

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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**Sunday 18 October
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Today we have the
national collection for
**WORLD MISSION
SUNDAY**

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In Catholic teaching, Baptism is the first and foundational sacrament of Christian initiation. It serves as the "gateway to life in the Spirit" and grants access to all the other sacraments.

Core Theological Effects

1. *Forgiveness of Sin*: Baptism cleanses the recipient of original sin (inherited from Adam and Eve) and any personal sins committed prior to the rite.
2. *Spiritual Rebirth*: It makes the person an adopted son or daughter of God, a "temple of the Holy Spirit", and a member of the Body of Christ, the Church.
3. *Indelible Character*: It imprints a permanent and unrepeatable spiritual mark (character) on the soul. Consequently, a valid Christian baptism can be received only once.

Necessity for Salvation

The Church teaches that Baptism is necessary for salvation, as instituted by Christ. However, it recognises exceptions, such as Baptism of Blood (martyrdom) and Baptism of Desire for those who sincerely seek God but have not had the opportunity to receive sacramental Baptism.

Form and Matter of the Sacrament

Matter: The use of natural water, either by full immersion or by pouring water over the candidate's head.

Form: The Trinitarian formula: "*I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*"

Minister

The ordinary ministers of Baptism are bishops, priests, and deacons. In danger of death, however, anyone, including a non-Catholic or non-Christian, may validly baptise provided they intend to do what the Church does and use water together with the Trinitarian formula.

Key Rites and Symbols

Oil of Catechumens: An anointing before Baptism which signifies strength and protection.

Sacred Chrism: A perfumed oil used after Baptism to signify participation in Christ's priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission.

White Garment: A symbol of putting on Christ and rising to a new life of grace and innocence.

Lighted Candle: Lit from the Paschal Candle, it symbolises the light of Christ received by the newly baptised.

Infant Baptism: The Catholic Church baptises infants. In these cases, parents and godparents profess the faith on the child's behalf and undertake to raise the child in the practice of the Catholic faith.

Ecumenical Recognition

The Catholic Church recognises the validity of Baptism administered in most other Christian communities, provided it is performed with water and the Trinitarian formula. Therefore, converts from those traditions are not baptised again.

For a fuller explanation, see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1213-1284.

God bless you – Fr Boniface and Fr Theodore

LATIN MASS

Fr Theodore will be celebrating the 11.00 am mass in Latin every third Sunday in the month.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

To have forms signed parents/carers should come to the Hall at 10.30 after the 9.30 mass on **Sunday 18 October**. Fr Steve will be in the small meeting room to see families and to sign the forms. We are not booking times for this so you might have to wait a few minutes.

Fr Steve will have copies of the form you will need.

Please make every effort to attend as this is the only time we can guarantee Fr Steve will be available.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Fr Steve will hold two signing sessions for parents/carers to have the Certificate of Catholic Practice signed. These forms are for children entering Reception in 2027.

The signing sessions will be on **Sunday 1 November** and **Sunday 15 November at 10.30 am, in the Hall after 9.30 mass**. Please make every effort to attend one of these sessions.

Please could we encourage anyone leaving a message for the Parish Office to state their telephone number slowly and clearly. This will help us respond promptly, as we occasionally receive numbers that are not clear enough to be understood.

300 CLUB

The winners of the October draw are:

Anne Davies	£100
Helen Wates	£50
Bernard Wilson	£25

Congratulations to our winners. There are numbers available for more people to join the 300 Club, so if you want a chance to win one of the monthly prizes or the big prize drawn at Christmas please send an email to philipparyan@hotmail.co.uk

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Pope Leo XIV has recorded a special video message for the celebration of World Mission Sunday.

Watch Pope Leo's Message for World Mission Sunday: <https://youtu.be/i318XLeZV4s?si=cJ3JSz65kVfiKVzp>

Our retiring collection therefore is one of the three collections each year that are set by the pope and which take place today in every Catholic church and chapel throughout the world.

REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATES

Certificates are prepared and presented to all those who are baptised, receive First Holy Communion, or are confirmed at St Edmund's.

These are important and valuable documents, and they may be required at various points throughout a person's life.

The Parish Office receives many requests for replacement certificates because the original document has been misplaced or lost. Preparing replacement certificates requires time and administrative effort.

We would therefore be very grateful if parents and families could keep these certificates in a safe place, so that they can be located easily when needed.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

SECURITY OF THE HALL

We are a little concerned that whilst activities are taking place in the Hall, outsiders are coming in and using the washrooms and taking supplies away.

Please would group leaders consider closing the front doors when their groups have assembled (this is quite safe - the doors can be pushed open from the inside, but not opened from outside and it does not compromise the fire exits).

TABLE SALE

Some parishioners are planning a Table Sale for the morning of Saturday 21 November. Further details to follow in the coming weeks.

BAPTISM

We hope you have been enjoying the catechism information featured in our weekly newsletter and that it has helped deepen your understanding of our Catholic faith.

Today's catechism focus is on Baptism. If you are considering having your child baptised, we would be delighted to help guide you through the process. To begin, please contact us at beckenhambaptism@rcaos.org.uk.

