

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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Sunday 1 November
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The Retiring collection will
be for our local SVP

LOOKING AT BAPTISM FROM THE CANONICAL POINT OF VIEW

The Church's requirement for Baptism is simple: only someone who has not already been validly baptised may receive Baptism. For infants, at least one parent or guardian must consent, and there should be a genuine intention to raise the child in the Catholic faith.

Parents and godparents receive preparation and guidance from the parish before the celebration.

- Requirements for Infant Baptism
- The child has not already been baptised.
- At least one parent or guardian consents.
- There is a reasonable expectation the child will be raised in the Catholic faith.
- Parents and sponsors receive suitable preparation.
- Baptism is normally requested soon after birth.

Do Parents Have to Be Married in the Catholic Church?

No. A child may be baptised if the above conditions are met.

Do Both Parents Have to Be Catholic?

No. The important considerations are parental consent and a commitment to the child's Catholic upbringing.

Requirements for a Catholic Godparent

A godparent should:

- Normally be at least 16 years old.
- Have received Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion within the Catholic church.
- Practise the Catholic faith and be willing to fulfil the role.
- Not be the child's mother or father.

A child may have one godparent or more. A baptised non-Catholic Christian may act as a Christian witness alongside a Catholic sponsor.

Documents and Preparation

- Parishes may request::
- A Baptism application form.
- The child's birth certificate.
- Godparent details and eligibility forms.
- Parents and godparents are normally asked to attend a Baptism preparation session.

Older Children and Adults

Older children and adults receive appropriate catechesis before Baptism. Adults are usually baptised, confirmed and receive Holy Communion within the same celebration.

Cost

Baptism is a Sacrament and is never sold. While a voluntary offering may be made, no one is denied Baptism because of financial hardship.

What Happens During Baptism?

The rite includes prayers, Scripture readings, anointings, the white garment and the baptismal candle. The essential act is the washing with water while the minister says:

"I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Fr Boniface Arapa & Fr Theodore

EVENING MASSES

From this Monday we will be celebrating evening mass in the church on every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Since making the original announcement the clergy have listened to feedback and adjusted the Mass times so that on **Monday and Tuesday** the Mass will start at **6.30pm** and on **Thursday at 6.45pm**.

Many parishioners have wished for evening Masses for some time, so we look forward to welcoming many of you to these Masses.

MASS FOR THE BEREAVED Saturday 14 November at 2.30 pm

November is the month when we particularly remember those who have gone before us.

Once again in St Edmund's we will be having a Mass for those parishioners who have lost someone dear to them.

If you wish to light a candle during this Mass for a person you have lost, please let the Office know the name you wish to be remembered.

After the mass there will be refreshments in the Hall.

HOLY SOULS MASS INTENTIONS

In addition to the Mass for the Bereaved (above) the clergy would like to draw attention to the tradition of Mass intentions for Holy Souls.

As members of the Communion of Saints, we continue to pray for the faithful departed, entrusting them to God's mercy and love.

One of the greatest gifts we can offer for our deceased loved ones is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Mass is the Church's most powerful prayer, and offering a Mass intention for someone who has died is a beautiful way of asking God to grant them eternal rest and bring them into the fullness of His presence.

Many parishioners may not realise that it is possible to have a Mass offered for the repose of a loved one's soul. However, in our parish, as in many churches, Mass intentions are often booked well in advance by those that do, and our available dates are currently filled until the New Year. For this reason, during the Month of the Holy Souls we will be providing envelopes at the back of the church for those who would like a Mass intention for a deceased family member or friend.

Simply take an envelope, write the name of your loved one clearly, and return it to the parish office. A stipend may be included if you wish, but this is entirely voluntary.

Throughout November (and into December if necessary depending on the number received) these names will be included as the Mass intentions whenever a Mass is celebrated (that is, when more than one priest celebrates the Mass). Please note that individual dates cannot be requested or allocated; names will be included as opportunities arise during the period and names from the same family will be said together. These will not be printed in the newsletter.

