

St Mark's Catholic Church, West Wickham

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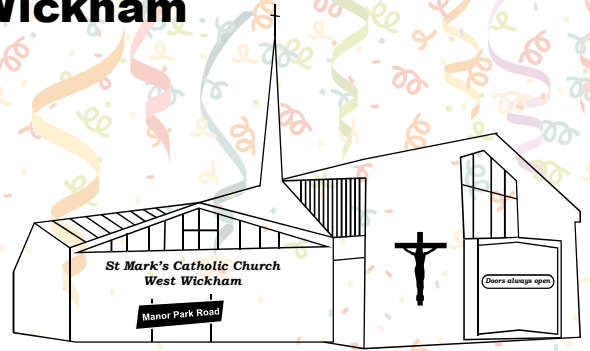
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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

BEING THANKFUL

Often in schools and educational institutions the end of an academic year is marked by special Masses or prayers in thanksgiving, and we're doing this in the parish as well this weekend. The 11:30 Mass and party are simply a celebration of what brings us together at St Mark's and our life together. The Church warns against excessive social contact which is purely online or electronic, so sharing food and drink is a good way to celebrate after Mass; I am grateful to those who have organised this.



On a personal note I am also thankful for 30 years ministry as a Catholic priest this weekend: I was ordained on 20 July 1996 by the late and great Bishop Charles Henderson in Corpus Christi, Brixton Hill (in case you're wondering I was ordained an Anglican priest ten years before that). I have so much to be thankful for, and so many people to be thankful for that if I tried to make a list it would take up too much space and there would be lots of omissions.

But at the heart of it all has been the Mass, which day by day really defines who a priest is in the Catholic tradition: sometimes in big churches, often in small groups (such as St Mary's School Journey), in different languages and occasionally on my own (particularly during Covid). It has sustained me in so many ways and it's been 'pure gift' really from Our Lord.

Since coming here in late 2023 I have been so supported by you all – my thanks to you. My thanks also to Caroline and our daughters Martha and Iris.

Fr Ashley Beck



Psalm Response
Gospel acclamation

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.
I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

Evening of music at St Mark's CALLING All Musicians!!

On 11 September, we will be holding an evening of music and readings to celebrate the Wonder of Creation. We hope to feature many of the musicians from the parish, young and older. Please note the date in your diary and more information on tickets will be available shortly. Any proceeds will be going to charity. If you are interested in performing, please apply by completing this form <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N83P2FM>. For any queries, speak to Eileen or Maya (in the choir).

St Mark's Golf Society

The next Meeting of our Golf Society will be our Autumn Meeting, on Friday 4th Sept, at Lingfield Park Golf Club. If you are a golfer, with a handicap, why don't you join us @Lingfield Park on Fri 4th Sept, where you will be made most welcome. Further information, giving full details, including cost, will be available nearer the date. For any other information, please contact David Brant at davidbrant1@gmail.com who will be pleased to give you any other information you may require.

Weekend Masses over the summer

Please note that from 18 July until the end of August there will be no Saturday evening Mass here. Because it is increasingly difficult for priests from overseas to come here to cover parishes in the summer, the archdiocese has asked parishes to cluster together for the summer period. We are grouped together with the parishes of Beckenham, Hayes and Anerley and each parish is being asked to drop one Mass each for these few weeks: so in that period there will be no Saturday Mass here: Saturday evening Masses, preceded by Confessions are at 6pm in St Edmund's, Holy Rosary and St Anthony's (also at Addiscombe). Saturday evening Masses here will resume on 5 September.

New weekday Mass pattern from September

As you know I teach Liturgy to seminarians at Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea, which now serves this diocese, other dioceses, and various religious orders in London.

One thing in my life over which I have little control is the teaching timetable, and my regular classes in the autumn are moving from Tuesdays to Mondays.

Consequently from Monday 7 September Mass here on Mondays every week will be at 6pm and on Tuesdays at 10am (usually followed by Adoration). Please pray for the seminary and for vocations to the priesthood.

Pilgrimage to Assisi

A walking pilgrimage to Assisi from September 18th- 26th, 2026: one night in Florence then six days along the beautiful 'Way of Francis'. Contact Eddie Gilmore for more information: gileag@gmail.com
www.eddiegilmore.org

Gift Aid on Donations

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@westwickham@rcaos.org.uk,. Thank you for your support.



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

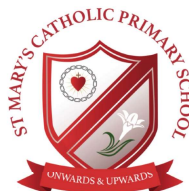
St Mark's Choir



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/>

Maureen Crowhurst RIP

The Requiem Mass for Maureen Crowhurst will be at 1030 on Wednesday 5 August at Holy Rosary, Hayes, followed by cremation at Bluebell Cemetery, after which there will be refreshments back at Hayes.

Please Pray for Anniversary

Charles John Whitehead, Edith Masters, Nora Toole, Florence Tredger

Recently dead

Maureen Crowhurst

Memory Box Cafe

Do you know anyone living with Dementia? We have a Memory Box Cafe, 2-3.30pm, at Richmond Hall, Emmanuel Church, The Grove on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month, with activities, games, music, Afternoon Tea. For further 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.

Those who are sick

Yvonne Forshaw, 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, 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)

Sat 18th	NO CONFESSIONS OR EVENING MASS		
Sun 19th	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	8am	Parishioners	
	10am	Nathan Fernandez	
	11:30am	Barry Hodgkinson	Mass of Thanksgiving
		Followed by Party!	
Mon 20th	10am	Ellen and Patrick O'Loughlin	Followed by Adoration
	6pm	St Mary's School Leavers' Mass	
Tue 21st	6pm	Ciaran Boyle	
Wed 22nd	St Mary Magdalene		
	9am	St Mary's School End of Term Mass	
	10:15am <i>*later time*</i>	Kate Froud	
Thur 23rd	St Birgitta of Sweden, Patron Saint of Europe		
	10am	Christine Maslona	
Fri 24th	St Sharbel Makhluf		
	10am	Julie Green (80th birthday)	Followed by Adoration
Sat 25th	St James the Apostle		
	NO CONFESSIONS OR VIGIL MASS		
Sun 26th	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
	8am	Parishioners	
	10am	Vira Dessa	
	11:30am	Deceased members of Sammon family	