



# St Clement's Church, Ewell

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

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is the Eighth Sunday of the Year

The readings and prayers can be found in the purple books on page 144. The first reading is from the Book of Sirach, and is a collection of wise sayings about what is in the human mind. Our thoughts reveal our character.

What is in our mind is later seen in our actions. In Saint Luke's Gospel, we hear Jesus' teaching that we will be known by our actions; that a good tree bears good fruit. He also tells us not to correct the actions of our neighbours without first paying attention to our own faults.

## This Sunday!

Someone will be having a word about the Lent groups, inviting you to take part, after Holy Communion at all Masses.

**Also this Sunday!** The Exchange of Children's Books, Toys and Equipment is happening in the Hall all morning.

Do go in and help yourself to whatever you fancy, and/or drop off whatever is surplus to requirements.

**Next Sunday the Uniformed Groups of the parish will be on parade at the 10.30am Mass,**

and we are going to be speaking about, among other things, their charitable endeavours, which chimes in nicely with our Lenten Almsgiving. This year they have chosen to support the Food Bank.

## Liturgical notes

**Lent** begins this week, on Ash Wednesday, which marks forty days until Easter, forty days of prayer, penance and almsgiving in preparation for the celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord.

This weekend, the last before Lent, is traditionally a time of celebration and Carnival.

**Tuesday** is Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday, when you should use up all the rich foods you are not going to eat in Lent.

**Wednesday is Ash Wednesday**, and Mass is at 10am, with the imposition of ashes. The ashes are made from the palms used last Palm Sunday. The imposition of Ashes is an ancient tradition that signifies our intention to do penance for our sins, and to turn to the Lord. Everyone is encouraged to receive the ashes, Catholic or not, apart from very young children who have no sins and therefore nothing to repent of.

**On Friday, Stations of the Cross** are at 7pm, and will last about 25 minutes. The original Stations (stopping places) are to be found in Jerusalem along the Via Dolorosa, the Sorrowful Way, which traces the path from the Antonia Fortress, where Jesus was condemned to death, to the mound of Calvary where he was crucified, and the Holy Sepulchre, where he was buried. In the Middle Ages, when pilgrimage to Jerusalem became difficult, Calvaries were constructed in Europe, being mountains with fourteen chapels along a processional route, and stations were instituted in all churches. Thus, though we cannot go to Jerusalem, we can, in our hearts and minds, follow the Via Dolorosa, and Our Lord as he carries His Cross.

**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. Confessions are on Saturday from 10.30am until at least 11am, along with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**

We are doing our best to improve the chapel to the right of the main altar, which has the picture of Saint Philip Howard and our patron Saint Clement. We have altar cloths on order for both side altars and we are going to move the cupboard to a less conspicuous place. In addition, we have ordered some new altar linens, that is, purificators and finger towels, as the ones we have are very old and threadbare and coming to the end of their lives.

**This Thursday A to Z of Catholicism takes place after the 7pm Mass, with 'L is for Lourdes.'**

All are welcome. We shall be looking at why the message of Lourdes is so important for the Church, its historical context, and why the Marxists hate it so very much.



## Marcia Bancroft RIP

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Marica Bancroft, who died on 26th February 2025 at the age of 84, at home, having received the Sacrament of the Sick, sometime previously and Holy Communion on the day of her death. Let us pray for her family and friends at this difficult and sad time for them.



## Margaret Angela Thorndale RIP

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Angela Thorndale, known always as Angie, who died on 14th February 2025 at the age of 96 at Priory Court Care Home, having received the Sacrament of the Sick and the Apostolic Blessing. Her funeral will take place at North East Surrey Crematorium, Morden, on Wednesday 26th March 2025 at 3.20pm. Let us pray for her friends and relations at this difficult and sad time for them.



**On the Second Sunday of Lent, three of the parish priests are going to 'rotate':**

Father Ian Vane will be coming here from Dorking, Fr Chris Bergin will be going to Dorking, and Fr Alexander will be going to Ashtead. This is to enable other parishioners to meet their parish clergy. I am sure you will all do your best to welcome Father Ian when he comes here.

**200 Club Winners from the February Draw were: Kevin Mallett, No.121 £30 & Susanna Bellino, No.100 £20**

Many thanks to all our members from your efforts, we were able to donate £1,930 to the parish funds at the year end of December 2024.

