

St Mark's Catholic Church, West Wickham

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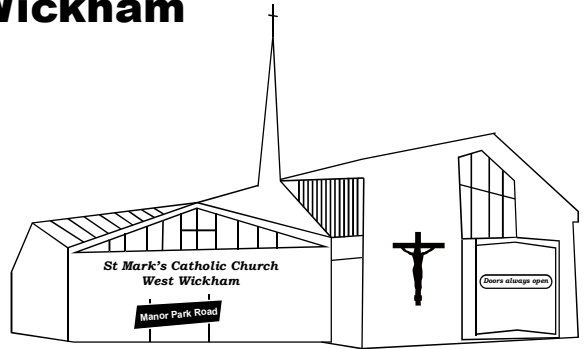
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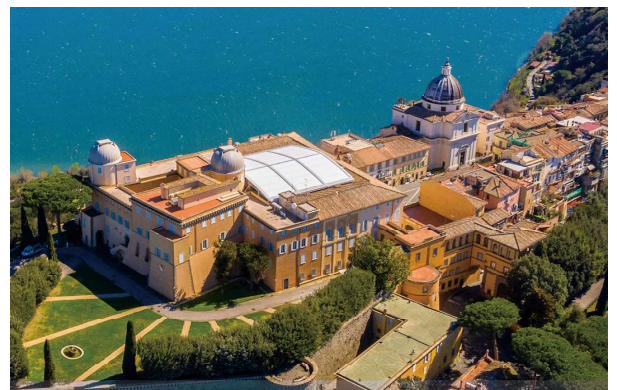


2 August, 2026

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUMMER REST

Many people are away on holiday by now, and this is part of the reason why the diocese has asked us to reduce the number of Masses at weekends; it's an opportunity for us to recall that most of the time it is far easier to go to Mass in Greater London than in most of the world. If we compare ourselves with other parts of the world, it's ludicrous to claim that we experience a shortage of priests in this part of the world.



We also have the chance if we're away to go to Mass in different parts of the world, if we can (in many places it is harder than it is here); this helps us realise the essentially international character of Catholicism (one of the things some people don't like about us). If fortunate we might have the chance to change gear, to slow down and really rest, perhaps doing things we can't normally do. This year in recent weeks Pope Leo has had a proper break at the papal summer residence of Castel Gandolfo, shown here (which Pope Francis didn't use), although compared to most of us he did carry on some work (a lunch with needy people and Sunday addresses with the Angelus, for example). It is said that his recreation has included swimming, tennis and horse riding. While we believe that God wants us to work and not be idle, he has also given some of us the gift of leisure. Please pray too for those who can't afford to have a holiday, and those who can't because, for example, the need to look after family members in need.

Fr Ashley Beck

THANKS

As you know I have been away in Bavaria at a conference and I am grateful Fr. Kevin for saying Mass this Sunday, to Deacon Duncan for leading Morning Prayer during the week, and those who have opened and locked the church.

Psalm Response

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

Gospel acclamation

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Musical Evening at St Mark's

WE NEED 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 **SAVE THE DATE** in your diary and more information on tickets will be available shortly. Any donations 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.

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

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.

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

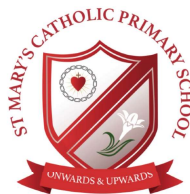
St Mark's Choir



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

Ellen Oakley, Betty Raven, Philip Jukes, Rosaleen Sutherland

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

Kathleen O'Shea, Bridget Nze, 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)

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.

Mass for the week		
Sat 1 Aug	NO CONFESSIONS OR MASS	
Sun 2nd	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	8am	Parishioners
	10am	Joseph Marion D'Moss
	11:30am	Kevin Barrett (90 th birthday)
Mon 3rd	10am	William Vincent West (Foundation Mass)
Tue 4th	St John Mary Vianney	
	6pm	Private Intention
Wed 5th	Dedication of St Maria Maggiore	
	10am	O'Shaughnessy family (Foundation Mass)
Thur 6th	Transfiguration of the Lord	
	10am	Jonathan Wood
Fri 7th	Ss Sixtus and his companions	
	10am	Soosipillai and Philomena Francis
Sat 8th	St Dominic	
	5pm	Michael Theodore
Sun 9th	19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	8am	Parishioners
	10am	Holy Souls
	11:30am	Intentions of Pat Lawrence