
12.30 am	Funeral service for Theresa Belfon RIP
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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
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10.00 am	Ned Prendergast RIP
6.00 pm <b>CLAVER</b>	Adoration
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10.00 am	Dec'd benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
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10.00 am	Paul Van Dooren RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL	For the people
<b>Sun 27 July</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday</b>
8.00 am	Janet Maureen Dunn Browne RIP & dec'd family members
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5.30 pm	For Rafal on his birthday

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Wherever you are in the world, from Abersoch in Wales to Zapopan in Mexico, this website can give you the times of Mass at a church near you.

<https://masstimes.org/>

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Sunday 13 July 2025

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The second collection is for  
Stella Maris



STELLA MARIS

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

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### 300 CLUB

Our July winners are:

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

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

**You have to be in it to win it!**

### FAREWELL CELEBRATION THIS SUNDAY



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

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

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

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

### SUMMER COFFEE MORNINGS

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

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

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

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





### A LIFECHANGING OPPORTUNITY!

**Do you desire to know Jesus more intimately?**

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

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



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

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

**[acncarriman@ntlworld.com](mailto:acncarriman@ntlworld.com)  
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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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### THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Church Hall

Wednesday 16 July

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Boniface Arapa  
(Uganda)

Followed by Prayer Meeting

10.00 pm Evening concludes

### SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

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

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

Further information is available from Bishop Paul: [paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk) or Canon Perera: [edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk)

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### **DIACONAL DAY**

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

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

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5.30 pm	Lulu Baron RIP
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10.00 am	Monica Grima RIP
Until 11.00 am	Adoration
12.00 pm	Requiem for Gloria Scannapieco-Rubano
<b>Tues 15 July</b>	<b>St Bonaventure, Bishop</b>
10.00 am	Hans Halpin - for health and blessings
<b>Wed 16 July</b>	<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>
10.00 am	George Mariathas RIP
7.30 pm	Mass in Hall
<b>Thurs 17 July</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	For Holy Souls in Purgatory
6.00 pm CLAVES	Adoration
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<b>July</b>	
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Mon 14	CWL meeting in the Hall 2.00 pm
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Contemplative Saturday  
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### UPDATE ON THE LADY CHAPEL

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

### UPDATE ON FR STEVE

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

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

### MASS ON FRIDAY 11 JULY

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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**

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### **PILGRIMAGE MASS FOR THE TRANSLATION OF ST THOMAS BECKET**

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

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



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

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

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### **LONDON CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP**

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

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

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

Saturday 26 July, day trip to Waddesdon Manor.

Sunday 3 August, picnic in Regent's Park.

Contact us on:

WhatsApp Brendan 0742 554 9408, Facebook – 'London Catholic Social Group' or [londonswcatholicssocial@gmail.com](mailto:londonswcatholicssocial@gmail.com).

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### **FAREWELL CELEBRATION**

Please join us in the Hall on Sunday 13 July after the 9.30 Mass at a party to bid farewell to Deacon Ray and Annie who are moving into rural Kent.

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

### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Day of Retreat for Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

**Saturday 18 October**

**Saturday 25 October**

Further information about the day after the holidays.

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

Thank you so much for trusting us with them.

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

### **SVP ART EXHIBITION**

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

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### **PARKING ON THE PRESBYTERY FORECOURT**

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

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

If bollards have been put out

**PLEASE DO NOT MOVE THEM.**

They are there for a reason.

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

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



## MASSES

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<b>Mon 7 July</b> 10.00 am	<b>Feria</b> Health & blessings for Imelda Halpin & her family
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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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Further information is available from Bishop Paul: [paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk) or Canon Perera: [edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk)

### **THE LIGHT OF CHRIST MEETING**

Wednesday 2 July at 7.45 pm

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Anthony Meglalan Sellam

Holy Cross, Catford

Followed by Lectio Divina

10.00 pm Evening concludes



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### **SAINTS OF SOUTHWARK**

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### **A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON**

#### **30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

All are welcome to join Archbishop John at a Mass of Thanksgiving for this special occasion at St George's Cathedral on Friday 25 July at 7.00 pm followed by a reception at Amigo Hall.

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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.

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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.

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8.00 am	Sandra Baron RIP
9.30 am	Pro populo
11.00 am	Rodolfo Cabilin, Edgardo Magbalsa RIP & dec'd family members
5.30 pm	Johann Piatek RIP
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10.00 am	Fabiola Zorilla Corrigan RIP (b'day)
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10.00 am	<b>NO MASS</b>
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	Ints of Bridie Carroll
<b>Sat 5 July</b>	<b>Feria</b>
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**NO RETIRING COLLECTION**

### REFURBISHMENT OF THE LADY CHAPEL

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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.

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

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### 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>

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

### 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](mailto: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**.

- Legitimate emails from parish priests will **only** come from an email with an **@rcaos.org.uk** email address
- 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:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stecb/VYD94V/c2s/FZ9Up2Ac/CE947/facebook/>

### **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.

### **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

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St Jude's Shrine, Faversham

St Thomas of Canterbury, Canterbury

St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate

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

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

### **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](mailto: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

6.00 pm VIGIL The soul of Margo Brady RIP  
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

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

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

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy  
Communion are invited to renew their  
commitment to this ministry at Masses this  
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.

**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, Alan Guest, Paul  
Catchpole.

## DIARY

### June

Tues 24 Lady Chapel refurb - 7.00 pm

### July

Wed 9 Requiem of Margaret Paes at 11.30 am  
(Margaret was the mother of Rose  
Remedios)

### 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

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Link to set up a regular donation through  
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**Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver** 020 8313 3915

Sunday 15 June 2025

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Retiring collection is for  
Day for Life

## COME HOLY SPIRIT

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

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

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

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

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

*Come Holy Spirit.*

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### BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL

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

Their official statement can be read at:

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

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

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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](http://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!

**Please take action now and sign this petition to your local MP:**  
[www.righttolife.org.uk/petitions](http://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](http://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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<b>Sun 15 June</b>	<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>
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
<b>Mon 16 June</b>	<b>Feria (St Richard of Chichester)</b>
10.00 am	Audrey Brown RIP
<b>Tues 17 June</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Brenda Lee RIP
	<b>No Adoration</b>
<b>Wed 18 June</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Neil McNamara
	<b>No Adoration</b>
7.30 pm	Mass in Hall
<b>Thurs 19 June</b>	<b>St John Rigby, Martyr</b>
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
<b>Friday 20 June</b>	<b>St Alban, Martyr</b>
10.00 am	Stan Ziolek RIP (19th anniv)
<b>Sat 21 June</b>	<b>St Aloysius Gonzaga</b>
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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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4460.21</b>

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