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Sunday 19 July Yr A

There is no second collection this week.
Next week the collection is for Living Well

THE RCIA – A JOURNEY IN FAITH

It is the duty by our baptism of every Christian to evangelize! (Matthew 28:19).

To help others realize that God is already in their lives, but they just don't recognise Him.

To enable us to carry out this vital mission there are RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) groups in most parishes in this diocese, throughout the country, and across the world.

These groups inform and help those who want to learn more about the Catholic faith. We invite anyone, whatever their background or circumstances, to join us in the journey to find God and learn more about the Catholic Church.

Headed by our parish priest Father Steve, we are a diverse group of lay people, enthusiastic about their faith, who are committed to journey with you through the process.

Last September we had many people enquiring. We start with the basics, *Who is God?* and cover topics such as the bible, faith and prayer. We learn about the Virgin Mary.

Towards Advent and Christmas we move on to more tricky subjects such as the Holy Trinity, creation and the Fall, and before we break for Christmas, we study the topic of Salvation. Let's face it, that's the reason we are on the journey in the first place!

After Christmas, we study deeper spiritual topics such as the seven sacraments, Catholic Moral teaching and much more.

We discovered most of the group stayed the course and nine people were brought into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil of 2026.

As you read this, maybe you know someone who might be considering the Catholic faith, or just needs more answers before committing. Perhaps you yourself received your first communion but were never confirmed.

Then please encourage them to make contact or give them a copy of this newsletter or hand them a flyer which will be at the back of the church for anyone to take and consider.

Our first meeting will be on **Thursday 10 September at 7.30 pm in the church hall.**

You can contact us via email: beckenhamrcia@rcaos.org.uk or speak to any of the priests or contact the parish office. Or of course just turn up on the night. All will be welcome — **Cathy Denne**



LIVING WELL

Next weekend we will have a summer collection for Living Well when we ask parishioners both to donate funds in the second collection and also to bring in something for the food bank.

The demands made on Living Well during the summer increase hugely because the many children who would be able to have breakfast and lunch at school during term time are without this benefit and consequently many will go through the summer poorly fed and hungry.

Please give as generously as you always do.

To donate direct to Living Well go to: <https://www.livingwell.life/p/donate>

HOLIDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Following direction from the Archdiocese, which were announced several weeks ago, the 8.00 am Sunday Mass will be cut from next weekend until Sunday September 13 when we are able to celebrate it once more.

There will still be an 8.00 am Mass at St Mark's in West Wickham which might help some of you.



THE LIGHT OF CHRIST PRAYER MEETING

invites you to the parish hall on

Wednesday 22 July.

7.45 pm Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant Fr Francis Akono

followed by Adoration before the

Blessed Sacrament with healing

ministry

10.00pm Evening concludes

LAPTOP FOR SALE

A parishioner has asked us to sell a brand new HP 14-ep 2001na 14" Intel N1504 GB 128GB laptop. It was purchased in error and will not be used.

They are happy to offer it a significant discount off the purchase price of £219 but would prefer if it could go to a child who needs one for school.

Please email: beckenham@rcaos.org.uk

ALTAR SERVERS ALBS

The albs worn by our altar servers are looking very grubby and it would be great if they could all be washed over the summer.

Anyone is welcome to come and take some to wash but particularly the parents of the altar servers. If they could take one (or two) home with them after Mass and give them a wash they would soon all be done.

The albs are polyester so dry very quickly and if hung up straight away don't need to be ironed.

MARGARET RUSSELL RIP

Margaret and her husband Brian moved to Beckenham from Northamptonshire in 2004 to be close to their family. Margaret helped out at the Christmas fair and volunteered at the Abbeyfield Home. She was always willing to help any elderly parishioner with shopping and hospital visits. Due to ill health Margaret was in Coloma Care Home for the last 10 months.

Margaret's requiem will be in church on July 28 at 1.00 pm. All who knew her are most welcome.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Our summer coffee mornings will begin on Tuesday 28 July straight after the morning Mass.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us for coffee and teas and a chat. They will run every Tuesday to the end of August.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

No refreshments after the 9.30 Mass from this Sunday as our volunteers take a well earned break. Back in September.

ST EDMUND'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

When someone we love dies, it's natural to want to talk, share memories and reflect on our loss. Family and friends may offer comfort, but sometimes those around us may not fully understand what we're going through.

The St Edmund's Bereavement Support

Group is a kind, safe, and understanding space for those grieving. In a warm and welcoming environment, parishioners can meet others experiencing loss, share their feelings, and talk about practical challenges that can feel overwhelming. There is no pressure to speak – simply being among others can bring reassurance. For those who wish to share, there is always a listening ear. This supportive group is open to all, regardless of faith. We run three groups a year, meeting weekly for six weeks. A lovely quality of this group is the genuine friendship and mutual support that often grows among those who come together through shared loss.

