

| MASSES | |
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| Sun 22 Feb | The First Sunday of Lent |
| 6.00 pm VIGIL | Antonio & Maria RIP |
| 8.00 am | Caroline & Ray Cosham RIP |
| 9.30 am | Jackie Shiel RIP |
| 11.00 am | For the people |
| 5.30 pm | Ints of the Pinkett Family |
| Mon 23 Feb | Feria |
| 10.00 am | John McGrath |
| Tues 24 Feb | Feria |
| 10.00 am | Bill Boden RIP |
| Wed 25 Feb | Feria |
| 10.00 am | Ints of the Oksana family |
| 10.40 am | Stations of the Cross |
| Thurs 26 Feb | Feria |
| 10.00 am | Janet Maureen Dunn Browne & dec'd family members |
| | No Adoration |
| 11.30 am | Requiem of Angela Calder |
| 6.00 pm CLAVER | Adoration |
| Fri 27 Feb | Feria |
| 10.00 am | Efisio Floris RIP |
| 3.00 pm CLAVER | Stations of the Cross |
| 6.15 pm | Stations of the Cross |
| 7.00 pm | Oleksandr Milinievsky RIP |
| Sat 28 Feb | Feria |
| 10.00 am | Anita Floris & dec'd family members |
| 6.00 pm VIGIL | Joe Nolan RIP |
| Sun 1 March | The Second Sunday of Lent |
| 8.00 am | For the people |
| 9.30 am | Michael Hanrahan RIP |
| 11.00 am | Marie-Therese Sinon RIP |
| 5.30 pm | Aqualina Pampin Mosquera 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



| WE PRAY FOR ALL OUR PARISHIONERS | |
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| Recently deceased: | Angela Calder, Margaret Lilley, Marc Frederick Vinay, Gordon James Walsh. |
| Whose anniversaries occur at this time: | Ann Goy, Margaret Knowles, Patrick Kavanagh, Terence McCarthy, Agnes Chambers, Anthony John Early, Oleksandr Milinievski, Charles Gerrard, Angela Bowers, John Chilton, Mary Ann Booth, Bill McConnell, David Flynn, Paul Morris, Mary O'Keeffe, Marie Hayock, Bridget Scully, Ronan Commane, Anthony Osei |
| Recently in ill health: | Chris Elgar, Rose Elgar, Maureen Pinkett, Catherine McLaughlin, Albie Houghton, Peter Antony Jones, Henry Ginn, Margaret Mattison, Elias Tchamba. |
| And all those suffering with long term sickness. | May the Lord bless them and keep them – Amen. |

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
Christian Meditation in the hall every Monday from 5.30-6.20 except 2nd Mondays.
Quiet Monday in the hall on second Mondays from 5.30 - 6.20 - see flyer in porch.
Please note the need to arrive promptly.
Contemplative Saturday on 28 February from 11-12 in the hall.

| DIARY | |
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| February | 26th Funeral of Angela Calder at 11.30 |
| May | 16th Parish Spring Fair |

Pray
Fast
Give

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There is no retiring collection this weekend but there will be a Cafod speaker at all Masses.

Please take a Cafod envelope home with you.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND MORNING ROSARY – NEW ARRANGEMENTS

During Lent the Church invites us to re-examine the place of prayer in our lives. Many people pray the Rosary as a way of bringing themselves into that contemplative and humble frame of mind where God can reveal himself; others have different ways of opening themselves to his healing and sustaining power. There is, however, one devotion that many of us seldom avail ourselves of: sitting before Our Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, whether in repose in the tabernacle or during our almost-daily periods of Adoration in the Church. There on the altar, or in the tabernacle, Jesus is truly present to us as though he were sitting beside us. What better source of grace could we hope for than this, what better way of placing ourselves before him?

For many years at St Edmund's we have prayed in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament after Mass every day of the week except Sundays. However, the numbers choosing to do so, or who are able to do so, have dwindled over the years, and now we find, as the priest or deacon comes to repose the Sacrament once more in the tabernacle, there is often hardly anyone present. For that reason, we have decided to change the timetable for Adoration in the hope that more people will be able to spend time before the Sacrament.

New times for Adoration and Rosary

These times will come into effect from Monday 2nd March.

From Monday to Thursday and on Saturday, the Sacrament will be exposed from 9am to 9:45 am. This will enable people to come for as short or as long a time as they wish before Mass.

On Mondays the Communal Recitation of the Rosary will take place after Mass.

During Lent, there will be no Rosary after Mass on Wednesdays as we will be having Stations of the Cross then. Wednesday Rosary after Mass will be introduced after Easter.