You can also find further information about Baptism and the sacraments on our website:

<https://saintedmunds.net/index.php/sacraments/>

WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE

A parishioner has a folding travel wheelchair which is no longer needed and which she will give away. It is in good condition, and folds and fits easily into a car boot. Please contact h.wates@gmail.com

NEWT

Friday November 6 from 7.30 -10.30 pm

Many of you will remember Deacon Seán's charity in Ghana which helps young people continue their education or finance their apprenticeships.

Newt is holding a fund raising evening so we can continue to do this. It is a re-run of the event we held last year which was such a great success and attracted people of all ages.



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX TIME IS UPON US AGAIN!

Leaflets are at the back of church giving the details you need to help you fill a shoebox. This year our boxes are being distributed in Ukraine where families have been experiencing extreme hardship every winter since the outbreak of war.

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 Blythswood depot.

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

EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (EVC) UGANDA

Appeal 24/25 October

This charity provides a future, through education, for some of the poorest children in the world. Judi Fawcett, Founder and Trustee, will speak briefly at all the Masses next weekend about their work. For further information about EVC please go to their website <https://www.evcuganda.org/>

BROMLEY FOODBANK

Many of you will be familiar with the **Bromley Borough Foodbank**, part of the Trussell Trust network. The Foodbank is currently seeking a new **Foodbank Manager**, as the current postholder is moving on to a new role.

We have been asked to share this opportunity with our parish community. If you are interested in this rewarding and meaningful position, please find further details and information on how to apply here:

<https://www.charityjob.co.uk/jobs/bromley-borough-foodbank/foodbank-manager/1087346>

FATIMA & FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION SYMPOSIUM

Sunday 22 November 12.30–19.00

The day will include Holy Mass, a Marian Procession, the Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy, Fatima prayers, talks on the First Saturday Devotion of Reparation and the spirituality of the Little Shepherds, followed by Q&A.

Venues:

- Part 1 (12:30–14:00): St Mary's Catholic Church, Chelsea, 63 Cadogan Street, London SW3 2QP
- Part 2 (14:00–19:00): St Thomas More Language College, Cadogan Street, Chelsea, London SW3 2QS

Featured Speakers:

- Sr Angela de Fátima Coelho — Vice Postulator for the cause of Venerable Sr Lucia
- Fr Lawrence Lew, OP — General Promoter of the Holy Rosary

Attendance is free, but registration is required.

Please bring your own packed lunch.

To register visit: <https://bit.ly/4dgPDE3> or visit [WAF Symposium London](#)

There are posters in the porch giving full details.

CONTACT DETAILS WHEN OFFICE IS CLOSED

The office is closed for three days on Monday 19th through Wednesday 21st. The clergy contact details are on the front page of this newsletter, in the porch and online. You may also leave an email or voicemail for the office. If you require a priest in an emergency and are in hospital, the ward staff can contact the hospital chaplaincy and get an RC priest for you.

MASSES

We pray for all our parishioners

Sun 18 Oct 29th Sunday

6.00 pm Ronald & Eileen
8.00 am Sr Monica
9.30 am Pro populo
11.00 am **LATIN** Anna Lee Cabilin RIP
5.30 pm Manuel Pampin Mosquera RIP
(4th anniv)

Mon 19 Oct

Feria
10.00 am Barry Cunningham RIP

Tues 20 Oct

Feria
10.00 am Muriel Baldwin RIP

Wed 21 Oct

St Margaret Clitherow, Martyr
10.00 am Wellbeing of Paolo Zorilla Fabiola &
Fabiola Zorilla RIP
8.00 pm **HALL** Charismatic mass

Thurs 22 Oct

St John Paul II
10.00 am The Banfield Family

Fri 23 Oct

Feria
10.00 am Theresia and George Halpin RIP

Sat 24 Oct

The Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00 am Rosemary Elmer RIP
6.00 pm Dec'd members of McCann &
Neville families

Clocks go back tonight

Sun 25 Oct 30th Sunday

8.00 am Hugh Halloran
9.30 am Pro populo
11.00 am Michael Waldron RIP
5.30 pm Esther Mehta

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.

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

Those who have just died: Maureen Hogwood,
Decio Marin, Norman Watson, Bernadette Langer.

Those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Bernadette Murray, Ilie Florian, Christina Pamment,
Patricia McGrory, Fabiola Zorilla de Corrigan, Roy
Anggiansah, Peter Cole, Eugene Gilkes, Monica
Jones, Theresia Halpin, Brian Knowles.

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,
Sarah Marie Kench.

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

21 Maureen Hogwood Funeral Service 11.30am
23 Mary's Meals Fundraising Evening
24 Formation Day for Lectors and Eucharistic
Ministers at Bishop Thomas Grant School
30 Friday evening 6.00 pm mass followed by
farewell party for Fr Andrew

November

6 NEWT fundraising evening in the Hall.
14 Mass for the Bereaved at 2.30 followed by
refreshments in the Hall
21 Fundraising Table Sale in Hall—details to follow

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.