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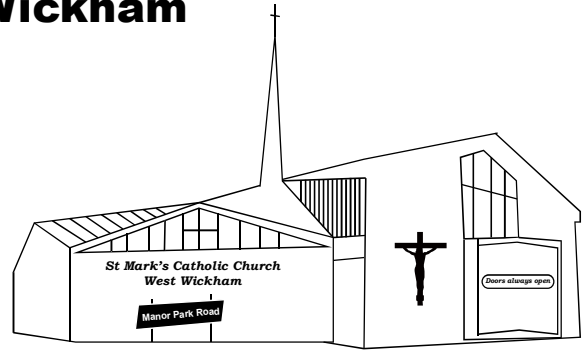
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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Climate Change and Violence

It's interesting that the beginning of the Season of Creation, marked by messages from the Holy Father and our own archbishop, has also been marked by disturbing scenes of violence and of hatred which is behind so much violence: continuing wars, the demonstrations against migrants in Dover and Portsmouth, assaults on a woman at the Reform UK conference in Birmingham, the Far Right election victory in Saxony-Anhalt and the burial of war criminal Ratko Mladić in Serbia. This is perhaps no accident: those who are offended by warnings about the damage we're doing to the planet are often wedded to war and militarism, and react with a great deal of aggression; moreover war damages people's lives so much that it leads to people fleeing from their homelands as refugees. The victims of war and of climate change are often the same people.

None of this is surprising: if you disregard the dignity of other human beings (for example, refugees), then you probably don't care much about the planet, or vice versa. Indeed this extends to attitudes which treat as disposable people who are close to death or the unborn. As the archbishop explained in last weekend's Pastoral, it's about God the Creator, who has made us in his image and has created the beautiful but vulnerable world in which we live.

Fr Ashley Beck



Psalm Response

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Gospel acclamation

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Fr Kevin's 30th Anniversary Celebration – Sunday 27 September, 11.30am Mass

I have agreed to organise the celebration for Fr Kevin's 30th Anniversary after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 27 September. To ensure we can properly cater for everyone, I would be grateful for any offers of refreshments.

A celebration cake has already been prepared, and we have around 15 bottles of mixed wines available. If anyone is able to contribute additional items—such as sausage rolls, sandwiches, fruit juices, soft drinks, or similar refreshments—please let me know as soon as possible so that I can coordinate quantities and make sure we have enough for around 100 guests. I understand that at least 20 parishioners from Greenwich will be joining us for the Mass.

We believe we still have wine glasses, a gazebo, and other useful items from Fr Ashley's recent celebrations, which will help with the setup. Any offers of help on the day itself would be very gratefully received.

You can contact me by phone on 07957 861404 (please note: I cannot answer withheld numbers) or by email at: duncan@duncanaitkins.co.uk. Thank you in advance for your support in making this a joyful and memorable occasion for Fr Kevin.

There is a special ongoing collection basket for a gift for Fr Kevin, and you can also make a donation with the card readers. There is also a list for people to sign if they are able to help with refreshments on 27 September.

Deacon Duncan

Use of AI in Detection of Early Signs of Dementia Tues 15th Sept

We have been invited by our friends at St Francis' Church to a meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 15th September for a talk on "The use of Artificial Intelligence in detecting the early signs of Dementia". Refreshments will be available.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Malcolm Fernando is organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes from 30/09 to 04/10 just to support MISSIO, CAFOD & ACN. For further details please contact him on
Tel: 075 05 011249
Email: mjsfernando@gmail.com

'Holy Dusters'

There are plans to recreate a rota of people to clean the church regularly. There will be a meeting in the church next Thursday at 6pm for those who are interested. If you can't come but would like to help please email John Adedayo at juan.lade@yahoo.com

Education Sunday

In this Sunday when there will be a second collection for the work of the Catholic Education Service. More details at Education Sunday 2026

<https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/news/education-sunday-2026>

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.



Memory Box Cafe

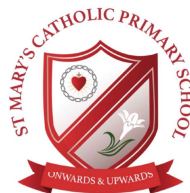
Do you know anyone living with Dementia? We have a Memory Box Cafe, 2-3.30pm, at Richmond Hall, Emmanuel Church, The Grove on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month, with activities, games, music, Afternoon Tea. For further information call 0737586812 or Facebook "Memory Box Dementia Cafe West Wickham"

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.

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/>

Please Pray for Anniversary

Michael Murphy, Norah Parker, Rose Wilson, Marie Clark, Michael Nash, Faye Rowe, Mary Brennan

Recently dead

Constantine Aitkin, Jean Brunwin.

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.

Coloma Convent Girls' School

Welcome to Coloma Convent Girls' School, <https://www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk>

Open Evening: Monday 21st September, 4:00pm–6:30pm

Open Mornings (by appointment):

Tuesday 15th September – 8:45am

Wednesday 16th September – 8:45am

Thursday 17th September – 8:45am

Friday 25th September – 8:45am

Monday 28th September – 8:45am

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.

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, Collette Holland, Catherine Barrett, Marie Smith.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

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Parish Mass times

Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	11:30 am
Monday	6:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am
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 12th	6pm	Confessions	Confessions
	6:30pm	Fr Tim Nolan (Foundation Mass)	Vigil Mass
Sun 13th	24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
	Education Sunday		
	8am	Parishioners	
	10am	Ciss Neylon	
Mon 14th	11:30am	Peggy Falsey (birthday)	
	Exaltation of the Holy Cross		
	6pm	Dermot Keogh	
Tue 15th	Our Lady of Sorrows		
	10am	Ann Carney	Followed by Adoration
Wed 16th	Ss Cornelius and Cyprian		
	10am	Michael Nash	
Thur 17th	St Hildegard of Bingen		
	10am	Tom Geoghegan	
Fri 18th	10am	Isabel Wiesnieska-Smith (birthday)	Followed by Adoration
Sat 19th	6pm		Confessions
	6:30pm	Alfred Ashley Lingham (Foundation Mass)	Vigil Mass
Sun 20th	25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
	Evangelii Gaudium Day		
	8am	Parishioners	
	10am	Gilly Fernandez	
	11:30am	Seán and Mary Carr	