If you would like to know more, please take a leaflet from the shelf near the Anniversary Book at the back of the Church, or email:

beckenhamsq@rcaos.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

For the academic year 2026-27, enrolment for First Holy Communion preparation (including First Confession) takes place via the Church Suite app.

All applications must be made this way. Enrolment is open until 11th September 2026.

Please use the attached link:

[Registration for First Holy Communion preparation classes 2026-2027 \(10-Jul-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

If you have any queries, please contact:

beckenhamfhc@rcaos.org.uk

Best regards, Trish
First Holy Communion Catechist Lead

EXAM INVIGILATORS

... wanted, supporting and guiding students calmly during the school's examination period at St Catherine's Catholic Girls School, Bexleyheath. Please visit: <https://www.stccg.co.uk/Support-Staff-Vacancies/> for more info and link to apply.

CURRY FOR A CAUSE – A FABULOUS FUNDRAISING EVENING FOR MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals is a remarkable charity that provides life-changing school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest communities.

Founded in **2002**, Mary's Meals began by feeding just **200 children** in Malawi. Today, it serves **3 million children every school day** in some of the world's poorest countries, including **Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Liberia, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Kenya, India, Haiti, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen**. The charity believes that no child should have to choose between hunger and an education. By providing a nutritious daily meal at school, Mary's Meals encourages children into the classroom, giving them the opportunity to gain an education and build a brighter future.

Astonishingly, it costs just £19.15 to feed one child every school day for an entire school year.

So please join us for a wonderful evening of good food, friendship and fundraising in support of **Mary's Meals** on:

**Friday 23 October
St Edmund's Church Hall
at 7.00 pm.**

Ticket Price: £19.15 – the same amount it costs Mary's Meals to feed one child every school day for an entire school year. The ticket includes a delicious curry supper. **Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available at the bar.**

Grand Raffle: There will also be a **Grand Raffle** with fantastic prizes generously donated by local businesses, together with a short inspirational film about Mary's Meals, introduced by Hollywood actor **Gerard Butler**.

Tickets can be purchased online via **ChurchSuite**:
<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/events/owb4ntl1f>

Come along with family and friends for a memorable evening and help us make a real difference to the lives of children around the world.



MASSES

We pray for all our parishioners

Sun 19 July 6.00 pm 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Sixteenth Sunday Antonio Panetta & family For the people Ints of Val Lee RIP & family Anna Litera RIP For vocations to the priesthood (offered by the Catenians)
Monday 20 July 10.00 am	Feria Madeleine Ruddy RIP
Tues 21 July 10.00 am	Feria Joanna Duguid RIP
Wed 22 July 10.00 am	St Mary Magdalene Dec'd members of the Keane family
Thu 23 July 10.00 am 6.00 pm CLAVAR	St Bridget Dec'd members of the O'Reilly family Adoration
Fri 24 July 10.00 am	Feria The Hodgson Family
Sat 25 July 10.00 am 6.00 pm	St James, Apostle Mrs Betty Hughes RIP Tom & Lil Costelloe RIP
Sun 26 July NO EARLY MASS 9.30 am 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Seventeenth Sunday For the people Monica Magee Rafal on his 23rd birthday

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 11.30, 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
in the church***

MASS TIMES AT ST MARK'S, WEST WICKHAM

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

Sunday Mass
8.00 am
10.00 am
11.30 am

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

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

Those who have just died: Ann Johnson,
Victoria Couloute, Margaret Russell

Those whose anniversaries are at this time:
Charles Boulton, Thomas Morris, Bridget
D'Souza, Joanna Duguid, Helen Gardner
Richards, Joseph McHugh, Mary Cooman.

Those in ill health: Chris Elgar, Peter Anthony
Jones, Katherine McLaughlin, Henry Ginn,
Margaret Mattison, Paul Hixson, David Back,
Arlene Sinclair, Emma Rodrigues, Christine
Parker, Don, Beatrice Allegretti, Yvonne
Forshaw, Elizabeth Hardaker, Sheila Crozier.

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

May the Lord bless them and keep them – Amen.

DIARY

July	
26	Summer Mass timetable starts
28	Requiem Mass for Margaret Russell at 1.00 pm
29	Funeral Service for Ann Jackson at 12.30 pm

SILENT PRAYER

Silent prayer time in the Hall on Mondays from
5.30 - 6.20 pm

**Every Monday (except second Monday and
bank holidays).**

John Main Christian Meditation Group

Second Monday

Quiet Monday (reaching out to other local
churches) - see flyer in porch for details

Please note the need to arrive promptly and
observe the group silence. Access is via stairs.

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