

ST GEORGE, BICKLEY

NEWSLETTER 20th JULY 2025

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH

TODAY is our Dedication Festival, keeping the 161st anniversary of the consecration of St George's. As is our custom, the Events Committee have organised a bring-and-share finger buffet for after the Mass. Please join us in the hall (turn left out of the church door).

MY DEEP GRATITUDE for the Icon of Saint George, which together with the most generous contents of the 'brown envelope', and many cards and words from the congregation to mark my priestly Golden Jubilee. Fr Paul

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION has now started. We are offering preparation for children in Year 6 and above, and adults of any age. Confirmation is the mark of adult commitment to the Church, and the normal means of admission to Holy Communion, and is the completion of Baptism. Any adults and young people who worship at St George's without receiving Communion will be very welcome to be prepared. Please see Fr Henry if you are interested, as we can still accommodate latecomers. The Confirmation Service will be on 16th November.

THE PCC MEETS on Tuesday 22nd July at 7.30pm in the Hall, following Mass in the church at 7pm.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL AT ST JAMES'S, ELMERS END, Beckenham. Sunday 27th July at 5pm, followed by refreshments. Preacher Fr Andrew Davis SSC. Do go along to support our friends.

ROCHESTER SOCIETY PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD Saturday 30th August. Mass at 11am, preacher Fr Ben Eadon, Priest-Administrator of Walsingham. Children's workshop by Walsingham education department. Please speak to Fr Henry if you are interested, so we can arrange transport.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH FINISHES TODAY for the summer. There will be activity packs in church for children for the next few weeks. Children's Church will resume on Sunday 7th September. Have a good break!

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK:

Monday 21st 10.30 St George's School Leavers' Service

Tuesday 22nd 7.00pm Mass (St MARY MAGDALENE)
Song of Songs 3; 1-4. John 20; 1-2, 11-18.

Wednesday 16th 9.30 Mass (St BRIDGET)
Galatians 2; 19-20. John 15; 1-8.

Thursday 24th 9.30 Mass (St Sharbel Makhluuf)
Exodus 19; 1-2, 9-11, 16-20. Matthew 13; 10-17.

Friday 25th 9.30 Mass (St JAMES the Greater)
2 Corinthians 4; 7-15. Matthew 20; 20-28.
6.30pm Confessions

Saturday 26th 9.30 Mass & Rosary (Ss Joachim & Anne)
Exodus 24; 3-8. Matthew 13; 24-30.

NEXT SUNDAY: 17th in Ordinary Time (Trinity 6)

8.00 Mass (traditional rite)

10.30 Sung Mass

12.30pm Baptism Service

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

THOSE IN NEED: HM The King, Janet Aves, Keith Bowley, Sylvia Braybrooke, Sue Byers, Julie Couldridge, Beatrice Dadson, Sandra Donohue, Roger Edwards, Stuart Esk, Matthew Fairweather, Ahmed & Asma Farid, Jan Good, Norman Good, Elaine Greasley, Alison Hadfield, Caroline Houston, Mary Huggins, Kim James, Maxine Johnson, Catherine Jones, Ralph Jones, Marie Kerrigan, James Lofthouse, Rita McGrath, Joseph Milad, Elsie Neill, Nelly Oakeshott, Lee Ramsey, Lyn Ramsey, Scott Ramsey, John Rook, Shannon Sheridan, Joan Turpin, Norman Vaughton, Elaine Warner & family, Ann-Louise Whittaker, Laila Williams.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Margaret Goodwin, Ted Bennett.

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