

St Mark's Catholic Church, West Wickham

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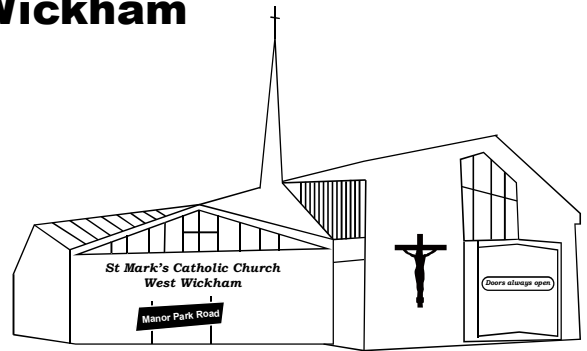
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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption of Our Lady

The feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, celebrated on 15 (or in this country this year, 16) August, is the most important festival of Our Lady. It celebrates Catholic doctrine (defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950) that Mary at her death was taken body and soul into heaven. In England this belief was rejected at the Protestant Reformation and the feast day abolished; this is one reason why it's a bit more 'low key' than in many places. In Italy, for example. It coincides with the ancient Roman holidays established by the Emperor Augustus, and therefore it's known as Ferragosto: see a recipe for feasting this weekend on p.63 of the current Pastoral Review on sale in the porch. Amidst so much war and violence in the world we need Mary so much. Her faithfulness, her strength and her witness for the poor and the oppressed (shown in today's gospel) make her a powerful role model for women in today's world who are increasingly taking on new responsibilities and leadership. Remember that for the nine months in which Jesus was in her womb he received his human nature from her; brought up as a child by her and St Joseph he received her human wisdom. Not a day when the celebration of our faith should be low-key!



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Psalm Response
Gospel acclamation

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir
Mary has been taken up into heaven;
the host of angels rejoice.

St Mark's Golf Soc Autumn Meeting - Friday 4th Sept

Our next Golf Soc Meeting will take place on Friday 4th Sept at Lingfield Park. We will be playing for The Captain's Prize. The cost of the day will be £65 to include Coffee & Bacon Rolls on arrival, 18 Hole Stableford, followed by Dinner & Prizes. Forms with all the details went out at the end of the week and they need to be returned by Friday 15th Aug at the latest, so teams can be notified in good time.

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

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"

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

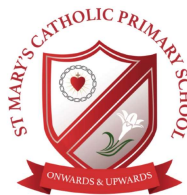
St Mark's Choir



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/>

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 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

Nicholas Brown, Veronica Stimpson, Olive Kielty, Victor Morandi, Merlyn Godenho, Elizabeth Wallis, Delmo Zanelli, Sr. Filomena Pereira, James Geraghty

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 15th	NO CONFESSIONS OR MASS		
Sun 16th	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
	8am	Parishioners	
	10am	Thanksgiving	
	11:30am	Mrs McHugh	
Mon 17th	10am	Jackie Oak	Followed by Adoration
Tue 18th	6pm	John Kelly	
Wed 19th	10am	Canon Alan McLean	
Thur 20th	St Bernard		
	10am	Bridget Mullins	
Fri 21st	St Pius X		
	10am	Virginia Vaz	Followed by Adoration
Sat 22nd	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
	1pm	Nuptial Mass	
Sun 23rd	21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
	8am	Martin Brophy	
	10am	Parishioners	
	11:30am	Maureen Crowhurst	