PRAYER TREE

Our Prayer Tree for the Holy Souls is now on the sacristy for you to put the names of the deceased friends and family you wish to remember during November.

By our Remembrance Book at the back of the church, you will find templates to complete and hang on the tree. Please complete both sides if you need the space.

If you cannot get to the church please contact the Parish Office by email beckenham@rcaos.org.uk – please mark the subject box 'Holy Souls' and include the names of your friends and family, or Tel: 020 8650 0970 and your label will be completed and placed on our tree on your behalf.

TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 21 November 10 - 2.00 pm

Following the success of the Table top Sale in 2022, St Edmund's will once again be hosting this event in aid of church funds.

Tables can be booked for **£8 each**. Anyone wishing to reserve a table should contact cathpaints2@msn.com as soon as possible.

A number of tables will be dedicated to selling donated items, with the proceeds going directly to support the work of the church. Donations of **good quality** items can be left at the Parish Office between **9.30 am and 1.00 pm, Monday to Friday**

Visitors are encouraged to come along, meet friends, enjoy refreshments, and pick up a bargain.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Admission: Adults £1; Children free.

Please support the event by letting your family and friends know.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Certificate of Catholic Practice

Form signing will take place this Sunday 1 November in Hall at 10.30 am.

The final signing session will be on Sunday 15 November, at 10.30 am, in the Hall after 9.30 Mass.

8.00 AM SUNDAY MASS

This mass is short of helpers and needs to recruit more. Each role has a weekly rota so can accommodate an individual's availability so no-one need commit to every Sunday.

They need:

Experienced altar servers
Extraordinary Ministers
Readers

Training and instruction can be given for all roles.

If you can help please provide your name, contact email and role you can assist with to the Parish office.

NEWT
Friday November 6 from 7.30 -10.30 pm

Just a few days left to buy tickets for this lovely fundraiser for Deacon Sean's Ghana charity. This is a great musical evening, perfect for oldies who remember the 60's and for generations of families to come to together. Put on your dancing shoes!



COLOMA MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Coloma Convent Girls' School is holding a Mass of Remembrance on Thursday 26 November at 3.30 pm to remember all deceased Coloma students, staff and family members.

Former students and staff, and the families of those who have died, are warmly invited to attend this Mass which will take place at the school.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to liturgy@coloma.co.uk by 19 November indicating the name of your loved one so that they can be remembered at this Mass.

CAFOD

On the reading slopes there are copies of Cafod's WORLD GIFTS for Christmas for you to take home, or you can go online to cafod.org.uk/worldgifts to see their full range.

MARY'S MEALS

Last Friday we held our fundraiser for Mary's Meals. Despite the appalling weather and travel chaos in London we welcomed about 100 people to the evening. The hall was beautifully decorated and we feasted on a sumptuous curry meal prepared for us by Chef Syed.

We watched a short film showing what Mary's Meals does in Malawi; this clearly resonated with our guests. Our raffle was drawn and the winners were from far and wide. We cannot properly express our gratitude to the donors for the spectacular array of prizes they had donated. Their generosity was astounding.

We finished the evening with a sing along of songs that were dedicated to Mary. In total around £8,500

was made. Thank you all so much for your generosity and your interest.

We know that £19.15 feeds a child for one year. That amount doesn't take a great deal of fundraising. Could you, with your friends or your family raise this much for Mary's Meals?

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS
Wednesday 4 November at 6.30 pm

The Friends of Westminster Cathedral are inviting everyone for a talk by Fr Hugh MacKenzie on *Magnifica Humanitas*. The talk will explore Pope Leo's reflections on the distinction between human and artificial intelligence, and what the rapid development of AI means for our understanding of humanity, morality and faith. As AI increasingly shapes our studies, working lives and relationships, this promises to be a fascinating and timely discussion. Drawing on Pope Leo's teaching, Fr Hugh will consider what makes human intelligence unique, why our God-given dignity cannot be reduced to data and algorithms, and the dangers of allowing technology to take the place of human judgement, authentic relationships or spiritual fulfilment. For further details and tickets visit <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/news-events/>

Canon Slawomir Witon | Cathedral Dean

SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for two willing volunteers to help out in the church shop after the 8.00 am Sunday mass and potentially the 11.00 am Sunday mass. Please contact Patrick O'Donnell on 07477 590 235 or patrick.odonnell@zen.co.uk if you are interested.

