

St Mark's Catholic Church, West Wickham

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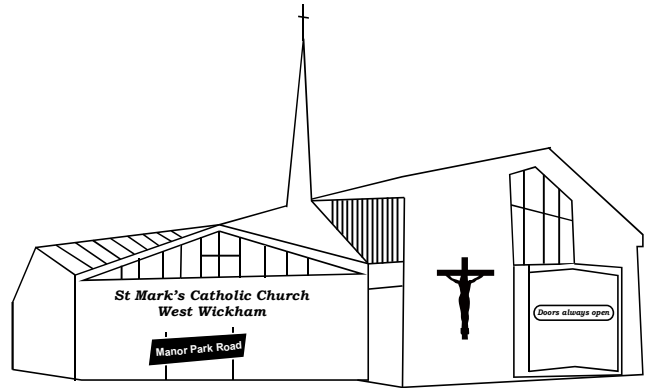
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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE IMPORTANCE OF ECUMENISM

This shows the meeting last Monday in Rome between the Holy Father and the new Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullaly. The new Archbishop of Westminster, Richard Moth, also took part; they led a short act of worship together and exchanged gifts. Archbishop Mullaly expressed again her support for Pope Leo's work for peace in the world. It is significant that this was her first overseas visit since her installation last month.



(Photo credit/Simone Risoluti, @Vatican Media)

The visit follows the good relationships built up over many years between popes and Anglican archbishops, and marked too the 60th anniversary of the historic visit of Archbishop Michael Ramsey to Pope St Paul VI.

The visit, and the common message of peace in the world in the midst of so much war and conflict, offers us all a model of what ecumenical cooperation should look like, here in West Wickham and in the rest of our country. This needs not only to challenge the false messages of war and militarism (where this country is cutting overseas aid programmes in order to spend more on 'defence'), but also the divisiveness and hatred being promoted by the political Far Right – very important for next Thursday's Council elections here in London. Please pray this for the Holy Father and other Christian leaders at this time.

This week and I am away for a late post Easter break for a couple of days so on Thursday and Friday, instead of Mass, there will be Morning Prayer.

Psalm Response
Gospel acclamation

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord..
I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father except through me.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS
20TH ANNIVERSARY
 For the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, celebrating the wonderful contribution of migrants across our communities in London, Essex, Hertfordshire and Kent.

12pm Monday 4th May 2026
St Antony of Padua Catholic Church
56 St Antony's Rd, London E7 9QB
 Nearest Train Station: Forest Gate (Elizabeth Line), Wanstead Park (overground), 15min walk to Church

citizensUK
caritas
 Diocese of Brentwood

Preacher:
 Archbishop Richard Moth

Celebrant:
 Bishop Alan Williams, sm

Mass for Migrants

Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark, and Westminster
 for the 20th annual Mass for Migrants
 on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May 2026,
 at St Antony's.

Summer Festival

I would like the **11:30 Mass on Sunday 19 July** to be a celebration of the life of our parish, with a social event afterwards. It's good for us to 'showcase' what we do from time to time and invite friends from the rest of our community in West Wickham. The weekend also marks the 30th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. Please book the date now!

Getting to know you

My mother used to tell me that when I was a baby (in the late 50s) she used to sing this song to me (the film *The King and I* had recently come out in 1956). In any parish here there are four Masses every weekend it is very easy for people not to know each other, particularly as new people join our community. Clergy also get to know people rather slowly; so I propose that on the last Sunday of each month we open up the committee room and the car park for drinks and conversation after the 1130 Mass; we can discuss things informally and learn from each other, starting on Sunday 26 April.

Memory Box Cafe

Do you know anyone living with Dementia? We have a Memory Box Cafe on 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month at Richmond Hall, Emmanuel Church, The Grove from 2-3:30pm with activities, games, music. For information call 0737586812 or Facebook "*Memory Box Dementia Cafe West Wickham*"

Pastoral Review

The April edition of the Pastoral Review is **now on sale** in the porch. There's a section covering the conference which we publicized in November on the Holy Land, which includes a keynote address by our archbishop; there's also an important new article about the new reforms to SEND provision in schoolsand a **book review by Fr Kevin!**
We need more subscribers!

Renew your Gift Aid declaration for St Mark's West Wickham

Gift Aid is easy to do, doesn't cost you a penny and helps our Parish!
 If you are a UK tax payer please consider signing up to Gift Aid - the Parish can claim 25% extra on every pound you donate. This helps towards the rising day-to-day running costs and building maintenance of our Parish. You can use the following link to sign up <https://forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/> or scan the QR code. Alternatively, you can email the parish on westwickham@rcaos.org.uk
 Thank you for your support to our Parish mission and ministry.

