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Sunday 26 July Yr A

The collection this week is
for Living Well.
We are happy to accept
food and gifts of money.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

For the academic year 2026-2027, enrolment for First Holy Communion preparation (including First Confession) takes place via the Church Suite link.

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

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
The First Holy Communion Catechism Lead

COFFEE MORNINGS

Our summer coffee mornings start this Tuesday 28 July straight after the morning Mass.

Everyone is invited to come over to the Hall and join us for coffee and tea and a chat. The coffee mornings will run every Tuesday to the end of August.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

This group has now closed for the summer holidays but they look forward to seeing you all when they re-open on September 7.

300 CLUB

The winners of the July draw are

Francesca Fear £100 ticket no 158

Dennis Costelloe £50 ticket no 214

John Hayes £25 ticket no 97

Their cheques are in the post

LIVING WELL

This weekend we are having a summer collection for Living Well when we ask parishioners both to donate funds in the retiring 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 when school ends and consequently many will go through the summer poorly fed and hungry.

Holidays have started now for all children so some will be going hungry even as you read this.

Please give as generously as you always do.

To donate direct to Living Well go to: <https://www.livingwell.life/p/donate> or use the link on the CollecTins at the back of the church.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

No refreshments until September.

The **Folk Choir** will be taking their summer break after the 5.30 Mass this week and the **Chorale** will also sing for the last time this Sunday at 11.00 am Mass before taking their break.

Thank you to both these groups for all they do each week to enhance our Masses. We hope they enjoy their short break and we look forward to welcoming them back in September.

WHATS APP SCAMS

Please be careful. There are AI generated scams doing the rounds, purporting to be coming from clergy men of all stations in life. Do not be taken in. These are sophisticated scams.

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Christ centred community, through humble witness, love,
compassion and communion.**

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 at 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 the Office at:
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.

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

In the Hall on Wednesday 29 July

7.45 pm. Praise and Worship

8.00 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant. Fr Francis Akono

Followed by Fellowship evening.

10.00 pm Evening concludes.

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR VENEZUELA

We have received a letter from Cafod which is now in the porch, thanking parishioners for the latest donation of £1480.00 which was sent to Cafod in response to their Venezuelan Earthquake Appeal.

This is a wonderful response to a last minute appeal. Thank you so much.

We have also received a letter from the **SVP** thanking parishioners for the £1444 given by you in the recent collection for them and also a letter from Stella Maris thanking you for the donation of £1180.

TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (END OF LIFE) BILL

An e-action link is now available, by which people can write to their MPs, asking them to vote against the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which will have its second reading on 11 September. The link is:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>.

THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE DIOCESE FOR PRINTING IN THE NEWSLETTER

REQUESTING MASS FOR A PARTICULAR INTENTION

It is a long-established and laudable Catholic custom to ask that Mass be offered for a particular intention. Every Mass is offered for the glory of God and the salvation of the world; nevertheless, the priest may also offer the Mass for a specific intention.

Anyone may request that Mass be offered for a particular intention. Masses are commonly offered for the welfare of an individual or family, in thanksgiving, for a special need, or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

When requesting a Mass, it is customary to make an offering as a sign of one's particular participation in the offering of the Mass and in support of the Church's ministry. This offering is not a payment for the Mass, and no one is obliged to make one. The suggested offering is £10; some give less, some give more, and some are unable to give anything.

Please never feel that a Mass cannot be offered for your intention because of financial difficulty. The grace of the Mass is never bought or sold. Its true price has already been paid for us in the saving death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

At St Edmund's, Mass intentions can be made by email or by dropping a request in at the office. Specific dates need to be requested well in advance and please always leave contact details in case we need to get in touch with you.

BECOMING AN ADULT ALTAR SERVER

After retiring from teaching, sixteen years ago, I started to attend weekday Mass. After a time I was asked to consider serving at the altar. I declined the request. I was asked twice more and rejected the overtures three times in total. The main reason that I said no was that I did not feel good enough to serve at the altar, although as a boy I had been an altar server while at primary school. I thought I had 'done my bit'.

