



### St Clement's Church, Ewell

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

#### Sunday 22nd September, 2024 is the Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year.

The readings this week carry on with the theme of the Suffering Christ that we heard last week. In the first reading, from the Book of Wisdom, the godless plot a shameful death for the virtuous man, which we read as a prophecy of the plot against Jesus by the Pharisees and Sadducees. In the Gospel, from Saint Mark, Jesus once more foretells His suffering and death, and how His disciples must take the lowest place rather than aim to exercise power and seek worldly glory. He takes a little child as a practical and living example of Christian humility. He then instructs us how we are to behave: 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' This contrasts with the bad things that have clearly been going on and which are condemned by Saint James in his letter, such as wars, battles, envy and jealousy.

#### Liturgical notes

We are in the month of September, dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. On days when there is no feast, we shall celebrate a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin.

**Monday** is the feast of St Pius of Pietralcina (1887-1968), better known as Padre Pio, the famous Capuchin, miracle worker and stigmatic of our own time, who has been immensely influential.

**Tuesday** is the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham.

**Thursday** is the feast of Saints Cosmas & Damian, martyrs. They were two brothers and doctors, who were martyred in the persecution of Diocletian.

**Friday** is the feast of St Vincent de Paul (1581 –1660), who was known for his charitable work with the poor and destitute.

**Next Sunday** we shall be hearing a brief appeal at all Masses for CAFOD. As mentioned last Sunday, fasting is a good work. You might like to know that children in Africa rarely eat sweets, unlike children and adults here. If we go without sweets (or some unnecessary thing) and send the money we save to people in Africa, we would be doing a good work.

Many thanks to all those who organised, cooked, cleaned up afterwards, prepared for, & supervised the superb leaving party for Father Graham. The food was delicious & we were greatly blessed in the weather, & we gave Father Graham a wonderful send off. It was nice to see so many people there, including former parishioners who had come from all over to see Father Graham. Well done everyone. **Father Graham's farewell card.** If you were not able to see the card, here are the details. The picture collage on the front traced his whole priestly career and the greeting inside said:  
**To Farther Graham,** With grateful thanks for your many years of leadership in prayer and in caring.  
May you have long and happy retirement. **With love from the parishioners of St Clements**

**Hall news.** We have placed our Hall under management, and bookings are now being handled by Praetorium, who specialise in this field. We are obviously keen to take bookings. The office number is **01372 457651** and the email is [office@lowcosthalls.co.uk](mailto:office@lowcosthalls.co.uk). The office is open 9-5 Mon-Fri. To the left of the Hall door is a key safe, newly installed. (Thanks to Rod.) The code can be made known on application.

**Don't forget: Saturday 28th September, 10.30am-1pm: refresher day for Extraordinary Ministers.**

**Daily Mass in the week is on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 10am. On Thursday, Mass is at 7pm.**

**Confessions** are on Saturday mornings at 10.30am, until 11am (at the earliest).  
During Confessions, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for silent Adoration.

**The Knights of St Columba** are holding their Annual Sponsored Walk for St Raphaels Hospice on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Over the past 30+ years they have raised close to £100,000. Brian Stone will be walking and if you would like to make a donation (or fundraise with the knights), please find him on [www.justgiving.com/team/ksc328-walk2024](http://www.justgiving.com/team/ksc328-walk2024) or use the QR code on the poster in the narthex.

#### Mary's Meals

If you have any more foreign coins for Mary's Meals, please put them in the envelope provided and post them through the Presbytery letterbox. We will be sending our very heavy haul off soon. Thanks for the stuff we have already received!

**Sister Marie Therese**, the well-known skydiver and Sister of Notre Dame, who came to our parish recently turned 85 last week. May God continue to bless her in her great work in South Africa. Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners during her visit and with a top up from the 8.30 Mass coffee donations, we have send her £500 which equates to R11,330 in South Africa and will go a long way.

**Our Facebook group** is now over 270 strong, a mere two months after it started. It is a very useful way of communicating, so please encourage other friends to join it. The more the merrier. It is very important for us to increase our Church's name recognition, and social media does help in this. Do share posts, particularly with local groups.

We are outlining the **proposed new Baptism course**, which is over several sessions (mostly on Zoom, for the convenience of parents with small children) and which needs the involvement of a team of parishioners. The fourth session is the Rite of Welcome, and done at Mass. The fifth session is entitled 'God loves you – who is He?' What exactly do we all think God is like? How do we picture Him? How does this fit in with the Christian revelation of God as the Blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit? These are some of the questions that need to be asked so we can come to a real and deeper understanding of God. If God is real (and He is) how do we communicate with Him, and what does it mean to be in a relationship with Him? The session then invites people to mediate on the meaning of Jesus' statements about Himself in the gospel of John: I am the Bread of Life; I am the Light of the World; I am the door/gate; I am the Good Shepherd; I am the Resurrection and the Life; I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; I am the true Vine.

