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The retiring collection this weekend is for the Priests' Training Fund

APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is a Catholic charity bringing spiritual and practical help to Catholics and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need, through prayer, information, and action.

Next weekend, May 3 and 4, we will welcome a speaker from Aid to the Church in Need who will be telling us more of their mission. There will be a second collection and an opportunity to purchase some of the beautiful items they sell through their gift shop for their own fundraising.

DEBORAH'S PALM THURSDAY APRIL 30 AT 3.00 PM

Every last Thursday of the month the Sisters of St. Peter Claver offer the opportunity for people to come to the convent in the afternoon, share a cup of tea, chat with the Sisters, share their thoughts and needs and, if they so wish, also pray with them.

At 3.00 pm we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (10 minutes) and from 6.00 pm till 7.00 pm we will have adoration. All are free to come. From 3.10 pm till 6.00 pm one or other of the Sisters will be available to talk to whoever may desire to come to the convent at 89 Shortlands Rd, BR2 0JL

Sr Assunta Giertych

What is Deborah's Palm?

The Book of Judges in the Old Testament tells of one of the rare examples where people were going to a woman to ask advice and settle disputes. She, Deborah, would receive them under a palm tree.

SR JO HARVEY RIP

It is with great regret that we learnt of the death of Sr Jo Harvey of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the early hours of April 23. Sr Jo was loved by many during her lifetime of service in Beckenham.

SR REENA

We are saying a fond farewell to Sr. Reena who is starting a new life in New Zealand with her order. We wish her all the best.

CITIZENS UK

Join Fr Stephen and other parishioners for the Bromley Citizens assembly at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Church Rd, BR2 0EG in Bromley town centre on **Thursday 30 April (6–7.30 pm)**. Bromley Citizens work is rooted in the Catholic tradition of seeking the common good and standing in solidarity with our neighbours. It's an opportunity to meet candidates standing for leader of the council as well as joining others in shaping a more just Bromley.

Scan the QR code or visit:

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/bromley-citizens-founding-assembly> to book

your place or email

peter.brierley@citizensuk.org



Below is parishioner's summary of the Citizens UK Information Evening at Bromley College that was held on Monday, 23 March.

The event began with a warm introduction from Asfa Sohail, Co-Chair and Deputy CEO, who welcomed everyone and set a positive, collaborative tone. The evening featured reflections from an Anglican pastor, a PTA representative, Methodist Pastor and a member of the ALMA Centre, a Muslim-based community organisation. Their thoughtful contributions highlighted shared concerns and aspirations across various faith and community groups, framing the discussions that followed.

Participants then split into smaller groups to delve into four critical issues affecting Bromley: housing, discrimination, youth and mental health, and the cost of living. One particularly striking point was the revelation that less than one-third of the accommodation in Bromley is considered affordable, which really underscored the urgent need for continued community action.

The conversations were both rich and sometimes intense, culminating in an invitation for attendees to take part in the next stage of the Citizens UK process, preparing to meet with local councillor representatives to present the community's concerns and priorities.

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

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 29 April. For anything that needs to be dealt with on the day, please contact one of the priests.

PARISH FAIR – YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!
Saturday 6 June
11.00 am to 3.00 pm

We plan to have exciting stalls and activities: BBQ, Bottle Stall, Bric-a-Brac, Café, Cakes, Children's Games, Craft, Ice Lollies, Money Mountain, Plants & Raffles (both for Children & Adults).

This can only happen with everybody's help:
We need your donations please – bottles, items for bric-a-brac & raffles, cakes, craft items & plants. Please bring your donations by the middle of May. Money Mountain tickets will be on sale at all Sunday Masses on the weekends of 24 & 31 May.

We also need your help promoting this event to your families and friends – please takes some flyers from the back of Church and pass them around to encourage people to join us.

Finally – why not volunteer to help that weekend? If everyone pitches in, we can all have a great time and raise some funds for St Edmund's.

Enquiries and offers of help please to Cathy at cathpaints2@msn.com

ROSARY FOR LIFE.

Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life

Archbishop John Wilson is calling on all of us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly and vulnerable.