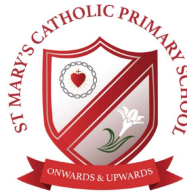


Monthly Children's Mass

We try to encourage active participation in the Mass for as many people as possible: this is a key way in which Catholic worship has been enriched here, and all over the world, since the reforms to liturgy brought about by the Second Vatican Council. **The readings and bidding prayers at the 10am Mass will be led by children on the first Sunday of the month.** Coaching will be provided. Please let me know if you are interested.

St Mary's Primary School

St Mary's School in Westgate Road, Beckenham, is our parish school which we share with Beckenham and Hayes parishes.



For details of the school life and how to apply for a place, go to their website: <https://www.st-marys-catholic.bromley.sch.uk/>

Day for Survivors of Sexual Abuse

The national Day for Survivors of Sexual Abuse is on Tuesday. This is supported by the bishops in this country and material of reflection for the day can be found at [National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse 2026 - Catholic Bishops' Conference](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/national-day-of-prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse-2026/) <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/national-day-of-prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse-2026/>

St Mark's 200 Club

The ST MARK'S 200 CLUB, originally started in 1996 to provide funds for Church, Hall and Presbytery maintenance and repair, needs new members. Membership is £5 per month for a personal number entered into a draw at the end of each calendar month, for one of three prizes of either £100, £50 or £30. Please contact: davidj.smith855@gmail.com or 07784225932 for details.

St Mark's Choir



St Mark's Choir sing at the 10am Sunday Mass and on other special occasions, and we rehearse before Mass from 9am to learn new music. We are looking for new members so if you like singing please join us. Children can come along too but need to be with an accompanying adult.

Please Pray for Anniversary

Helen Green, Sr. Mary Andrew Curtis, Carl Green, Iris McCarthy, Sr. Frances Burke, Violet Wigmore, Barbara Webster, Margherita Lovegrove, Bridget Rawley, Ursula Weldrick

Recently dead

Sister Jo Harvey ACI

Those who are sick

Clare Barratt, Theresa Emmanuel, Diana Quinn, Robert Haines, Mary Bloom, Lucy Patterson, Michael Grant, Shauna Phibbs, Rose Scott, Maura Crawshaw, Anne Argenio, Laura Burley, Patrick Barrett, Maureen Crowhurst, Sophie Campbell, Kathy Springhall, Fr Ray Brennan, Peggy Bohan, Bernard Myerscough, John Goddard, Christine Maslona,

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

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Parish Mass times

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| Sunday | 8:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am |
| Monday | 10:00 am |
| Tuesday | 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday | 10:00 am |
| Thursday | 10:00 am |
| Friday | 10:00 am |
| Saturday | 6:30 pm (vigil) |

Adoration

Mon and Fri after Mass until 11:30 am
Normally a priest is available for confession

Rosary

Mon and Wed to Fri at 9:20 am

Mass at St Edmund's, Beckenham

Sun: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm
Mon to Sat: 10:00 am
Sat: 6:00 pm (vigil)



Future Events

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| Sunday 17 May | First Holy Communion (Children in Year 3 or above) |
| Saturday 13 June | Confirmation (Young people in Year 9 or above) |
| Sunday 19 July | Summer festival |

Masses and Other acts of worship

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| Sat 2nd | St Athanasius | | |
| | 6pm | Confessions | |
| | 6:30pm | Breda McDonnell | Vigil Mass |
| Sun 3rd | Fifth Sunday of Easter | | |
| | 8am | Mary Teresa Edwards | |
| | 10am | Ita and John Brosnan | |
| | 11:30am | Parishioners | |
| Mon 4th | English Martyrs | | |
| | 10am | Helen | Followed by Adoration |
| Tue 5th | Day for Survivors of Sexual Abuse | | |
| | 6pm | Jessica Steele | |
| Wed 6th | 10am | Soosipilai and Philomena Francis | |
| Thurs 7th | 10am | Morning Prayer (not a Mass) | |
| Fri 8th | 10am | Morning Prayer (not a Mass; no Adoration) | |
| Sat 9th | 6pm | | Confessions |
| | 6:30pm | Martin Screene and Austin Healy | Vigil Mass |
| Sun 10th | Sixth Sunday of Easter | | |
| | 8am | Personal Intention | |
| | 10am | Veronica De'Moss | |
| | 11:30am | Parishioners | |