**We are all baptised, but how do we live out the vocation we received at baptism?**

There are numerous ways, but here are nine, one more than last week:

- \* By welcoming others into the Church, by word, action, demeanour. This could mean helping with the Baptism course.
  - \* By proclaiming the Word out loud, that is, by reading in church. Any more takers?
- \* By being conscious that in our baptism we have received a vocation to be our best selves, to be transformed in Christ, and this vocation lasts our entire lifetime.
- \* By being conscious that you are called by name, which you received from your parents and which was mentioned at by our baptism, and that your name is important, being known to God, your Guardian Angel and your patron saint.
  - \* By doing works of charity. \* By living the Church's year, and following the Church's calendar.
  - \* By having hope in the future, being one called to glory. \* By reading the Bible.
- \* By having a vivid picture of God in our minds, and by knowing that we are living a life shared with Him.

**Come and help us celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Lourdes Pilgrimage in our Diocese.**

This is an opportunity to raise your voice to sing some Lourdes favourites alongside other Pilgrims from across the 50 years. There will be raffle, refreshments and sales stalls. Entry is free - donations to the Pilgrims welcome on the day.

**Saturday 26th October, at Worth Abbey, 2pm to 3.45pm** Do let us know you are coming along:

Go to: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/> and look for Lourdes Pilgrimage Anniversary Big Sing

**Confirmation 2025**

If you would like to make your confirmation next year, please complete an application form, available in the narthex in the rack under the newsletters. Candidates should be in at least school year 10 and attending Mass regularly at St Clement's.

The closing date for applications is 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Any questions, please speak to or message Ann Hannan Tel no: 07720 254748.

**Mass Count**

Over the next four weekends we have our annual Mass count. This is to see how many parishioners we have at each Mass over those weekends, we then submit our numbers to the Diocese.

Thank you for your co-operation

**Our Church is open**

during the hours of daylight, every day, apart from Tuesday, so people can come in and pray or just visit. If the red 'sausage' is in the doorway, this means the door is unlocked.

**Recovery and Well Being**

Please pray for:

Kitty Cusack, Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Jocelyn Bowen, Joseph Ewing, Martina Savage, Mel Alvarez, Shona Dane, Elpedio Travares, Nicholas Ward, Marcia Brancroft and Sally Mason.

**10:30am Coffee After Mass for September**

29 Brownies:

Elaine Briggs

**Thank you**

We have a letter of thanks from the Epsom & Ewell Food Bank thanking us for our "wonderful donation of £263.35. We couldn't do what we do without support like yours."

The full letter can be read on the noticeboard.

We have also sent a further donation of £50 to the foodbank from funds raised via the 8:30am Coffee after Mass.

**Key Holders**

If you are a Key Holder to any of the rooms, property, cupboards or anything that belongs to the Parish of St Clement's, please could you email [ewell@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ewell@abdiocese.org.uk) so that Julie can bring our records up to date please.

**Dates For Your Diary**

- 25 Sept FHC Parents Introduction Meeting. Church 7pm
- 28 Sept Refresher day for Extraordinary Ministers 10.30am-1pm
- 30 Sept Baptism Course, Tivey Room, 8pm
- 4 Oct CAFOD Family Fast Day
- 5 Oct FHC session one. 11am-12pm
- 5 Oct Refresher day for Proclaimers 10.30am- 1pm
- 6 Oct FHC Celebration Mass 10:30am
- 7 Oct Baptism Course, Tivey Room, 8pm.
- 19 Oct Meeting of the Finance Committee.
- 19 Oct FHC Session 2.11am-12pm:
- 19 Oct Parish Quiz Night
- 9 Nov FHC Session 3.11am-12pm: # Catechists 12pm-1pm
- 16 Nov FHC Session 4. 11am-12pm
- 23 Nov FHC Reconciliation Services 11am-1pm
- 24 Nov Winter Fair
- 30 Nov Polish Culture Evening - bring desserts to share

**Mass Intentions September 2024**

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| Sat 21 | 6pm     | Vigil Mass              | People of the Parish         |
| Sun 22 | 8:30am  | 25th Sunday in OT       | PP Varghese RIP              |
| Sun 22 | 10:30am | 25th Sunday in OT       | DM Walker Family RIP         |
| Mon 23 | 10am    | St Pius of Pietrelcina  | Available                    |
| Wed 25 | 10am    | Votive Mass             | DM Tempamy Family            |
| Thu 26 | 7pm     | Sts Cosmas & Damian     | Available                    |
| Fri 27 | 10am    | St Vincent de Paul      | Available                    |
| Sat 28 | 6pm     | Vigil Mass              | Recovery of Sally Mason      |
| Sun 29 | 8:30am  | 26th Sunday in OT       | Carmelina & Carmen Vella RIP |
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