Joyful Mysteries (1 May – 9 May): pray for unborn children and an end to abortion

Sorrowful Mysteries (10 May – 16 May): pray for peace and for victims of war

Luminous Mysteries (17 May – 23 May): pray for people with disabilities

Glorious Mysteries (24 May – 30 May): pray for the elderly and vulnerable

For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit rcaos.org.uk/rosary_for_life.

Our church shop has a wide selection of rosaries for you to purchase for your own use or to give as gifts.

CAKE SALE

Coffee, tea, squash and biscuits are available in the Hall every Sunday after 9.30 am Mass.

After Mass this Sunday there will be a cake sale organised by a young parishioner, Michael Conneely, who is a pupil at Langley Boys, trying to raise funds for a school trip to India.

There will also be a raffle for the chance to win a cake cooked by a local professional baker.

Do come across and help him reach his target.

300 CLUB

We are delighted that Philippa Ryan will be taking over responsibility for running the 300 Club.

Isabelle Blake-James has been responsible for the 300 Club for over three years and has raised the club's visibility in the parish and we thank her for the tremendous efforts she has made in doing this.

AFTERNOON TEA AT THE CLAVER CONVENT
20 June 2 - 4.00 pm

A fund-raising event to build houses for destitute families in Pakistan.

Save the date and if you can contribute or volunteer, please contact Sr. Assunta.
Tel 020 8313 3915

LIGHT OF CHRIST PRAYER MEETING

The Light of Christ Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting invites you to join them in the parish hall on Wednesday 29 April at:

7.45 pm. Praise and Worship

8.00 pm. Holy Mass

Celebrant. Fr Uduak Abara

Followed by. Evening Fellowship.

10.00 pm. Evening concludes

LIFT TO CHURCH NEEDED

Is there anyone who could take a detour down the St James's end of Forster Road to pick up a parishioner who has had back problems and can no longer manage the walk to church. It needn't be every week and the parishioner would be happy for a call on a Saturday to let her know which Mass you are attending.

Please phone the Office and we will put you in touch.

ONE TO ONE COACHING

Please see a poster in the porch. A generous parishioner is offering free coaching sessions to five individuals who need assistance in their work development.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, 26 APRIL SUPPORT OUR FUTURE PRIESTS

The priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. This Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations and support for the Priest Training Fund, which forms men for service as priests and deacons across our parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities. We currently have nine seminarians, each costing around £30,000 per year over six years of formation. Your generosity helps make their calling possible.

Donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF

Call: 020 7960 2504 (weekdays, 9am–5pm)

Use the envelopes at the back of church or this QR code..



Leave a lasting legacy to the Church

Please consider remembering our church or the Priesthood in your Will. Find out more:

www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/leave-a-legacy.

Thank you for your prayers and support

Archdiocese of Southwark Fundraising

MASS WITH THE MILL HILL MISSIONARIES

Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries invite all Red Box supporters and the wider Diocesan community to come together for two important events this year.

St Simon Stock Church, Bleakwood Rd,
Walderslade, Kent ME5 0NF
Saturday 6 June at 11.00 am

Join Fr Joseph Donkor (Missio Diocesan Director for Southwark) and the Mill Hill Missionaries for Mass, followed by lunch and sharing of mission work.

St Elizabeth of Portugal Church,
The Vineyard, Richmond TW10 6AQ
Saturday 3 October at 11.00 am

Join us for this special World Mission month Mass with Missio National Director, Fr Anthony Chantry MHM, and Fr Joseph Donkor.

Our Mission Masses are an opportunity to hear about how missionaries share the gospel throughout the world and how we can be missionary disciples in our own parishes. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please email redbox@missio.org.uk or visit <https://missio.org.uk/mission-masses-and-events/> for further information.

UPPER ROOM EXPERIENCE

The All Nations Catholic Charismatic Group invites all to come to the celebration of the feast of Pentecost at St Andrew's Church, Thornton Heath, Croydon CR7 7RD on Sunday 24 May from 3.00 pm onwards. The feast of Pentecost is an integral part of our Christian life so let us come together to celebrate the birthday of our church. Food and drink will be provided after the celebration. Please see the poster on the notice board in the porch for more information.