**Lent groups**

The Lent groups will be using a booklet recommended by the diocese called 'We Dare to Hope'. Each session will involve a meditation on a Gospel passage & then time for prayer & sharing. There will be 3 groups:

1. **Wednesdays 11:15am-12 noon** led by Pauline Groves starting on the 19th March.
2. **Wednesdays at 7.30pm** on zoom led by adult formation team (please email johnlodge47@gmail.com if you would like to attend) starting on 12th March.
3. **Fridays at 2pm** in St Clement's school for parents of pupils at the school led by Fiona Perks. Starting on the 7th March.

**Parish Men's Social Group**

The next meeting of the Parish Men's Social Group is on 11th March 8pm at The Wheatsheaf pub in Ewell Village. This is open to all men in the parish. Come along for a sociable evening with your fellow parishioners.

**The Archdiocese of Southwark are hosting a Sharing Your Faith Workshop on Saturday 15th March 11am-3:30pm at St Matthias Church, Worcester Park.**

This one day workshop aims to explore what it means to share our Catholic Faith. There will be practical tips and plenty of opportunities for discussion. For more details, including how to register, please see posters in the Church. Any questions, please email evangelisation@rcaos.org.uk

**Forthcoming Events**

- Sat 1st/Sun 2nd March: **Lent groups 'appeal'**  
 Sun 2 Mar **9am-12pm** Children's exchange Books, Toys & Equipment  
 Wed 5 Mar **Ash Wednesday**  
 Thur 6 Mar A to Z of Catholicism:  
**L is for Lourdes**  
 Sat 8 Mar **11am-12pm** FHC Session 8  
 Sat 8 Mar **6pm** FHC Celebration Mass  
 Sat/Sun 8/9 Mar **CAFOD** Appeal at all Masses  
 Tue 11 Mar **7am** Mass  
 Wed 12 Mar **7:30pm** Lent Groups  
 Wed 12 Mar, **12.15pm Funeral Mass of George White RIP**  
 Thur 13 Mar A to Z of Catholicism:  
**M is for Mary**  
 Fri 14 Mar **CAFOD** Family Fast Day  
 Fri 14 Mar **7pm** Stations of the Cross  
 Sat 15 Mar **Day of Recollection at Ladywell**  
 Sat 15 Mar St Patrick's Evening  
 Sat 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Sun March: **Parish priest swap**

**Assisted Dying Bill**

The Assisted Dying Bill is making progress through Parliament. In the Committee stage, which we were told would look at any flaws in the legislation, the Bill has been significantly liberalised. For example, the requirement that each death would have to be signed off by a High Court judge has been dropped. Instead, each application will be scrutinised by a panel of experts, all of whom, we assume, will be in favour of assisted dying. A highly restrictive law is being loosened up even before it is enacted by parliament. This follows the pattern of legislation in Canada & Belgium, where death by euthanasia is very common. Let us remember that the Catholic Church teaches that life is of infinite value at all stages, and that pain relief & palliative care are a better way than suicide in dealing with terminal illness. You might like to write to our MP, who supported the Bill, and try and change her mind, pointing out that this Bill opens the way for weak and vulnerable people being persuaded to end their lives against their own will.



**The Bookstall will be open at the**

**10:30am Mass this weekend**

Please come & see all the books & the new Missals to help you grow in faith.

**Mass Intentions from 22nd Feb - 2nd March 2025**

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| Sat 1 | 6pm     | Vigil Mass          | <b>B. Sinnott &amp; J. Thisthlethwait</b> |
| Sun 2 | 8.30am  | 8th Sunday in OT    | <b>A &amp; B Sukiennik RIP</b>            |
| Sun 2 | 10.30am | 8th Sunday in OT    | <b>People of the Parish</b>               |
| Mon 3 | 10am    | Feria in OT         | <b>Lil &amp; Fred Smith RIP</b>           |
| Wed 5 | 10am    | Ash Wednesday       | <b>Mary Schneider RIP</b>                 |
| Thu 6 | 7pm     | Thur after Ash Weds | <b>James Clifford RIP</b>                 |
| Fri 7 | 10am    | Fri after Ash Weds  | <b>Valerie Burholt RIP</b>                |
| Sat 8 | 6pm     | Vigil Mass          | <b>Catherine Hughes RIP</b>               |
| Sun 9 | 8:30am  | 1st Sunday of Lent  | <b>People of the Parish</b>               |
| Sun 9 | 10:30am | 1st Sunday of Lent  | <b>Florette Peres RIP</b>                 |

**Recovery and Well Being**



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

**Many thanks for your continued support of your parish, the Offertory collection has been calculated from the last 4 weeks Offertory donations, to create a weekly figure. This month's weekly total is equivalent to: £533.58 SO, £75.44 Cash, & £196.63 Gift Aid Envelopes, an average weekly total of £805.65.**