



## St Clement's Church, Ewell

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

### Sunday 28th July, 2024 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Welcome to our new newsletter! We hope you like it. We have given up using the Redemptorist publications format, though if you still want a copy, they are to be found in the Narthex.

**Liturgical notes:** We are still in the month of July, which is dedicated to The Precious Blood of Jesus.

**This coming month, August,** is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On days when there is no feast we shall celebrate a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin. **Monday** is the feast of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus, the three siblings of Bethany who welcomed Jesus into their home. Saint Martha is revered as the patron saint of cooks. Mary is the one who listened to the Lord and thus 'chose the better part.' Their brother Lazarus is the one whom Jesus raised from the dead. **Tuesday** is the feast of Saint Peter Chrysologus (c. 380 – c. 450), called "Peter the Golden worded" because of his fine preaching, bishop of Ravenna. **Wednesday** is the feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), the founder of the Society of Jesuits, the Jesuits. **Thursday** is the feast of Saint Alphonsus Liguori (1697-1787), founder of the Redemptorist Order, and patron saint of moral theologians.

### Daily Mass in the week is on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 10am.

It is of the utmost importance for any parish to provide Daily Mass in the week; this is part of our worship of God, who commanded us 'to do this in memory of me.' It is also done to provide people with an opportunity to go to Mass in the week, a practice that has much to commend it, the Mass being the most important prayer of the Church. On Tuesdays & Thursdays, we aim to have Mass earlier in the morning & in the evening respectively, & see how that goes. It is, of course, essential to find a time that is convenient. Watch this space.

**Confessions** are on Saturday mornings at 10.30am, until 11am (at the earliest) or by

Appointment. During Confessions, the **Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for silent adoration.**

We have been particularly exhorted by our Bishop to have Adoration in every parish for the good of the diocese & the wellbeing of the Universal Church. In addition, on the first Friday of every month, we shall have

#### **Adoration after Mass.**

**The New Lectionary** is coming, & will be with us on the First Sunday of Advent, which falls on 1st December 2024. The 'new' lectionary is not really new, in that it uses the same readings that we have had since 1969; what is new is that it uses the translation of the Bible called the English Standard Version (ESV), rather than the Jerusalem Bible (JB) which we have been using up to now. As we all know, the Bible is a translation, & translations do go 'out of date' given that our use of English is always developing, as is scholarly understanding of the original text. The books of the Bible were written in Hebrew or Greek. Most books of the Old Testament were originally written in Hebrew, but some of the later ones were written in Greek, because even before the time of Our Lord, Hebrew had ceased to be a spoken language, & some of the later books, such as Wisdom, were meant to be circulated outside the land of Israel, where Greek was the lingua franca of the civilised world.

The entire Old Testament was translated into Greek in Egypt, shortly before the time of Our Lord.

In the time of Saint Paul & the evangelists, Greek was the obvious choice for books & letters that were destined to have a wide circulation, & the writers of the New Testament all spoke Greek with ease, & for some of them, it must have been their usual daily language. Later on, in the 4th century, the Bible was translated into Latin, because that was by then the more widely understood language. The Bible was translated into English in the 16th century, & the first English Bible was the Douai Bible, which was the work of Catholic scholars, & from which the later King James Bible borrowed heavily. Those brought up in the Anglican tradition will remember the latter perhaps, which is famous for the beauty of its language, but which is not particularly accessible today. (The same goes for the Douai version.) One of the hopes in introducing a lectionary based on the ESV, which will be common to all English-speaking countries, is that it will be both easy to understand & dignified in its language, avoiding what has been called 'gas board English', in other words the sort of expression that is purely functional & has no poetry to it. {More next week}

**The Presbytery Loft** is stuffed full of 30 yrs plus worth of, er, junk. We would love some volunteers on Monday 29th July at 10.45am (after Mass) to help clear it. A human chain could transfer the stuff to the newly emptied garage, where it can be sorted: some to the bin, some to charity shops, and some (eg records etc) to storage. It ought not to take long.

**Fr Graham**

Fr Graham has been in touch and would like you all to have his new address and telephone number. He is now at: 29, Boundary Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN15 8NF, 07728907525.

