

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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**Sunday 8 February 2026 Yr A**

**The Retiring Collection this weekend is for Living Well.**

### FROM ZEBRA CROSSINGS TO REFORMING THE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

Last Thursday I had an interesting chat over coffee with Peter Brierley, Assistant Director of Citizens UK and Lead Organiser of London Citizens. Founded in 1989 Citizens UK claim to be 'the UK's biggest, most diverse and most effective people powered alliance' campaigning for numerous and various causes such as zebra crossings on dangerous roads, a decent living wage and reforming the immigration system. To date, they have 600 organisations involved and 4,000 community leaders trained in building a better and fairer society. Since its foundation hundreds of campaigns have been won, a success rate they hope will continue. You may be interested to know that the very basis and core of Citizens UK are Catholic Social Teaching principles. Recently before Christmas members of the organisation met with Pope Leo in Rome. Later this month or in March I hope Peter will come and speak at the Sunday Masses. I will keep you posted. – Father Steve

### PANCAKES

On Sunday 15 February after the 9.30 Mass we will be serving pancakes in the Hall. There will be sprinkles and all sorts of goodies to add deliciousness to them so we hope to see lots of our younger parishioners coming over to enjoy them.

### A SAFE PLACE TO LAND

The Landings team offers a non-judgemental forum to help you to reconnect with the Catholic faith. Lay-led meetings are accepting, confidential and enriching for all who take part.

The next Programme begins in March.  
For more information contact Andrew at:  
**[LandingsBeckenham@gmail.com](mailto:LandingsBeckenham@gmail.com)**

### THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 11 February  
7.45 pm Praise and Worship  
8.00 pm Holy Mass (Celebrant Fr Boniface Arapa)  
Followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament with prayer and praise  
10.00 pm Evening concludes

**Printer** We currently have no working photocopier or large format printer in the office. Please make alternative arrangements if you usually rely on us for printing. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

### LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES

You are warmly invited to join the Lent 2026 Bible Studies, a free, six-week journey presented live online. We will lead you through an in-depth exploration of the six Lenten Sunday Gospels.

**Starts: Tues 17th February at 7.00pm**

Six consecutive Tuesdays: 17 Feb, 24 Feb, 3 Mar, 10 Mar, 17 Mar, 24 Mar at 7-8:15 pm.

There is no charge. **LIVE** on YouTube

Registration: [comeandsee.org/lent26](https://comeandsee.org/lent26)

We hope to see you online.

Mauro & Janet Iannicelli

**Come & See Catholic Formation Ministries**

### TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

A female parishioner, is seeking to rent temporary accommodation for Friday to Sunday nights. This should only be for a month or so. She has experience as a carer and would be happy to assist in return. Please contact the Parish Office on 020 8650 0970.

### CONFIRMATION

This is open to all St Edmund's young people who are currently in Year 9 or above. The deadline is 13 February. Please register here: **<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/events/aclyhblc>**

### ST EDMUND'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

When someone we love dies, it's natural to want to talk, share memories and reflect on our loss. Family and friends may offer comfort, but sometimes those around us may not fully understand what we're going through.

The **St Edmund's Bereavement Support Group** is a kind, safe, and understanding space for those grieving. In a warm and welcoming environment, parishioners can meet others experiencing loss, share their feelings, and talk about practical challenges that can feel overwhelming. There is no pressure to speak – simply being among others can bring reassurance. For those who wish to share, there is always a listening ear. This supportive group is open to all, regardless of faith. We run three groups a year, meeting weekly for six weeks. A lovely quality of this group is the genuine friendship and mutual support that often grows among those who come together through shared loss.

