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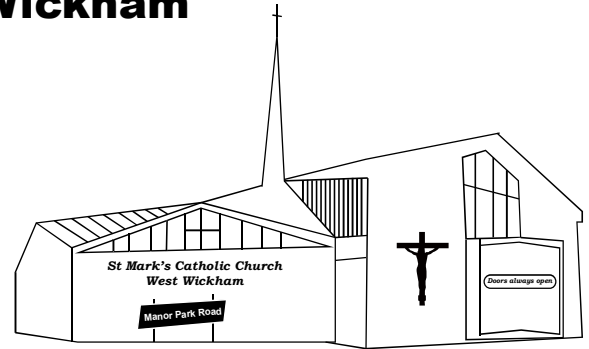
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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Kevin's Celebration – A Word of Thanks

Dear Friends at West Wickham,

I want to thank you all so much for the celebration and for your kindness and generosity at the time of my 30th Anniversary and for welcoming me so happily as an honorary assistant to Fr Ashley at St Mark's. Thankyou also for the welcome to so many people who joined us from Greenwich. The icon is very special gift and now has pride of place in my narrowboat alongside the guardian angels. Coming through some of these leaky pre Victorian and very deep locks is a scary undertaking. It is easy to make a momentary error of judgement where the consequences might be dire. Hopefully I won't need The Good Lord to pull me out of the water but having the guardian angels at hand is a great comfort! At last I set off last Thursday with my old pal on the journey South from the eccentric boat yard in Mddlewich in Cheshire. This is where I have spent the entire summer gradually refurbishing the inside of this long neglected vessel to something like a clean and respectable living space. With some careful co-ordination I can leave the boat safely as necessary and commute to Bromley and West Wickham for the times I am needed. God Bless you all and I will see you soon.

Fr. Kevin

Synodal Update

Last week the Synodal team spoke at all Masses about how Pope Francis invited us all to become a listening Church; listening to each other and to the Holy Spirit to find our way forward as a Parish and as a Catholic community.

We asked those of you who would be interested in helping with this mission, and with the broader parish needs, to put your names forward. We were blessed and delighted with so many responses. Thank you! We know that together we can grow in our faith and continue to be missionaries, as we are called to do every Sunday at the end of Mass. The next steps are to arrange our Synodal meetings, to define how we work with Fr Ashley to continue rebuilding and renewing our parish.

Firstly, we will be contacting those who expressed an interest in the Synodal meetings to arrange when and where these will take place. The meetings will be about an hour, where we will listen to The Spirit and to each other in a way that ensures all our voices will be heard and valued. We will be back in touch soon, with further updates.

For those who would like to still be involved please fill out form:

<https://forms.gle/6n4ZZjDpWtZkFkJ87>

Thank you for all that you do so efficiently :)



God Bless,
Maya

Psalm Response

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

Gospel acclamation

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

Celebrating 40 Years of the Cardinal Hume Centre

A special Mass to mark the 40th anniversary of the Cardinal Hume Centre will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 13 October 2026 at 5.30pm. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will preside, joined by Bishop James Curry and Dom Robert Igo OSB.

The Mass is open to the public, and parishioners from St Mark's are warmly invited to attend in thanksgiving for the life and legacy of Cardinal Basil Hume and the Centre's 40 years of service.

LECTORS' AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' FORMATION DAYS "Nourished by the Word, Sent with the Eucharist"

The South East Area is holding two Formation Days for **Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Saturday, 24th October 2026

Bishop Thomas Grant School

10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Saturday, 31st October 2026

Capuchin Franciscan Friary, Erith

10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

These days offer an opportunity for prayer, formation and reflection on these important ministries in the life of the Church. All Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are warmly encouraged to attend. Participants need only attend one of the two days and may choose whichever date is most convenient.

If you would like to attend, please give your name and preferred date to your parish by Sunday, 18th October at the latest, so that the parish can confirm attendance with the Episcopal Vicar's Office.

Please remember to bring a packed lunch with you on the day.

For further information, please contact the Episcopal Vicar for South East London's Office at evse@rcaos.org.uk.