SHOEBOXES FOR UKRAINE

All shoeboxes need to be returned by Monday morning at the latest when they will be collected and taken down to the Blythswood depot to be driven to Ukraine in time for the young people to be given them at Christmas.

Please do not bring them after this date as we cannot store them.

Thank you to all who have brought their boxes in this week. We have a wonderful collection of beautifully wrapped boxes to be collected.

LAW SURGERY

Law Surgery is this Monday.

Please come to the side door of the Hall at 6.00 pm and you will be seen in turn.

MASSES

Sun 1 Nov	All Saints
6.00 pm	For the people
8.00 am	Colin Dowling RIP
9.30 am	Anthony Griffin RIP (33rd anniv)
11.00 am	Denise RIP
5.30 pm	Fr Tomas Creagh-Fuller RIP
Mon 2 Nov	The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
10.00 am	The Bustard & Baker Families
12.00 pm	The Holy Souls
6.30 pm	Decio Marin RIP
Tues 3 Nov	St Martin de Porres
10.00 am	Keith, Roy, Ken, Carl and Karen Kench RIP
6.30 pm	Noreen Griffiths RIP
Wed 4 Nov	St Charles Borromeo
10.00 am	Dec'd Claver Sisters
8.00 pm HALL	Charismatic mass
Thurs 5 Nov	Feria
10.00 am	Benefactors and Promoters of the Claver Sisters
6.45 pm	Enid & Tony Duggan RIP
Fri 6 Nov	Feria
10.00 am	Stan Ziolk RIP
Sat 7 Nov	The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St George
10.00 am	For the people of Kupiansk
6.00 pm	Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta RIP
Sun 8 Nov	32nd Sunday
8.00 pm	Patricia and past and present patients of Fitzmary II ward
9.30 am	Bill & Patricia Ross RIP
11.00 am	Federico Biancucci RIP
5.30 pm	For the people

EXPOSITION

Monday to Thursday and Saturday: 9-9.45am
Thursday evening: 6-7pm at Claver Convent
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 Monday)
6.00 pm
(Monday 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
5.30 pm

WE PRAY FOR ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

Those who have just died: Colleen McLeod, Norman Watson.

Those whose anniversaries are at this time: Colin Dowling, John McKeon, Patricia Furlong, Kathleen Roche, Michael Waldron, Fr Desmond Trant-McCarthy, Fr Martin Breen, Harry Leamon, Mark Parsons, Fr John Redford, Valentine Potts, Sandra Richards, Jim Byrne.

Those in ill health: Chris Elgar, Peter Anthony Jones, Katherine McLaughlin, Henry Ginn, Paul Hixson, Arlene Sinclair, Emma Rodrigues, Christine Parker, Don, Beatrice Allegretti, Yvonne Forshaw, Elizabeth Hardaker, Sheila Crozier, Margaret Arnold, Sarah Marie Kench, Bishop John Keenan, Domenica Rasuro, Patrick Francis Dunn,

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 welcome 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

November

- 1 Reception Class 2027– form signing in Hall after 9.30 Mass
- 2 Monday at 6.00 pm - Law Surgery in the Hall
- 6 NEWT musical fundraiser evening in the Hall.
- 8 Service of Remembrance at Beckenham War Memorial 10.45 am
- 9 CWL meeting in Hall at 2.00 pm
- 12 Open Morning at St Mary's. See poster in church porch
- 12 Adoration & Benediction at the Claver Convent (this is a change of date)
- 14 Mass for the Bereaved at 2.30 pm followed by refreshments in the Hall
- 21 Fundraising Table Sale in the Hall (see item in newsletter)

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.