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The retiring collection is for poor parishes of the Diocese.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Would **Ministers of Holy Communion** who expect to attend any of the main Easter Triduum liturgies please get in touch with Deacon Seán on **seanmurphy@rcaos.org.uk** so that we can ensure that we have sufficient Ministers to help with the distribution of Communion.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the next financial year are now on the reading slope in the Narthex.

The small packs of envelopes are for those who give by standing order.

If you cannot find yours, or are interested in gift aiding your donations, please contact the office.

The envelopes will be taken back into the Office after this weekend.

CONFIRMATION GROUP—YOUNG ADULTS

First session at 7.00 pm in the Presbytery.

If you are interested please get in touch with me.

Fr Andrew

MY DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS FOR EASTER

Booklets for daily reading for Eastertide are now in a basket at the back of the church.

We also have Infant and Junior editions which are designed to encourage children's interest and enjoyment of Easter.

Please take a copy and leave a donation of £1 in the wall box in the porch marked CTS.

SHOP

Our church shop now has some lovely items for Easter gifts. Please call in after Mass and take a look.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

It has been suggested that we print a list of forthcoming second collections to enable those of you who wish to put cash in the plate to be prepared.

Thank you for letting us know this would be helpful.

Here are the collections for the next few weeks.

- 22 March Diocesan collection for poor parishes.
- 29 March Parish collection for Easter flowers.
- 2 April Maundy Thursday collection for Mary's Meals.
- 3 April Good Friday National collection for Holy Places of Palestine.
- 5 April Personal gifts to our priests.
- 19 April Maintenance of St George's Cathedral.

GOVERNMENT TO PASS PHILOMENA'S LAW

Liam Conlon, our Beckenham and Penge MP, has won his campaign for Philomena's Law after the government announced that they would support the Bill which will deliver justice for 13,000 survivors of Ireland's Mother and Baby Homes living right across Britain, including in south east London.

The measure means that survivors - who endured some of the most horrific abuse - will no longer risk losing means-tested benefits if they accept compensation payments for what they experienced in Mother and Baby Homes.

A big thank you to the team who organised the special refreshments served after the 9.30 Mass last Sunday. It was wonderful to see the Hall packed with so many families celebrating Mothers Day and enjoying the lovely treats and daffodils.

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

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

Thank you for your generous support this Family Fast Day. Your kindness is helping families to grow food, even when facing drought and floods. You have shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent.

Find out how your support is making a difference at cafod.org.uk/thankyou

PS: It's not too late to donate – pick up a CAFOD envelope in church, use the QR code or visit cafod.org.uk/envelope.



THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 25 March
7.45 pm. Praise and Worship
8.00 pm. Holy Mass
Celebrant Fr David Gummett
Followed by. Adoration before the Blessed
Sacrament with healing ministry
10.00 pm. Evening concludes

Light of Christ Healing
Fourth Wednesday Ministry Evening

Usually, we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during which the ministry team may be available to pray with anyone who would like this. Healing prayer is holistic, body, mind and spirit. It may be that we just come before Jesus in Adoration with our prayer request.

This is for anyone, not just for those who attend our prayer meeting, so why not come along, especially at this time of Lent.

URGENT REQUEST FROM THE SVP

A family being helped by our SVP is in urgent need of assistance.

The SVP recently asked for two single beds with mattresses and one has already been donated, for which they say a big *thank you*. Does anyone have another single bed that is no longer needed?

If anyone can help please contact:

beckenhamsvp@gmail.com

or call 07789 497 482 and leave a message, or send a text. Thank you

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Wednesday 1st April there will be stations of the cross for little ones at 10.30am in the church followed by crafts and snacks in the hall. Do come along especially if your children are around four years old and above.



Please join us on a Mary's Meals walking pilgrimage

Would you like to join a Mary's Meals walking pilgrimage this year? Details of all the

pilgrimages are available here: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope>.

Options include the Augustine Camino from Rochester to Ramsgate via Aylesford Priory, Canterbury Cathedral and Minster Abbey from 5-11 September, and The Way of Our Lady of Consolation from West Grinstead to Storrington and onto Arundel Cathedral from 8-9 May. You are very welcome to join us for a single day, for several days, or for a whole pilgrimage.

Come on your own or as a group.

To find out more or to sign up, please go to <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope> or contact Roy Peachey from Mary's Meals at info@marysmeals.org.

WINTERSHALL PASSION OF JESUS GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3 TRAFALGAR SQUARE

Free performances at 12.00 noon and 3.15 pm.

A dramatic presentation of the Passion of Jesus which should not be missed.

Get there early to get the best views in Trafalgar Square.

Come prepared to sit on the ground whatever the weather may be.

You won't regret witnessing this extraordinary event.

For those who cannot get to the Square it is also livestreamed: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-passion-of-jesus-2026/>

Please remember that 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.

There are also First Aid bags in the Sacristy. Please ask a steward if you need one.

