

St Mark's Catholic Church, West Wickham

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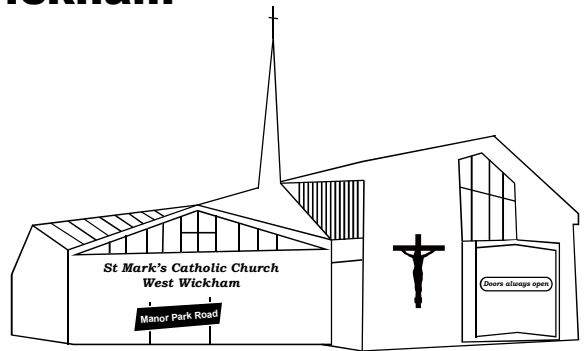
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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Call of the Twelve

How many of the twelve disciples can you name from memory? Most people automatically say Matthew, Mark, Luke & John but those are the Gospel Writers (evangelists) Mark & Luke did not belong to the original 12. Just to complicate things the four evangelists do not name all the original twelve identically! You might be tempted to suggest that if the gospel writers can't even get their names right how can we rely on their accounts elsewhere? In the course of your life how many different names or nicknames have you been known by in different contexts or communities? Then consider in scripture how many followers adopt a new name because they have adopted a new life and a whole new identity in Christ. (This is why at Confirmation even today we adopt a Saint's name). So, for example Saul becomes Paul, Simon becomes Peter and Barnabas was originally Joseph. Although St John never provides a list of names, each member of the twelve has some little cameo part to play as the gospel unfolds. It is the "synoptics" that provide lists. The best way to remember all the names is that the lists always begin with the two sets of brothers Simon (Peter) & Andrew, and the two sons of "Zebedee" James & John whom Jesus had already nicknamed "Sons of Thunder". Then Philip & Bartholomew except nowhere in St John's Gospel do we hear the name Bartholomew instead we find, Nathanael. Nathanael would have been his Jewish name, literally "Nathan of God" whereas Bar-Tholomew would most likely have been his family name "Son of Ptolemy". Next comes Matthew meaning "Gift of God" or perhaps even "He who has God as Father" whereas Luke using the same narrative identifies the famous Tax Collector as Levi and you couldn't get a much more Jewish name than that! Next comes Thomas in all the lists likewise James son of Alphaeus, and a certain Thaddeus whom Luke names as Jude Son of James (so was he a grandson to Alphaeus?) This disciple is usually remembered by both names Jude/Thaddeus. Perhaps he preferred to be known as Thaddeus to avoid confusion with Judas Iscariot (who is always last in the list) together with another Simon "The zealot". So notice that there were Two Simon's, Two James's and Two Jude/as's,. But first on the list is always Simon/Peter. Why do you think that might be? Jude & Simon the Zealot are sometimes suggested as being from the "kinsmen" of Jesus but notice NB that if he was from among the so called "Brothers of Jesus", his father's name was Alphaeus! So that has sorted that out!

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Psalm Response
Gospel acclamation

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
The kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the gospel.

Mass intentions while I am away

I am afraid one job I have not yet delegated is the organising of Mass intentions (though I hope to in due course). Because there are fewer Masses in June we don't have any vacancies now until early July; if you leave an envelope or request it will be dealt with in due course, but not until my return. If you have an urgent intention and don't need to be present, do contact me by text or email and I will say Mass for your intention in Denmark.

Getting to know you



It was good to see some people after Mass on 26 April. As I have indicated it would be good to do this regularly after that Mass on the last Sunday of the month – so the next occasion will be Sunday 31 May. While it's good for the parish to support Marks & Spencer and other local businesses, it would be better if people could bring along some food to share (drink provided).

Annual Marriage Mass

This will take place in our cathedral on Saturday 11 July at 3pm – it's particularly appropriate for couples celebrating a significant anniversary this year, but all married couples are welcome.

Details at : [The Annual Marriage Mass: Archdiocese of Southwark.](#)



Churches Together in West Wickham

Our ecumenical network here is looking for a new treasurer. I understand the duties are not onerous. If you're interested please contact Marie Potter on westwickhamsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

Afternoon Tea

The Sisters of St. Peter Claver are organising a fundraising event, at the Claver Convent, 89 shortlands Rd, BROMLEY BR2 0JL

They are trying to raise funds for the building of houses for destitute families in Pakistan. Afternoon tea on the 20th June 2 to 4pm. Tickets adults: £10, children under 12: £5. Come with family and friends. If you can contribute as volunteer or by baking something please contact : Sr. Assunta 020 8313 3915

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!

Gift Aid Envelopes-New Issue

Renew your Gift Aid declaration

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 scan the QR code. Alternatively, you can email the parish. Thank you for your support.



If you are a registered gift aid donor using envelopes, please collect your new box issued for this year from the narthex. In case of any queries please email the parish at westwickham@rcaos.org.uk

St Mark's Golf Society

Did you know that our parish has its own Golf Society? Next meeting is on 4 September (more details to follow). If you're interested in joining contact David Brant at davidbrant1@gmail.com.

Second Collection

The annual Day for Life is next Sunday when there will be a second collection. Details of what it means are at [Day for Life - Catholic Bishops' Conference](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/) (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>)

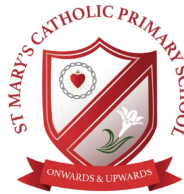
St Mark's Choir



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.

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/>

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"

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.

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.

Please Pray for Anniversary

Madeleine Richmond - Coggan,
Albert De Souza, Betty Souter,
John Wheller, Eileen Murphy, Tony Hall,
Lucy James, Bridie Cloonan,
Peggy Griffin, Mary Slattery

Recently dead

Brian O'Flynn

Those who are sick

Yvonne Forshaw, Clare Barratt, Theresa Emmanuel, Diana Quinn, Robert Haines, Mary Bloom, Lucy Patterson, Michael Grant, Shauna Pibbs, 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

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

Sunday 19 July

Summer festival

Masses			
Sat 13th	6pm	Confessions	
	6:30pm	Kieran Cawley	Vigil Mass
	6pm	Confirmation Mass St Edmund's Beckenham	
Sun 14th	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	8am	Bridget Roe	
	10am	Ernest Robins	
	11:30am	Siobhan Cawley	
Mon 15th	10am	Morning Prayer	
Tue 16th			
Wed 17th	10am	Michael Garcia	
Thur 18th	10am	Morning Prayer	
Fri 19th	10am	Morning Prayer	
Sat 20th	6pm		Confessions
	6:30pm	Monica Kilgallon	Vigil Mass
Sun 21st	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for Life		
	8am	John Sweeney	
	10am	Anthony Hall	
	11:30am	John and Mary Barratt	