

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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The retiring collection this weekend is for Aid to the Church in Need

### APPEAL THIS 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.

This weekend we have pleasure in welcoming Robert Ruiz 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. These are on the reading slope in the narthex.

Donations can also be made via their website [acnuk.org](http://acnuk.org) and at the CollecTins at the back of the church.

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM ON 27 JUNE

St Edmund's hope to hire a coach so that parishioners can join this pilgrimage, but we cannot do so without assurances well in advance that we will be able to fill the coach. The price will be about £30 per person.

If you intend to come, would you please contact the parish office **by Monday 4 May** either by email or leaving a message, so that we can get a firm idea of numbers.

If we do not get sufficient people, we will need to think again about whether or not to hire a coach.

### CAKE SALE

Thank you to all the parishioners who came to the Hall last Sunday to support Michael Conneely's cake sale to raise funds for his school trip to India.

The sale raised an astonishing £540 and Michael is grateful to each and every one of you for your support.

### OUR CHURCH SHOP

The church shop has everything you could need for First Holy Communion gifts.

Our two parish First Communion Masses are on Saturday 16 May and our wonderfully stocked shop has cards and books and items of all kinds that would make perfect gifts.

Please take a moment after Masses on Sunday to come and browse and purchase your gifts.

### 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 and adults).

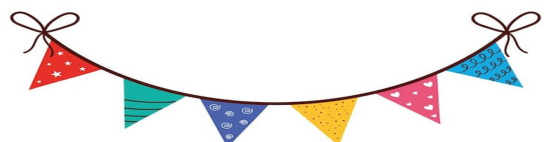
This can only happen with everybody's help: We need your donations please – bottles, items for bric-a-brac & raffles, cakes, craft items and plants. Please bring your donations by the middle of May.

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 take 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](mailto:cathpaints2@msn.com)



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

## **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); Sorrowful Mysteries (10 May – 16 May); Luminous Mysteries (17 May – 23 May); Glorious Mysteries (24 May – 30 May)

For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit [rcaos.org.uk/rosary for life](http://rcaos.org.uk/rosary%20for%20life).

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

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

All our Masses until mid July already have intentions allocated to them, and many Masses after this time do too. Regrettably, this means that we are unable to take last minute intentions.

We can guide you to other churches or Catholic agencies who can say the Masses sooner if needed, but won't be able to do them here.

## **MOTHERS' PRAYERS**

Mothers' Prayers started thirty years ago with two grandmothers from Sevenoaks who felt led by the Lord to pray in a special way for their children and grandchildren. Guided by the Holy Spirit, Mothers' Prayers is now an international ecumenical prayer group.

At St. Edmund's, a small group meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month after the 10 o'clock Mass, to pray for our families and all young people in our parish community. Keeping to a simple format as set out in their prayer booklet, we sing, we pray and we place the children into Jesus' care and protection, trusting in His words - 'Ask and you will receive.'

If you would like us to pray for a child/children, please write the name(s) on a piece of paper, place in a sealed envelope (to protect confidentiality,) mark the envelope clearly Mothers' Prayers and post it through the Parish Office letterbox, where it will be collected and presented in prayer into the safe and loving hands of Jesus.

If you are interested to know more, please contact Mothers' Prayers via the Parish Office.

## **AFTERNOON TEA AT THE CLAVER CONVENT**

**20 June 2.00 - 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

Tickets will be available nearer the date.

## **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.

*No one has volunteered for this yet. Please consider whether you can help this lady, even on a one time basis.*

## **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](mailto:info@marysmeals.org).

## **REMINDER**

Please take care of your possessions whilst you are in the church and do try and take everything home with you. Recently a number of items have been left behind after Mass but never make it to our lost property box, leaving some unhappy parishioners.

## 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](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk) or visit <https://missio.org.uk/mission-masses-and-events/> for further information.

## MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE JULY 11, ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup>+ wedding anniversary this year, please let us know **no later than the middle of May**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham.

**Marriage and Family Life South East  
RC Archdiocese of Southwark**

## 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](http://encounterpentecost.com)

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

Archbishop John has encouraged us all to pray for Pope Leo XIV, who has been courageously advocating for peace.

## BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

A one-day course for married couples of any age to explore their relationship, deepen communication, and reflect on the Church's call to marriage.

No group sharing; all discussion remains private to each couple.

**2026 dates (9.00 am–4.30 pm):**

**23 May** (Wallington);

**13 June** (Hythe);

**27 June** (Tooting);

**3 October** (West Norwood).

Booking essential: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

## SISTER JO HARVEY RIP FUNERAL

The requiem mass for Sr Jo will be held at  
9.30am on Sat 16 May at  
Our Lady Queen of the World  
25 St Edmunds Terrace, NW8 7PY  
Followed by cremation at 11am

## MASSES

<b>Sun 3 May</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter Safeguarding Sunday</b>
6.00 pm VIGIL	Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta RIP
8.00 am	Benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
9.30 am	Peter Xavier De Souza RIP (7th anniv)
11.00 am NO CHORALE	Martino & Franca Anni RIP
5.30 pm	For the people
<b>Monday 4 May</b>	<b>The English Martyrs</b>
10.00 am	Family wellbeing of Claire Chidolue & Nwosu
<b>Tues 5 May</b>	<b>Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse</b>
10.00 am	Germaine Pisani & Family
12.30 am	Requiem of James Keogh
<b>Wed 6 May</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Dec'd benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
8.00 pm HALL	Charismatic Mass
<b>Thu 7 May</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Breda Fitzgerald
12.30 pm	Requiem of Sean Craig
6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration
<b>Fri 8 May</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Thanksgiving to Our Lady
<b>Sat 9 May</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Jan Zawadzki RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL	Remmie & Margaret Walsh RIP
<b>Sun 10 May</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
8.00 am	Colin Maton RIP
9.30 am	For the people
11.00 am	Rose Elgar RIP
5.30 pm	Maricarmen Pampin Mosquera RIP (1st anniv)

### 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.

*On occasion exposition or rosary will not take place owing to a funeral being held*

### MASS TIMES AT ST ANTHONY'S, ANERLEY

#### Weekdays

9.30 am daily (Monday to Saturday)  
Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm

#### Saturday

6.00 pm Vigil Mass

#### Sunday Mass

9.30 am  
11.15 am  
5.30 am

## We pray for all our parishioners

**The recently deceased:** James Keogh, Theresa Gooch, Patsy Brown, Seán Craig, Sr Jo Harvey, Michael Northwood, John Campolini, Colleen Swan.

**Those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Shirley Lawler, Christopher McNamara, Rosalita Mamboya, Rosemary McWilliams, Gilberte Van Der Steen, Edward Burton, Mary Brown, Grace Odoki-Olam.

**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, John Hughes.

**And all those suffering with long term sickness.**

*May the Lord bless them and keep them – Amen.*

## DIARY

### May

5 Requiem for James Keogh at 12.30  
7 Requiem for Sean Craig at 12.30  
11 Law Surgery (Second Monday)  
19 Requiem for Michael Northwood at 11.30  
28 Requiem for John Campolini

### June

6 Parish Fair  
20 Afternoon Tea at the Claver Convent

## 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