If you would like to know more, please take a leaflet from the shelf near the Anniversary Book at the back of the Church, or email: **[beckenhambsg@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:beckenhambsg@rcaos.org.uk)**

## MASSES

<b>Sun 8 Feb</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday</b>
6.00 pm <b>VIGIL</b>	Betty Stephens RIP
8.00 am	For the people
9.30 am	Mary & Eileen RIP
11.00 am	Wellbeing of Chidolue & Nwosu
5.30 pm	Ints of the Pinkett Family
<b>Mon 9 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Mary Totterdell RIP
Noon	Requiem of Bernadette N'Dormadingar
<b>Tues 10 Feb</b>	<b>St Scholastica</b>
10.00 am	Cathy May
	No Adoration
<b>Wed 11 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Dec'd members of the Lennon Family
	No Adoration
11.30 am	Funeral Service for Jean Cookman
8.00 pm	Charismatic Mass in Hall
<b>Thurs 12 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Ints of Sr Pat Devine
6.00 pm <b>CLAVEL</b>	Adoration
<b>Fri 13 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Robert Halls RIP
<b>Sat 14 Feb</b>	<b>Saints Cyril &amp; Methodius</b>
10.00 am	Cornelius Donnelly RIP (anniv)
6.00 pm <b>VIGIL</b>	Dan Walsh RIP
<b>Sun 15 Feb</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday</b>
8.00 am	Grace Friend-Pereira
9.30 am	For the people
11.00 am	Ints of Mary Bradford
5.30 pm	Rita Howard RIP

There is Adoration after morning Mass Monday to Saturday, unless otherwise announced.

## RECONCILIATION

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

## FLOWERS

The arrangements in the church this week are in memory of Marie Alford RIP who died in November and whose birthday would have been this Tuesday. Marie volunteered in the sacristy, brass leaning, flowers and with the Mothers' and Toddlers group. Please remember Marie in your prayers.

## DIARY

**February**  
 8th Pancakes in the Hall after 9.30 Mass  
 9th Requiem of Bernadette N'Dormadingar at noon  
 11th Funeral Service for Mrs Joan Cookman at 11.30  
 26th Funeral of Angela Calder at 11.30

## Please pray for the recently deceased:

Bernadette N'Dormadingar, Jean Cookman, Aurelio Spinola, Katie Ross, Teresa Cadogan, Kerry Skelton, Lady Victoria Okeke, Gertrude Uchenna Chigbo, Angela Calder, Margaret Lilley.

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

Berenice Goodwill, Anne Guinle, Cyril Fleming, Jeanette Whiting, Clive Parfitt, Lucienne Alphonse, Eamonn Murphy, Odette Shaw, Joanna & Dennis Duggan, Margaret Milan, Mary Leonard, Derek Crawford, Colette Woods, Carmen Roper, Marion Ryan, Eddie Griffin, Michael Lavender, Milagros Purvis.

## 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, James Creedon, Sarah-Marie Kench, Duncan, Grace, Nora Haugh, Linda Magness, Charles, Joyce Edwins, Chris Elgar, Rose Elgar, Maureen Pinkett, Catherine McLaughlin, Albie Houghton, Sean Lacey, Peter Antony Jones, Margaret Mattison, Elias Tchamba.

## LENTEN SERVICES

Whilst it seems that we have just come out of the Christmas season, Easter is early this year and the season of **Lent** begins on **Ash Wednesday on February 18.**

## Stations of the Cross and additional Masses in Lent

**On Wednesday mornings**, 10 am Mass will be followed by Stations of the Cross at 10.40am.

**On Friday evenings** there will be Stations of the Cross at 6:15 pm, followed by Mass at 7.00 pm.

Each week Stations of the Cross will be led by members of parish groups. Thank you to all of them for doing this. For those unable to attend there will be copies of the Way of the Cross at the back of the church so you can walk the way in your own time.

## We can help you on your Lenten journey

With Lent almost upon us, have you considered what you may give up? If you are considering giving up alcohol, we are happy to help; the hospitality committee will be collecting donations of unopened bottles (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) at all Sunday Masses on the weekend of 21st-22nd February. These will be kept for the bottle stall at the Parish Spring Fair in May. Trolleys will be at the back of Church at those masses to receive your donations! Thank you.