

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

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**Sunday 4 October
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Cafod envelopes should
be returned this weekend.

MASS COUNT WEEK 3

BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK

Baby Loss Awareness Week (9-15 October) is a time to come together to remember and honour babies who have died, to support bereaved families, and to raise awareness of the lasting impact of pregnancy and baby loss.

At St Edmund's, a special Remembrance Tree will be placed in the church sanctuary. You are warmly invited to add a ribbon bearing the name of a baby you wish to remember. The tree offers a quiet and prayerful space for reflection, remembrance, and hope.

As part of local commemorations across Beckenham, Beckenham Crematorium will hold its annual 'Remember Our Babies' on Thursday 15 October at 6.30 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome to attend. This includes the global Wave of Light at 7pm.

Further details about Baby Loss Awareness Week events and displays taking place across Beckenham, including St Edmund's Remembrance Tree, can be found at:
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/beckenham-blaw-2026>

Please keep all families affected by pregnancy and baby loss in your prayers during this special week of remembrance.

CLERGY AVAILABILITY

Fr Steve is on holiday from Monday September 28 until Sunday October 11.

CAFOD HARVEST DAY

Today we are collecting your Cafod envelopes following Friday's Cafod Fast Day. There are still some envelopes at the back of the church and these can be returned next weekend.

Alternatively, donate online at <http://www.cafod.org.uk/envelope>.

Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

We have many pairs of spectacles (reading glasses and a pair of Ray Bans) in the parish office. If you have mislaid your glasses do come and reclaim them. We will dispose of them in the next few weeks if not claimed.

Parish office.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Fr Steve wishes to meet with every family before signing these forms.

So far we have had a few enquiries about these forms so are expecting a rush in the next couple of weeks as secondary school applications need to be with the schools by 31st October.

Any parent/carer who needs a form signed is asked to come to the Hall after the 9.30 mass on Sunday October 18. Fr Steve will be in the small meeting room to see the families and to sign the forms. We are not booking times for this so please be patient.

We have copies of the form you will need.

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

FORMATION DAY FOR LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday 24 October

Bishop Thomas Grant School
10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Saturday 31 October

Capuchin Franciscan Friary, Erith
10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Would all Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors who are coming to one of these days please email the Parish Office to register stating which date you are attending. We need responses by **14 October** please.

Thank you.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED—RED WEDNESDAY

This year, we celebrate 10 years of #RedWednesday, shining a light on the millions of Christians persecuted for their faith. #RedWednesday is your chance to help suffering children and families around the world. Red Wednesday is on Wednesday 18th November
<https://bit.ly/3VjkmK5>

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who supported this event last Saturday! The donations of cakes and money was very heart warming. A big thank you also goes to Ann, Sue, Lorena and Frances for their tireless help and to the Parishioners who came and enjoyed the cake and a chat! We are delighted to announce we managed to raise £423.80 for Macmillan.

Thank you.

Cathy and Jan

MARY'S MEALS

We have sold all the tickets for our Mary's Meals evening, so a huge thank you to those who have bought them.

We have been fortunate to receive a wonderful selection of raffle prizes and would now love your help in selling the tickets. A list of prizes is displayed in the porch, including several high-value items that would be a delight to win.

Raffle tickets will be sold after all the masses this weekend. A ticket costs £5, not even the cost of a coffee and a cookie, but one ticket purchased will give a child a hot lunch for a quarter of the year.

Thank you for your generosity.

More information about this charity can be found at:
<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

ARCHBISHOP'S MEDAL

Archbishop John Wilson has presented the Archbishop's Medal to Barry and Margaret Mizen, parents of Jimmy Mizen, for their work for peace and reconciliation through the **Mizen Foundation**.

Following the tragic murder of their son Jimmy in 2008, the day after his 16th birthday, Barry and Margaret entrusted themselves to Christ. They founded the Mizen Foundation to promote forgiveness, peace, hope among young people.

Their work with schools, parishes and communities has transformed the lives of so many young people – in the Archdiocese of Southwark and beyond.

The Mizen family, of Hither Green are known to parishioners of St Edmund's.

EVENING MASSES

Thank you to everyone who has shared their thoughts on the proposed evening Mass times. Your feedback is greatly appreciated. The clergy team will discuss this shortly and let you know what has been decided.



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.

NEWT

Friday November 6 from 7.30 -10.30 pm

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

We are 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.



MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Every October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Those who recite five decades of the rosary in church, or as a family or as a group may gain a plenary indulgence daily.

TEACH ME TO PRAY

The Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission warmly invites you to join Teach Me to Pray, a programme designed to help deepen your relationship with the Lord through prayer. Beginning in October, the programme includes four online sessions on Tuesday evenings (7.00 pm to 8.15 pm), followed by an in-person Day of Reflection in December. Participants are welcome to attend as many sessions as they are able. The cost is £25 for the full programme or £5 for the online sessions only. Bursaries are available for those who may need financial assistance. For further information or to book, please contact spirituality@rcaos.org.uk or visit aec.rcaos.org.uk.

The following items come from one of the diocesan newsletters.

