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The retiring collection this weekend will be your personal offering to our priests.

This edition of the newsletter is published before the first service of the Triduum so it seems a little early to wish all our parishioners a Happy Easter before we have even joined with Christ in His Passion but nonetheless we wish you a blessed Triduum and a Happy Easter!

The Parish Office will be closed from the evening of Maundy Thursday until Tuesday morning. If you urgently need a priest during this time, please call the Parish Office number and follow the instructions to be connected with a priest.

Thank you all for the donations for Easter flowers, it is much appreciated.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS HOLY SATURDAY AT 10.00 AM

Do come to this wonderful service that has been prepared for us by some of our young Polish parishioners. Each year the service becomes more popular and draws families from countries all around the world.

Please see the poster in the porch.

ALTAR SERVERS REHEARSALS

All those who want to serve at the Easter Vigil are reminded to attend the relevant practice.

As this Vigil is only once a year there is a lot that will be unfamiliar, and a training session will help all servers, particularly those assisting for the first time, to be confident in what they are doing. Please gather in the church promptly so the session can begin on time.

**Easter Vigil rehearsal:
Holy Saturday at noon**

COLLECTIONS OVER THE TRIDUUM

- 2 April Maundy Thursday collection for **Mary's Meals**. Leaflets on the reading slopes
- 3 April Good Friday National collection for **Holy Places of Palestine**.
- 5 April **Personal gifts to our priests**

PARISH FAIR

The date of the parish fair has been changed to June 6. More information after Easter.



WELCOME!

We welcome warmly those being baptised at the Easter Vigil: Glenn, Tyrah, Lucy, Adekite, Adedotun and Amalia, as well as Alan, Ebany and Miles, who are being received into the Church, and Alex who is being confirmed. We wish to thank the catechists in the RCIA team whose dedication, hard work, and commitment has supported them on their journey.

HELP US TIDY!

After each of our services there's always a bit of tidying to do. It would be wonderful if everyone could lend a hand in keeping the church clean and welcoming for the next service, rather than leaving it to the same small group of volunteers who work so hard over these busy days.

Please pop music sheets, service books, baptism candles and any other items back to the rear of the church, and take any litter home with you. Your help really does make a difference, so thank you in advance for your support.

MATEUSZ SADOWSKI

We are delighted to have Mateusz with us for Holy Week. If you see him around please make him feel welcome. He writes.....

Originally from Poland, I am the third of six children, and grew up in a Catholic family rooted in the faith. Currently my family lives in Athenry in the west of Ireland. During my time at the University of Galway I entered deeper into my faith and rediscovered a vocation I first received as a child. I am now in my first year of Discipleship at Allen Hall. At 23, I enjoy cycling, nature, and history, and I am looking forward to where the Lord will lead me.

MASSES

Thurs 2 April	Maundy Thursday <i>No morning Mass</i> Mass of the Lord's Supper Kerry Skelton RIP Anita Jerome RIP Fr John Buckley RIP Procession to the Altar of Repose and watching until midnight.
Fri 3 April	Good Friday Walk of Witness to Beckenham Green 3.00 pm The Passion of Our Lord
Sat 4 April	Holy Saturday 9.30 - noon 10.00 am The church will be closed after morning confession 7.30 pm Easter Vigil Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta RIP Des Johnson RIP Emmanuel - in thanks to God
Sun 5 April	Easter Day 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 5.30 pm Patricia Hanrahan RIP For the people of our parish Wellbeing of Gretta O'Reilly Grace Ete Eseanobi RIP
Mon 6 April	9.00—9.45 am 10.00 am Exposition Ints of Robertson Family Coffee in Hall
Tues 7 April	9.00—9.45 am 10.00 am Exposition Private intentions
Weds 8 April	9.00—9.45 am 10.00 am Exposition Seamus Hourihan Rosary after Mass
Thurs 9 April	9.00—9.45 am 10.00 am Exposition Benefactors and promoters of Claver sisters
Friday 10 April	10.00 am Rosary David Reinhardt Adoration
Saturday 11 April	9.00—9.45 am 10.00 am 6.00pm Exposition Deceased benefactors and promoters of Claver sisters Martha Costellow RIP

We pray for all our parishioners

The recently deceased: Bernie Smith, Albie Houghton, Vincent Scully, Martin Lydon, Shirley Leach, Grace Ete Eseanobi, Luznidia Arias, Madeleine Ruddy, Tina Newman.

Those whose anniversaries are at this time: Gian Bianca Inzani, Constantino Basconcillo, Peter Rodrigues, Anne Barber, Jay Leader, Martin Calver, Paddy Keegan, Viktor Ugincius, Kate Marshall, Pet Kilcullen, Patrick Hunt, Monica Richardson, Basil Howells, John Edet, Terence Arnaud, Rainer Stuper, Harry Bradford.

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

And all those suffering with long term sickness.

May the Lord bless them and keep them – Amen.

DIARY

April

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

May

1	Requiem for Madeleine Ruddy at 11.30
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June

6	Parish fair
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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation in the hall every Monday from 5.30-6.20 except on 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