



St Clement's Church, Ewell

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Sunday 30th March is the Fourth Sunday of Lent

The readings and prayers can be found in the purple books on page 168. The first reading is from the Book of Joshua, and tells of the Children of Israel entering the Promised Land, eating of its fruits and celebrating the Passover.

In St Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells us His in some ways greatest parable, that of the Prodigal Son. Prodigal means extravagant: the younger son has gone abroad, wasted his inheritance on reckless living, and comes back offering to be a servant, but is received as a son. The blameless elder brother feels the injustice of this, but is gently rebuked by the loving father. Are we sons, or are we servants? What is our attitude to the Father? Both sons have the wrong attitude, one wanting to run away, and one thinking he is just an unpaid and unrewarded drudge; we need to realise we are God's children, and loved by Him.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent is known as Laetare Sunday, after the first word of the entrance antiphon; we rejoice because we are halfway through the rigours of Lent.

To mark this the vestments are rose, which is a milder shade of purple.

This Sunday, Julian Hall, our Gift Aid coordinator, will speak after Holy Communion about Gift Aid

Gift Aid, what it is and why it is important to the parish. Current Gift Aid Donors are invited to collect their envelopes in the narthex after Mass. New Donors wishing to join, are invited to see Julian Hall after Mass or in the narthex or contact him via julianhall28@gmail.com or mob 07801 827 805.

Envelope Box No 75 please contact Julian Hall before you collect your new box

This Sunday there is a retiring collection for the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

at the request of the Bishops of England and Wales. This is to support the Jubilee initiatives at the shrine.

Collectors, please take this as your notice to stand at the both exits and collect.

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

Liturgical notes. We are in the season of Lent

This Thursday A to Z of Catholicism takes place after the 7pm Mass, with 'P is for Purgatory.' Before Mass we have Junior Catechism for all who want it at 6.25pm. Purgatory is a very important Catholic doctrine.

What is its Biblical basis? What can we expect to happen to us after we die?

Is Purgatory best understood as a place or a state or even a process?

How are we to pray for the souls in Purgatory, and what is the role of indulgences? On Friday evening, Stations of the Cross are at 7pm, and will last about 25 minutes. This week, the Stations are going to be led by Cafod.

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

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

Bereavement Café

Paula Thomas, who is 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, and have supported many of their parishioners through this very difficult time. She would like to know if we have a couple of parishioners who have been bereaved within say the last 5 years who would be interested in going forward for training in bereavement counselling? This is mostly done by Zoom now, so they would need a computer/laptop/iPad. They would also need to be able to travel, since there are a few meetings down in Crawley. In the meantime, the team at St. Joseph's, Epsom would be happy to help support any of our bereaved parishioners. Paula can be reached via the parish office in Epsom via 01372 723573 epsom@abdiocese.org.uk

The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law.

It can be accessed here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvot>.

Also, to let you know, Right to Life is distributing postcards to parishes for the lay faithful to send to their MPs on this subject.

A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

Next Sunday we shall be hearing a pastoral letter from Bishop Richard.

Defibrillator

We are getting a defibrillator for the Hall, for us in emergencies, and we will be offering training to people who want it on its use. This equipment is not cheap, but it is a good idea, especially in the light of the medical incident that happened during the St Patrick's night celebration. (The person concerned has made a good recovery, you will be glad to hear.)

Good news!

We have had a meeting with our new tenants of the Hall. These ladies are going to run a SEN childcare group, which is going to operate on Saturdays in the holidays. The current St Clement's Preschool will continue as normal. This is obviously a very good arrangement as it maximises the use of the Hall. During our meeting it became clear that the Hall and the garden require several remedial interventions, because of the needs of SEN children. The fencing of the garden will be renewed, and we also need to tidy up and repair certain features of the garden. We also need to look at work on the loos. Also with two groups using the Hall, we need more storage space, which means clearing out quite a bit of junk. To this end we are getting a skip. Please watch this space getting a skip, and the very first task will be clearing a lot of stuff from the stage. To this end, look out for two upcoming events. The first will be SKIP DAY, and the second will be GARDEN DAY. We would love to have all hands on deck for both!

Update.

Our skip will be here on Saturday 5th April, and we would love it if a lot of people came to join in this community building exercise. People of all strengths and abilities are welcome. In addition there may be stuff that can go to charity shops or to the recycling centre. If we were to have some drivers with large cars/vans, who could undertake this, that would be simply wonderful. We will start at 2pm, weather permitting.

Baptismal Certificates are ready for collection from the Sacristy

If your child was Baptised between 8th September 2024 and 2nd February 2025 please ask Fr Alexander to locate your child's baptismal certificate.

Forthcoming Events

Tue	1 Apr	7am Mass
Wed	2 Apr	11.15am/7.30pm Lent Group
Thur	3 Apr	7.30pm A to Z of Catholicism, P:Purgatory
Fri	4 Apr	7pm Stations of the Cross
Fri	4 Apr	8pm Film Night
Sat	5 Apr	9am Liturgy meeting
Sat	5 Apr	2pm Skip Day
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
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

On Friday 4th April, at 8pm we are having our inaugural film & pizza night for the youth of the parish. We have selected Witness, which stars Harrison Ford, & which is a very exciting film with a strong message. The running time is 2 hours. Please tell Fr Alexander if you are coming.

Passover Meal Sunday 13th April 2025 Doors Open 3:30pm

Passover remembers the escape of the ancient Israelites from Egypt. The last meal that Jesus and his disciples shared together (the Last Supper) was their Passover meal and it was at this meal that Christ instituted the Eucharist. If you wish to attend our own celebration of the Passover meal, which includes a full roast lamb dinner, please sign the list in the narthex. Tickets, which will cost £10 per person, will be on sale after all masses (29th/30th March and 5th/6th April) and you will need to bring your own drinks. If you can supply a dessert to share, please sign the separate list.

Mass Intentions from 2025

Sat 29	6pm	Vigil Mass	Arthur Hughes RIP
Sun 30	8.30am	4th Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish
Sun 30	10.30am	4th Sunday of Lent	Hayes Family Members RIP
Mon 31	10am	Mon 4th wk of Lent	Anne Marie Rigden RIP
Tue 1	7am	Tues 4th wk of Lent	GE Mgr O'Toole
Weds 2	10am	Weds 4th wk of Lent	The Norris family
Thur 3	7pm	Thur 4th wk of Lent	Andrew Gibbs RIP
Fri 4	10am	Fri 4th wk of Lent	Available
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	Available



Recovery and Well Being



Please pray for:

**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,
& Elpedio Tavares.**

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.