



St Clement's Church, Ewell

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All Masses are now live streamed. Access via the Parish Website

Sunday 6th April is the Fifth Sunday of Lent

The readings and prayers can be found in the purple books on page 176. The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah, and is a promise of renewal and transformation, which is symbolised by the defeat of earthly powers, and by the Lord giving rivers in the desert. In St Luke's Gospel, we have the story of the woman taken in adultery whom the Pharisees say the Law of Moses permits them to stone. They do this to test Jesus, and to force Him either to condemn Moses or to condemn the woman. Jesus rises above this trap; he certainly does not condone adultery, and he does not condone such cruel punishment; instead, He asks us to think of our own sins, rather than those of other people. There is a very strong pro-life and anti-death penalty message here.

**This Sunday there is a pastoral message from Bishop Richard.
The video of this message can be accessed via the diocesan website.**

Our new Baptism Course takes place after Easter and three times a year from now on

The dates for the first season are as follows:

Sunday	27th April, 11.30am: Tivey Room, introductory session.
Thursday	1st May, 8pm: 1st Zoom session.
Thursday	8th May, 8pm: 2nd Zoom session.
Thursday	15th May, 8pm: 3rd Zoom session.
Sunday	18th May, 10.30am: Rite of Welcome at Mass.
Thursday	22nd May, 8pm: 4th Zoom session.
Sunday	25th May, 4pm: Final session, in person.

If you are interested in taking part, with a child to baptise, please get in touch: ewell@abdiocese.org.uk

Bereavement Café

Paula Thomas, a parishioner at St. Joseph's in Epsom, has been in touch. They have been running a Bereavement Café at St. Joseph's for quite a few years now, & have supported many of their parishioners through this very difficult time. She would like to know if we have any parishioners who have been bereaved within the last 5 years who would be interested in going forward for training in bereavement counselling? This is mostly done by Zoom, so they would need a computer/laptop/iPad. They would need to be able to travel, as a few meetings are in Crawley. Also, the team at St. Joseph's, would be happy to help support any of our bereaved parishioners. Paula can be reached via the parish office in Epsom via 01372 723573

Liturgical notes. We are in the season of Lent

On Tuesday Mass is at 7am.

On Wednesday, the 10am Mass is the **Funeral Mass of Jack Henry RIP.**

All are most welcome, indeed encouraged, to attend. Let us continue to pray for the repose of his soul and for his family at this sad time for them, that they may be comforted.

On Thursday Mass is at 7pm. There is Junior catechism beforehand at 6.25pm.

The A to Z of Catholicism is taking a break until some time after Easter.

On Friday evening, Stations of the Cross are at 7pm, and will last about 25 minutes.

Daily Mass in the week is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10am.

On Tuesday Mass is at 7am and on Thursday, Mass is at 7pm.

Looking ahead to Easter....Here are the times for the services over the Easter Triduum

On Holy Thursday, 17th April, the Mass of the Lord's Supper is at 8pm and is followed by silent prayer ('watching') at the Altar of Repose until midnight. The Altar of Repose as in past years will be in the baptistry.

On Good Friday, 18th April, there are Stations of the Cross at 11am, for children, and adults as well.

This will last about half an hour. **The Celebration of the Lord's Passion is at 3pm.**

There will not be children's liturgy, as the equivalent will have taken place in the morning.

Children are invited to take part in the Liturgy with their parents; but the morning Stations exist as an alternative, though one can of course do both.

On Holy Saturday, no sacraments are celebrated. **The Blessing of Food Baskets will take place at 10am.**

On Holy Saturday, 19th April, the Easter Vigil begins at 9pm, in darkness, with the ceremony of Holy Fire outside and the lighting of the Paschal Candle. Thomas will be received into the Church during the Vigil and the rest of us will renew our baptismal promises. **(Please note that there is no 6pm Mass on this day.)**

On Easter Sunday, 20th April, Mass is at the usual times of at 8.30am and 10.30am.

At both Masses there will be the renewal of baptismal promises.

At the 10.30am Mass, Zoe will be received into the Church, and Mia and Jenson will be baptised.

We need readers, Eucharistic ministers and servers for all of these liturgies. Please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex. The Choir is also looking for singers.

Many thanks from The Walshingham Retreat Centre for our generous donations of £395.75

which has gone towards a total of over £40,000 being raised over the appeal. Prayers and thanksgiving to you all.

On Sunday 27th April, the Blessed Carlo Acutis will be declared a Saint, or canonised, during the Jubilee of the Teenagers in Rome. Here are some quotes from the first saint of the millennium.

- Our goal must be the infinite and not the finite. The Infinite is our homeland. We are always expected in Heaven.
- I am happy to die because I lived my life without wasting even a minute of it on anything displeasing to God.
- All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies.
- Sadness is looking at ourselves, happiness is looking towards God.
- To be always united with Jesus, this is my plan of life.
- Do not be afraid because with the Incarnation of Jesus, death becomes life, and there's no need to escape: in eternal life, something extraordinary awaits us.
- What does it matter if you can win a thousand battles if you cannot win against your own corrupt passions? It doesn't matter. The real battle is with ourselves.
- Not me, but God.

CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD has launched an emergency appeal, and is working through the Catholic Church to provide humanitarian aid. Cardinal Bo, the Archbishop of Yangon, has made an urgent request for our help. He shares: "We are deeply touched by the promise of support by the Catholic Church everywhere. The people need food, shelter, medicine, and all life-saving materials. In this moment of sorrow, we stand shoulder to shoulder with all people, helping to heal their wounds and support their recovery."

Today, a second collection will be taken to support the people of Myanmar. The Church's aid workers are already on the ground, giving vital assistance to those affected. Your prayers and donations are powerful acts of solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Myanmar. Your generous donation will help provide water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets to families affected by the earthquake. You can also donate to the earthquake appeal on the CAFOD website at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10. You can also donate via our contactless machines in the Narthex. Thank you for your compassion and support.

Forthcoming Events

Tue	8 Apr,	7am Mass
Wed	9 Apr	10am Funeral Mass of Jack Henry RIP.
Wed	9 Apr	11:15am/7.30pm Lent Group
Fri	11 Apr	7pm Stations of the Cross
Sun	13 Apr	4-30-7pm Confirmation VI Passover meal
Tue	15 Apr	Chrism Mass
Holy Thursday,	17 Apr	8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and watching until midnight
Good Friday,	18 Apr	11am Stations of the Cross for Children. 3pm Liturgy of the Passion
Holy Saturday,	19 Apr,	10am Blessing of Food Baskets
Holy Saturday,	19 Apr,	9pm Easter Vigil
Sun	20 Apr	Easter Sunday
Sat	26 Apr	11am-12am FHC session IX
Sat	26 Apr	12 noon FHC Catechists Meeting
Sat	26 Apr	4pm-6pm Confirmation VII
Sat	26 Apr	7pm Parish Quiz Night
Sun	27 Apr	10:30am FHC Celebration Mass
Sun	27 Apr	11.30am Tivey Room, Baptism 1st Session

What is a Mass intention?

The Church teaches that Jesus died on the Cross for the salvation of all people, living & dead, of his own time & for all times. The Sacrifice of the Mass is offered for all the living & the dead, as the words of the Eucharistic Prayer make clear. The Church also provides that each Mass, can be offered for a single named intention. When the faithful ask a priest to offer a Mass for a living person or a departed soul, it is customary for the faithful to provide for the upkeep of the priest for that day. In Africa it was sometimes the custom to offer a parcel of food, or even a live goat; in the diocese of Arundel & Brighton, the offering has been set at £10, though one can offer more or less in accord with one's means. In our diocese priests are not paid a monthly stipend, but receive free lodging & an allowance for food & drink. Their additional income comes from the Easter & Christmas collections (on normal Sundays this money is for the parish & the diocese, not the priest himself) as well as Mass offerings & stole fees, the offerings made for weddings, funerals and baptisms. The Mass intention is usually advertised in the newsletter and/or announced at the Mass itself. This has a twofold purpose: to encourage the faithful to unite themselves with that intention, and to remind ourselves that the Mass is a sacrifice offered by Jesus on the Cross for our salvation. Incidentally, if the Mass is being offered for a deceased soul, the name will have 'RIP' after it. If it is offered for a living person, it was say 'GE' ('good estate') before the name.

Mass Intentions from 5th April-13th April 2025

Sat 5	6pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sun 6	8.30am	5th Sunday of Lent	Available
Sun 6	10.30am	5th Sunday of Lent	GE Ron Cossou
Mon 7	10am	Mon 5th wk of Lent	Marcia Bancroft RIP
Tue 8	7am	Tue 5th wk of Lent	Available
Wed 9	10am	Wed 5th wk of Lent	Funeral of John A Henry
Thu 10	7pm	Thu 5th wk of Lent	Ints: St Hugh's
Fri 11	10am	Fri 5th wk of Lent	Mary, Felix & Vincent Edwardson RIP
Sat 12	6pm	Vigil Mass	Available
Sun 13	8.30am	Palm Sunday	People of the Parish
Sun 13	10.30am	Palm Sunday	Available

Recovery and Well Being

Please pray for:

**Elpedio Tavares, Nicholas Ward, Joyce Daly,
Mel Alvarez, Mary Bruce, Bob Parker, Kitty Cusack,
Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Jocelyn Bowen,
3 year-old Finlay Ewen, Joseph Ewing,
Martina Savage, Rosa Undasan (Angelina True's Mum)
Sally Mason & Shona Dane.**

Thank you for your continued support of your parish, the Offertory collection has been calculated from the last 2 weeks Offertory donations & 4 weeks Standing Orders to create a weekly figure.

The weekly total for this period is £1,059.34 per week. Many thanks.