

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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**Sunday 27 September
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**A national collection for
Home Mission Sunday**

MASS COUNT WEEK 2

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Friday 2nd October



Cafod's focus this Fast Day is on northern Zimbabwe, where drought had left communities facing food and water shortages, meaning that children were arriving at school tired and hungry, having had to fetch water before going to lessons. Consequently, children were unable to concentrate and struggled to keep up with their studies.

However, with Cafod's help, children began receiving free school meals, and at the same time a solar-powered water system was installed, providing a long term solution. This is only possible with the support of generous parishioners like you. Thank you, and please continue to support Cafod's work by donating to our Harvest Fast Day collection. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, and will be collected in the retiring collection on the weekend of 10th/11th October. You can also donate online at <http://www.cafod.org.uk/envelope>

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your donation to make it worth 25% more to Cafod at no extra cost to you.

300 Club

The winners of the 300 Club draw for September are:

Maks Chin £100

Claire Ewings £50

Patricia Hanley £25

Congratulations to all three.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Mornings

For parents of children due to start Reception in September 2027. 10.45 am on:

Wednesday 30th September

Wednesday 14th October

Thursday 12th November

Thursday 26th November.

To register please contact Mrs Tracey - School Admissions Officer at admissions@stmaryscp.co.uk

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

This weekend at all our Sunday masses we will be hearing from Kath Tomlin, the CWL National President.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX TIME IS UPON US AGAIN!

Leaflets for this year's appeal are at the back of church; it would be wonderful if you could fill a box for our St Edmund's Blythwood appeal this year. Our boxes are being distributed in Ukraine where families have been experiencing extreme hardship every winter since the

outbreak of war. There is more information about the shoebox appeal and videos of last year's boxes being distributed on Blythwood's website <https://blythwood.org/shoeboxappeal/>

Please share details about the shoebox collection with family and friends to help us collect as many boxes as possible, we would be very grateful.

It is easy to choose gifts for people who have little. Shampoo, a pair of socks, a notepad, a small toy, a bag of sweets – things we take for granted are luxuries to people receiving the shoeboxes.

By filling a shoebox with simple things you can bring some happiness and hope this Christmas.

This year please bring your filled boxes to the Parish Office – boxes can be dropped off until Sunday 1st November and will then go on to the Blythwood depot.

If you have any questions, then get in touch with Lucienne Vella 07884 184534 or Susie Watchorn 07956 574789.

Thank you so much for your generosity every year .

UPCOMING CLERGY AVAILABILITY

Fr Steve is on holiday from Monday September 28 until Sunday October 11 and Fr Theodore will be attending a retreat for all new priests to Southwark Diocese from Monday September 28 until Saturday October 3.

We will be in the capable hands of Fr Boniface whilst they are away.

EVENING MASSES

Thank you to everyone who has shared their thoughts on the proposed evening Mass times.

Your feedback is greatly appreciated. We will take another week to gather any further comments before making a decision.

WALK TO ST EDITH'S WELL AT KEMSING

A warm welcome awaited us at St. Thomas's parish, Sevenoaks as we joined them for our annual walk to St. Edith's Well in Kemsing. Amid blue skies and glorious sunshine, we shared food and fellowship with new friendships formed and old ones rekindled. Led by Fr. Peter, prayers and devotions to St. Edith were offered at the Well for our parish communities and for those seeking healing — Merrell

MASSES

Sun 27 Sep	26th Sunday
6.00 pm	Eileen Carmody - wellbeing
8.00 am	John Kevin McKenzie + dec'd family members
9.30 am	Adam (6th anniversary) RIP
11.00 am	Maria and Julius Jasiewicz RIP
5.30 pm	Pro populo
Mon 28 Sep	Feria
10.00 am	Fr George Marsden RIP
Tues 29 Sep	Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
10.00 am	Tom Knell RIP
Wed 30 Sep	St Jerome
10.00 am	Enrico Carboni RIP
Thurs 1 Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus
10.00 am	Benefactors & Promoters of the Claver Sisters
Fri 2 Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels
10.00 am	Laury Pensa
Sat 3 Oct	Feria
10.00 am	Canon Peter Turbitt RIP
6.00 pm	Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta RIP
Sun 4 Oct	27th Sunday
8.00 am	For the people
9.30 am	Ransford & Marbach Families
11.00 am	Rosemary Ekong—in thanksgiving
5.30 pm	Denise dos Santos Zanardine RIP

EXPOSITION

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

CONFESSION

Saturday after morning Mass until 11.30, and
Saturday evenings from 5.00 pm to 5.45 pm.

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

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

Monday to Saturday

9.30 am daily
Tuesday evenings at
7.30 pm

Saturday

6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday Mass

9.30 am
11.15 am

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Tuesday October 6 at 7.00 pm
Saturday October 10 after morning mass

Training sessions for Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion. For newly commissioned ministers and for anyone who would like a refresher.

We pray for all our parishioners

Those who have just died: Noreen Griffiths, Leonor Bongay Simpkins

Those whose anniversaries are at this time: John MacNamara, Pope John Paul I, Nicholas Bassett, Elliot Moore, Tom Knell, Nick Gowing, Maria Jasiewicz, Christopher Tolhurst, Vaughan Harris, Ellie Dirks, John Heneghan, Francisco Marcelino D'Souza, Veronica Dagger, Benito Valentino, Timothy Sullivan, Bridget Byrne.

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

And all those suffering with long term sickness.

May the Lord bless them and keep them – Amen.

If you are aware of any parishioner who is sick or housebound and who would like a visit from the clergy team, please make contact with one of them or call the Parish Office.

If a family member is in hospital please ask the ward staff to notify the hospital chaplain.

DIARY DATES

October

- 9-15 Baby loss awareness week
- 15 Remembering our Babies service at Beckenham Crematorium
- 23 Mary's Meals Fundraising Evening
ALLTICKETS SOLD - PLEASE BUY RAFFLE TICKETS INSTEAD
- 24 Formation Day for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
- 30 Friday evening 6.00 pm mass followed by farewell party for Fr Andrew

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.

LOST PROPERTY

We have many glasses (reading glasses and a pair of Ray Bans) in the parish office. If you have mislaid your glasses do come and reclaim them.
Best wishes—Parish office.