However, after further thought I decided to give it a go and see if I felt that it was something I could do. Fifteen years later I am still actively participating and enjoying it.

Why I agreed to assist the Church in this role came down to my belief in community, that we are all part of a greater purpose and if we all do a little something it makes it better for all.

As a young boy I learnt that in my family we all helped laying the table and clearing away plus washing and drying the dishes. Essentially that is what altar servers do, and, on occasion, a little more is required - nothing that cannot be done with simple organisation.

However, we need more people to participate, to lighten the load - adults who can also guide our younger servers. From my previous comment about when I retired you might realise that I am aware that I am now at an age when I need to pass on what knowledge I have. That is my next task, it is not too urgent (I trust!) but needs doing.

I serve every Friday at 10.00 am Mass and would welcome anybody who wished to join me and learn all I know - it will not take long! Similarly, I serve at the Vigil Mass on Saturday and the same offer holds. If you wish to assist at another Sunday Mass, I will turn up and show you what is done.

This role is most certainly open to men and women; there is a train of thought (mine) that women would probably perform the role better than men.

Finally, on a personal note, I would say that being on the sanctuary close to the altar at the moment of consecration is fantastic and to be able to assist in a small way is a great gift to receive.

If you would like to join me and contribute to the liturgical life of the church please come and see me at the Masses I serve at, or, alternatively, leave a message via the Church Office.

Peter Lake

FUNDRAISING FOR DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

One of the trustees of our Lourdes pilgrimage has been doing a sponsored walk to raise money to help disabled pilgrims to go to Lourdes. He will be in parts of Kent and SE London this week. If you would be willing to contribute, he has a fundraising page at www.justgiving.com/page/calourdes125sw

Rt Rev Paul Hendricks
Auxiliary Bishop, Kent Area

MARY'S MEALS FUNDRAISER Friday October 23

Remember to book your tickets for this wonderful curry evening to raise funds for Mary's Meals. Tickets can be purchased online via

ChurchSuite:

<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/events/owb4ntl1f>



MASSES

Sun 26 July	Seventeenth Sunday
6.00 pm	Tom & Lil Costelloe RIP
NO EARLY MASS	
9.30 am	For the people
11.00 am	Monica Magee
5.30 pm	Rafal on his 23rd birthday
Monday 27 July	Feria
10.00 am	Denis Joseph Browne & dec'd family members
Tues 28 July	Feria
10.00 am	Dec'd members of the Cotter Family
1.00 pm	Requiem of Margaret Russell
Wed 29 July	Saints Mary, Martha & Lazarus
10.00 am	Dominic Geoghegan RIP
12.30 pm	Funeral Service for Ann Jackson
Thu 30 July	Feria
10.00 am	Dec'd members of the O'Keeffe family
6.00 pm CLAVIER	Adoration
Fri 31 July	St Ignatius of Loyola
10.00 am	Ints of Val Lee RIP and family
Sat 1 August	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
10.00 am	Olga
6.00 pm	Paul Catchpole RIP
Sun 2 August	Eighteenth Sunday
NO EARLY MASS	
9.30 am	Benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
11.00 am	For the people
5.30 pm	Dec'd members of the Judge Family

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

We pray for all our parishioners

Those who have just died: Ann Johnson, Victoria Couloute, Margaret Russell, Mark Cannon, Ruth Sutton.

Those whose anniversaries are at this time: Liam Hayes, Tomek Lehnert, Daphne Hoyles, Josie Croft, Thomas Brown, Barbara Mary Davies, Malcolm Paes, Derek Butler, Leonard Pope, Peter Brabyn, Babies Olivia & Isabelle English, Betty Clarke, Anthony Pinkett, John Cameron McShane, Dominic Geoghegan, Peter Warren, Ivan Farnon, Cormac Hargreaves, Emma Panas, Eileen Curley, Christina Byrne, Malcolm Hyland.

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 Allegetti, Yvonne Forshaw, Elizabeth Hardaker, Sheila Crozier.

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

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

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

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