ENCOUNTER PENTECOST: 23 MAY ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Volunteers needed

This is a day for people of all ages from across the Archdiocese to gather at St George's for worship, prayer, teaching and celebration.

We need plenty of volunteers to make this exciting event happen.

For more info or to sign up as a volunteer, visit encounterpentecost.com

PLEASE JOIN US ON A MARY'S MEALS WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Would you like to join a Mary's Meals walking pilgrimage this year?

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 on to 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.

THERESA GOOCH RIP

Please remember in your prayers Theresa Gooch who died peacefully on the 12th April.

For many years Theresa was the positive and welcoming face to all those who came through the door of Bishop Challoner School.

A dedicated secretary, she was a source of unwavering support and kindness to all who came in contact with her. Staff and pupils will remember her for her smile, and her extraordinary way of brightening our days. She listened and had the ability to make everything feel manageable. A special lady who will be deeply missed.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

MASSES

Sun 26 April **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
6.00 pm **VIGIL** Michael Howard
8.00 am Benjamin Stanislaus Dunn &
dec'd family members
9.30 am Claver Sisters on the feast of
Our Lady of Good Counsel
11.00 am Ilga Moys RIP
5.30 pm Martin Lydon (Int of Killian Crowe)
Theresa Gooch RIP

Monday 27 April **Feria**
10.00 am Dr Mervyn and Dr Mary Shipsey
RIP

Tues 28 April **Feria**
10.00 am Requiem of Eliza Ruchaj

Wed 29 April **St Catherine of Siena**
10.00 am Denise dos Santos Zanardine RIP
1.00 pm Requiem of Simon Waters
8.00 pm **HALL** Charismatic Mass

Thu 30 April **Feria**
10.00 am In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
4.00 pm Reception of the body of Madeleine
Ruddy RIP
6.00 pm **CLAVER** Adoration and Benediction

Fri 1 May **Feria (St Joseph the Worker)**
10.00 am Bridie & Joe Curran RIP
11.30 am Requiem for Madeleine Ruddy

Sat 2 May **St Athanasius**
10.00 am Patrick & Sarah RIP
6.00 pm **VIGIL** Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta RIP

Sun 3 May **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
8.00 am Benefactors & promoters of the
Claver Sisters
9.30 am Peter Xavier De Souza RIP (7th
anniv)
11.00 am Martino & Franca Anni RIP
NO CHORALE
5.30 pm For the people

EXPOSITION

Monday to Thursday and Saturday from
9.00 –9.45 am and Friday after Mass

ROSARY

Monday and Wednesday after
Mass, and Friday before Mass

CONFESSION

Saturday after morning Mass until noon and
Saturday evenings from 5.00 pm to 5.45 pm.

MASS TIMES AT ST ANTHONY'S, ANERLEY

Weekdays

9.30 am daily (Monday to Saturday)

Saturday

6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday Mass

9.30 am
11.15 am
5.30 am

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

We pray for all our parishioners

The recently deceased: Madeleine Ruddy,
James Keogh, Patsy Brown, Seán Craig, Simon
Waters, Eliza Ruchaj, Sr Jo Harvey, Michael
Northwood.

Those whose anniversaries are at this time:
Mary Dickson, Magdalene Thomas, Anne-Marie
Flanagan, Margaret Cassar, Monica Wells, John
Dutton, Tony Dawson, Fr Anthony Porter, Cathy
MacNamara, Peg Fleming, Bernice Archbald,
Marie-Therese Jameson, Winifred Kourkgy, Nancy
Galea, Dani Candasamy.

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

And all those suffering with long term sickness.

May the Lord bless them and keep them – Amen.

DIARY

April

26 Cake sale in Hall after 9.30 Mass
28 Requiem for Eliza Ruchaj 10.00
29 Requiem for Simon Waters at 1.00
30 Deborah's Palm at the Claver Convent
at 3.00

May

1 Requiem for Madeleine Ruddy at 11.30
5 Requiem for James Keogh at 12.30
11 Law Surgery

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.