**Fr Alexander**

Please come along to our welcome party for Father Alexander, to be held after 10.30am Mass this Sunday in the church hall. There will be plenty to eat & drink including the usual teas, coffees and cakes. All are invited to show their support for our new Parish Priest.

**Coffee After 10:30am Mass Rota**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August:** Pauline & Rod Artiss. **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> August:** Pat Russell & Ann Hannan

**The 200 Club**

Congratulations to the winners of last Sunday's Draw: Sean Lynch No:205 £30 & Angela Eburne No:108 £20

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2025**

Children wishing to make their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion next year please get in touch with the office via [ewell@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ewell@abdiocese.org.uk). Children must be at least 7/8 years old, baptized Catholics & attend Mass regularly. Closing date: **Saturday, 24th August.**

**Holy Communion**

Holy Communion in all our churches has been, for decades, 'under both kinds'. While it is true that a person who receives the Body of Christ, receives Holy Communion completely, receiving the Precious Blood from the chalice makes Holy Communion a more complete sign. While it is not compulsory to receive from the chalice, all should have that opportunity, which means we shall strive to re-introduce the chalice as soon as is practical. This means reviving awareness of how to receive from the chalice, especially in those who may not remember the time before Covid (the young, especially those who have made their First Holy Communion only under one kind) and organising a team of Extraordinary Ministers to administer the chalice to the faithful.

**Parish Core Team**

The Parish Core (or Transition) Team has met, and so has the Parish Finance Committee. In the latter we discussed some of the things mentioned in this newsletter. Our financial situation is reasonably good, but we are facing several capital projects which will cost a lot in the medium term. In the short term, apart from redecorating the presbytery and curing the leaks in the building, which is at the time of writing this still continuing, we aim to redecorate the covered ways between the presbytery, the hall and the Church, which need to be done to stop the wood rotting. For the Church itself, we need to buy new cassocks for the servers.

We also would like to refurbish the Hall kitchen and repaint the Hall.

**Rod Artiss will talk about this on Sunday 1st September at all Masses.**

**Apples**

Do you like apples? The presbytery garden tree is full of cooking apples. Please call in and help yourself. (We have ladders if you need them.)

**Open Church**

Our Church needs to be open during the hours of daylight, so people can come in and pray. If the red 'sausage' is in the doorway, this means the door is unlocked. We are urgently seeking the keys of the sacristy so it can be locked while the Church is open. We have found the keys of the Tivey Room, which will be kept locked when not in use. (If you need to use the room, just ask for the keys). Is there anyone who would like to do an hour or so in Church every now and then in order to keep an eye on the building.

**Mass**

Saturday Vigil 6pm	Peggy Grufferty RIP
Sunday 28th 8:30am	People of the Parish
Sunday 28th 10:30am	Bernie Mitchell RIP
Monday 29th 10am	Wally Loch RIP
Weds 31st 10am	GE of Suzanne Clarke & family
Friday 2nd Aug 10am	Amy Loch RIP
Saturday 3rd Aug 6pm	GE of Suzanne Clarke & family
Sunday 4th Aug 8:30am	People of the Parish
Sunday 4th Aug 10:30am	Nelson D'Souza RIP
Monday 5th Aug 10am	David Owens RIP
Weds 7th Aug 10am	GE Timothy Lucie-Smith & family
Friday 9th Aug 10am	Intentions of the Alpera Family
Saturday 10th Aug 6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 11th Aug 8:30am	Consuelo Buddery & Family
Sunday 11th Aug 10:30am	

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

28 <sup>th</sup> July	Welcome to Fr Alexander Coffee Morning
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Parish Walk and bring your own picnic. Horton Country Park weather permitting
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Thank you B-B-Q for Fr Graham
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parish Quiz
<b>24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Parish Winter Fair</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Family Polish Culture Evening & Meal. bring desserts to share.

We will be producing a Newsletter every week, if you have any items that you would like to go into the newsletter please **Email: Parish Secretary at: [ewell@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ewell@abdiocese.org.uk)**