Programme	
From 9:30 a.m.	Arrival
No later than 9:45 a.m.	All participants are kindly requested to arrive and be seated in readiness for the celebration of Holy Mass, which will commence promptly at 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.	Holy Mass <i>Celebrant: Canon Victor Darlington</i>
11:15 a.m.	Tea and coffee
11:15–11:45 a.m.	First Talk: <i>Nourished by the Word</i>
11:45 a.m.–12:00 noon	Questions and discussion
12:00–12:45 p.m.	Lunch (<i>please bring a packed lunch</i>)
12:45–1:15 p.m.	Second Talk: <i>Sent with the Eucharist</i>
1:15–1:30 p.m.	Questions and discussion
1:30 p.m.	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
2:00 p.m.	Departure

St Mark's Golf Society

Our Autumn Meeting/Captain's Day took place at Lingfield Park Golf Club on Friday 4th . Our Captain's Prize was won by Hamish. Our Captain of The Day was Nigel Walker. We had 9 participants with 2 casualties on the day. Unfortunately our Handicap Secretary, Jim Nolan couldn't be with us. Two lady dinner guests attended our dinner. We played a Stableford Competition and the winner of our Captain's Prize was Matt Carson. One of our Past Captains Tom Tannion, is seriously ill. Can you please remember him in your prayers.

Our AGM & Christmas Meeting will take place on Friday 4th Dec at Croham Hurst Golf Club. Further details nearer the date. Our Contact Person is: David Brant. Further information/contact details from David Brant at email address davidbrant1@gmail.com

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 be led by children on the first Sunday of the month.*** Coaching will be provided. Please let me know if you are interested.

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.

First Holy Communion 2027

If your child is in year 3 or above and would like to make their first holy communion on 16 May, 27 @ St Marks please fill out this form



There will be a parents' meeting on 22 Nov, 26 AFTER 10 am Mass to decide when in the week the classes will be held. Classes will start in January 27. Any questions then please talk to May or email her on bowkett3@gmail.com

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

The first open morning for those considering applying for a place for their child for next autumn: The Open Mornings will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday 30th September 2026

Wednesday 14th October 2026

Thursday 12th November 2026

Thursday 26th November 2026

The sessions start at 10.45am sharp and will finish around mid-day.

If you wish to book a place, please contact our Admissions Officer, Mrs Tracey, via email admissions@stmaryscp.co.uk

The Open Mornings are an opportunity for parents to view our school and receive information on how to make an application, therefore we would suggest that you find alternative childcare arrangements on the day.

Please Pray for Anniversary

Herbert Merigan, Nicola Di Palma, Win Harlow, Charles Smyth, Patrick Geoghegan, Robert Springall, Maria Bonito, Francis Tobin, Bernadette Leeatin, Hugh Watson, Maurice Terrell, Julia Murray, Archbishop Michael Bowen

Recently dead

Deacon Michael Münchow, Jean Brunwin

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, 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

Tue and Fri after mass until 11:30am
Normally a priest is available for confession

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, Appeals and Second Collections

Fri	16 October	Thanksgiving Mass, St Mary's School
Sun	18 October	World Mission Day – collection for Mission
Sun	15 November	Parish Visitation by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for South East London
Sun	22 November	Youth Sunday – collection for diocesan Youth Service After 10 am Mass in the Committee room - Meeting for all parents who would like their children to make their First Holy Communion in May 2027
Sun	13 December	Sisters of St Peter Claver calendar sale
Sun	16 May	11.30 First Holy Communion Mass with a Parish Celebration afterwards.
Fri	25 June	7pm at St Edmunds Confirmation Mass for all those in year 9 and above. Details to follow in January 2027

Masses			
Sat 10th	6pm		Confessions
	6:30pm	Soosipillai and Philomena Francis	Vigil Mass
Sun 11th	28th Sunday In Ordinary Time		
	Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families		
	8am	Private Intention	
	10am	Parishioners	
Mon 12th	11:30am	Ciara Macklin (thanksgiving for surgery success)	
	St Wilfrid		
Tue 13th	6pm	Private Intention	
	St Edward the Confessor		
Wed 14th	10am	Gerard Cawley	followed by Adoration
	St Callistus		
Thur 15th	10am	Annette Cawley	
	St Teresa of Avila		
Fri 16th	10am	David Lawton and family	
	9am	St Mary's School Intentions of Isobel Vassallo	
	10:15am *later time	Private Intention	
Sat 17th	6pm		Confessions
	6:30pm	Moir Frances Luff	Vigil Mass
Sun 18th	World Mission Sunday		
	8am	Parishioners	
	10am	Private Intention	
	11:30am	Private Intention	