During the very busy services, particularly over the Triduum, please be aware of those around you when the church is likely to be packed.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Archbishop John Wilson will preside at a Lent reconciliation service at St George's Cathedral at **6.00 pm on Friday 27 March**.

All are welcome to encounter the peace and healing mercy of the Lord Jesus.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment, or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage.

To find out more:

www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

THE SYCAMORE GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT) FOR MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES

This is an online course **8.30pm – 9.30pm**, which has been developed in collaboration with the Southwark Marriage and Family Life team, the Agency for Evangelisation and Sycamore.

It consists of four hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for married couples and engaged couples to enrich their friendship, love, and want to continue exploring their faith together.

Book via Carole at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk.

The dates are:

May: 5, 12, 19, 26

Sept: 8, 15, 22, 29

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Led by Bishop Paul Hendricks

I warmly invite you to join me on this year's SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21st to 28th August 2026.

A pilgrimage is a great opportunity to refresh and renew our relationship with the Lord Jesus, with the help of Our Lady's prayers. I have also found it a blessing to be able to accompany and to be inspired by other pilgrims, some of whom are sick, elderly or disabled.

Details for booking travel and accommodation can be found at: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>

We also ask pilgrims to complete a form with details, including medical requirements (if any) at <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join2026>

For more information, please contact

Canon Edward Perera

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Deacon John Fogarty

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Bishop Paul Hendricks

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There is a poster in the porch for a Finance Officer post at Laleham Lea School in Purley. Please take a look.



PALM SUNDAY

This year we are making some changes to how we process into the church before the start of the 9.30 am Mass on Palm Sunday. The priest will explain all to you before Mass starts so if you could be in your places a little before 9.30 am it will give time for the explanation and for Mass to start on time.

Please do not gather in the park.

MASSES

Sun 22 March	Fifth Sunday of Lent
6.00 pm VIGIL	Mary & Danny Loftus RIP
8.00 am	Pro Populo
9.30 am	Roy
11.00 am	Carmel Cardiff (anniv)
5.30 pm	Rance Millward RIP <i>3rd Scrutiny</i>
Mon 23 March	Feria
9-9.45 am	Exposition
10.00 am	Ints of Raphael Fleming
10.40 am	Rosary
Tues 24 March	Feria
9-9.45 am	Exposition
10.00 am	Mark & Family
Wed 25 March	The Annunciation of the Lord
9-9.45 am	Exposition
10.00 am	Luzminda Eguia RIP
10.40 am	Stations of the Cross
Thurs 26 March	Feria
9-9.45 am	Exposition
10.00 am	Janet Maureen Dunn Browne & dec'd family members
6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration
Fri 27 March	Feria
9-9.45 am	Rosary
10.00 am	Rosina Porta & Enrico Carboni RIP
10.45 am	Exposition
2.30 pm	Requiem for Vincent Scully
3.00 pm CLAVER	Stations of the Cross
6.15 pm	Stations of the Cross
7.00 pm	Harry Lake March
Sat 28 March	Feria
9-9.45 am	Exposition
10.00 am	Hazel Barnes RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL	Bernie Hughes RIP
Sun 30 March	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8.00 am	Denise dos Santos Zanardine RIP
9.30 am	Ilean Curry RIP in thanksgiving for her work with the RCIA
11.00 am	Martin Lavelle RIP
5.30 pm	For the people

RECONCILIATION

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



We pray for all our parishioners

The recently deceased: Rose Elgar, Patricia Weal, John Dias, Bernie Smith, Albie Houghton, Vincent Scully, Martin Lydon, Shirley Leach, Grace Ete Eseanobi.

Those whose anniversaries are at this time: Kathleen Cosgrove, Sylvia Amiri, Jeanette Micallef, Barbara Oke, Tina Valentino, Sadie Rance, Catherine O'Marney, Pat Parfitt, John Taylor, Beth Rose Nee, Kweku Ansah, Susannah Hayes. Fr Barry Hughes.

Those recently in ill health: Chris Elgar, Catherine McLaughlin, Peter Anthony Jones, Henry Ginn, Margaret Mattison, Elias Tchamba, Paul Hixson, David Back, Beatrice Allegretti, Arlene Sinclair, Margaret Russell, Emma Rodrigues.

And all those suffering with long term sickness.

May the Lord bless them and keep them – Amen.

DIARY

March

27	Requiem for Vincent Scully at 2.30 pm
30	Requiem for Rose Elgar at 11.30am
31	Requiem for Patricia Weal at noon

April

1	Children's Stations of the Cross at 10.30am followed by fun in the Hall
4	Reception in the Hall after the Easter Vigil
6	Bank Holiday Monday Easter celebratory coffee after morning Mass, in the Hall
13	Law Surgery in the Hall at 6.00 pm
14	Requiem for Shirley Leach at 11.30 am

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 and respect the need for silence.

MASS TIMES AT ST MARK'S, WEST WICKHAM

Weekdays

10.00 am daily (except Tuesday)
6.00 pm (Tuesday only)

Saturday

6.30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday Mass

8.00 am
10.00 am
11.30 am