Southwark Catholic Youth Service. The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has a new website: scys.org.uk. Visit its website for the latest news, forthcoming events, and to sign up for the newsletter.

Adoremus 2026, Saturday 10 October. The Adoremus Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop John at St George's Cathedral, Southwark at 12pm, followed by a keynote from Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP. A Eucharistic Procession to Westminster Cathedral will follow, culminating in Benediction, Mass, and an all-night vigil. Find out more at: cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026.

Sr Anne-Marie Memorial Mass. Former students, staff, families, and friends of Notre Dame School are warmly invited to a Memorial Mass in remembrance of Sr Anne-Marie on Tuesday 20 October, 2pm, at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, followed by tea and cake at Notre Dame School. **Please register** via rcaos.org.uk/SrAnneMarieMemorial.

Rediscovering the Rosary: CTS book launch and podcast. Join a live recording of Into the Truth, as Alexander Gray Muir discusses his new book on the Rosary, Friday 30 October, 7pm, St Patrick's, Soho. Tickets from £10: rosarypod.eventbrite.co.uk.

World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) Symposium: Fatima and First Saturdays Devotion. Join Sr Angela de Fátima Coelho and Fr Lawrence Lew OP at Belmont Abbey (21 Nov) or London (22 Nov) for Mass, Rosary, and talks on the Fatima message. Free; register via worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk.



NEWMAN LECTURE 2026
Media beyond the Moment
Friday 9 October 7.00 pm
St Patrick's Catholic Church, Soho

How can Catholics engage well with the media of our own age - without reducing the faith to headlines and soundbites? What can Newman's remarkable life as a reader, writer and public Catholic voice teach us today about reading deeply, writing thoughtfully and engaging with today's media, not for clicks or entertainment but for the sake of evangelisation?

Join Br Alexander Bailey, CO for the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom's first ever Newman Lecture, exploring how St John Henry Newman used the media of his day - from

student journalism and the Tracts for the Times to novels, pamphlets and periodicals - to communicate, defend and deepen the faith.

Doors open at 7.00 pm for refreshments; lecture begins at 7.30 pm, followed by Q&A.
St Patrick's Catholic Church, Soho Square, London W1D 4NR

Student *discount tickets available*.
Book tickets: guild-ransom.co.uk/events

VACANCY AT ST CATHERINES

St Catherine's Catholic School in Bexleyheath is seeking to appoint a Design Technology Technician to join our vibrant, inclusive school community. Someone who loves DT, is enthusiastic, creative, versatile and well organised with a strong background in Design Technology. Please visit: <https://www.stccg.co.uk/Support-Staff-Vacancies/> for more info and link to apply.
Thank you.

St Catherine's School is celebrating its 70th Anniversary and warmly invites all those who have an association with the school, whether Alumni (staff and students) or friends of the school, to attend a special celebration Mass and Reunion, to mark this special year. To register and see payment details, please visit <https://bit.ly/4xXYdP6>
Tickets are £15/person and include a glass of prosecco, buffet lunch and tea/coffee. Please email chaplain@stccg.co.uk if needed. Registration closes Monday 5th October.

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 Blythswood 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 Blythswood's website <https://blythswood.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 Blythswood 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.

MASSES

Sun 4 Oct 6.00 pm 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 5.30 pm	27th Sunday Delisa & Crescenzo Panetta RIP For the people Ransford & Marbach Families Rosemary Ekong—in thanksgiving Denise dos Santos Zanardine RIP
Mon 5 Oct 10.00 am	Feria Odile and Lucien Remedios
Tues 6 Oct 10.00 am	Feria Elvira Bryant RIP
Wed 7 Oct 10.00 am 8.00 pm HALL	Our Lady of the Rosary Intentions of Bernie Walsh Charismatic mass
Thurs 8 Oct 10.00 am	Feria Richard Haven RIP
Fri 9 Oct 10.00 am	St John Henry Newman Intentions of Mary Bradford
Sat 10 Oct 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Feria Franciszek Pietrzyk RIP and family Betty Stephens RIP (1st anniv)
Sun 11 Oct 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 5.30 pm	28th Sunday Ian Scott Pro populo Beckenham Catenians Edward Piatek RIP

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

We pray for all our parishioners

Those who have just died: Noreen Griffiths, Brian Gooch, Colleen McLeod, Maureen Hogwood.

Those whose anniversaries are at this time: Ramon Harvey, Edith Ransford, Terry Dunn, Annie Spearman, Betty Stephens, Maureen Teresa Dowling, Mary Olaniran,

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.

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

- 6 7.00 pm in church. Training session for Eucharistic Ministers
- 9-15 Baby loss awareness week
- 15 Remembering our Babies service at Beckenham Crematorium
- 10 After morning mass Training Session for Eucharistic Ministers
- 23 Mary's Meals Fundraising Evening
ALLTICKETS SOLD - PLEASE BUY RAFFLE TICKETS INSTEAD
- 24 Formation Day for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at Bishop Thomas Garant School
- 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.

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

LIGHT OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING Wednesday 7 October

7.45 pm. Praise and Worship
8.00 pm. Holy Mass
—Celebrant Fr Uduak Abara
Lectio Divina
10.00 pm. Evening concludes.