Because of the special nature of Fridays, the pattern for that day will remain as at present, with Rosary before Mass and Adoration following Mass from about 10:45 am. This will enable those who wish to spend a full hour in Adoration to do so.



To visit the Blessed Sacrament is . . . a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord (Pope St Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei, 66).

Fr Steve and Fr Boniface will both be away from Monday to Friday this week as they will be attending the Southwark Diocesan retreat.

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

CATENIANS

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.

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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

PRAY THE ROMERO ROSARY AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL.

Join Archbishop John Wilson and the Cathedral clergy in praying the rosary **every Friday at 5pm** throughout Lent. This is a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in prayer. Archbishop John will personally lead the devotion at the National Shrine of St Oscar Romero at St George's Cathedral (SE1 6HR) on **Ash Wednesday (18th February) at 5pm**, and again on **Friday 6th and Friday 27th March**. On all other Fridays during Lent, the Cathedral clergy will lead the rosary, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6pm. Let the rosary connect you to the Lord Jesus this Lenten season. Find out more at: rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary

PARISH SPRING FAIR

Our parish Spring Fair is on 16 May. If you have decided to give up alcohol for Lent, we are happy to help you.

The hospitality committee will be collecting donations of unopened bottles (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) at all Sunday Masses this weekend. These will be kept for the bottle stall at the Spring Fair.

Trolleys will be at the back of Church at all Masses to receive your donations.

Thank you

ASH WEDNESDAY

We celebrated three Masses in the church on Ash Wednesday, all with the imposition of ashes.

The number of people attending each of the Masses was really high, and we were so pleased to see parents bringing their children who were on half term.

The 10.00 am Mass was followed by the first Stations of the Cross and many people remained after Mass to join in this service.

Thank you to Jan and Cathy who led this service.

SPACE FOR PUSHCHAIRS

The layout of the church is proving rather challenging as we try to make space for pushchairs. Last week we removed some pews along the side walls of the church and left space between them so that they could be used for pushchairs and still leave the aisles free. We also made a larger space near the Memorial Board. This is only a start. There is more to do, but if anyone has suggestions on what we can do, please would they contact the parish office.

BRINGING CHILDREN TO MASS

Encouragement for Parents
We have some little pamphlets published by the Catholic Truth Society which are well worth picking up and taking home.

They are on the reading slope in the porch and a supply is on the CTS stand near to the entrance to the loft.

The CTS stand has a number of excellent booklets to help you through Lent. Do take a look.

BAPTISMS AT ST EDMUND'S

For those wishing to have a child baptised at St Edmund's, please email the dedicated account

beckenhambaptism@rcaos.org.uk
or use the link on our website
<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/forms/>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Friday 6 MARCH

Please join us for this year's World Day of Prayer, to be held on at 11.30 am on Friday, 6 March at St Mary's, Shortlands. The theme is "*I will give you rest, come*", with readings and music written by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Nigeria.



Our Nigerian sisters call us to come closer to God and find rest in him. The service shares the stories of four Nigerian women who inspire us to work towards a world without injustice, poverty, marginalisation and persecution.

The annual, women-led World Day of Prayer unites Christian congregations in 146 countries in a great wave of prayer in native languages. The sponsoring country changes each year, as does its theme, but it always starts near the international date line in Samoa, rolls around the globe, then finishes in American Samoa 38 hours later.

The service lasts about an hour, and a light lunch will follow. Please put 6 March in your diary and come along to meet men and women from churches across Beckenham.

READERS FOR THE EASTER TRIDIUM

Maundy Thursday – April 2 at 8.00 pm
Good Friday – April 3 at 3.00 pm
Easter Vigil - Saturday April 4 at 7.30 pm

If you would like to read at any of these services, please [contact Rosemary \(email only, r.kong@ucl.ac.uk\)](mailto:r.kong@ucl.ac.uk) indicating which service you will be attending.

Thank you

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

This starts at St Edmund's with a short service at 11.00 am before proceeding along the High Street to Beckenham Green where there is a second short ecumenical service.

As usual the organisers are asking for volunteers to help marshal the walk and to act as stewards on the Green. If you think you might be able to help please email davidjohnson127@talktalk.net with your name and contact details.

Thank you

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope from the back of the church to bless others with your support, or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

Thank you in advance for your support.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, the retreat offers a unique experience. It's a chance to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter weekend retreat, the next 2 retreats are 27th Feb-1st Mar in Swindon and 15th-17th May in Maidstone, why not find out more at wwme.org.uk

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 25 February
Join us in the Hall

7.45 pm. Praise and Worship
8.00 pm. Holy Mass
Celebrant. Fr Uduak Abara,
Beckenham Hill
Followed by Adoration before the
Blessed Sacrament with healing
ministry
10.00 pm. Evening concludes