



St Clement's Church, Ewell

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Sunday 25th August, 2024 This Sunday is the Twenty First Sunday of the Year.

In the first reading, from the Book of Joshua, the people of Israel renew the Covenant and promise once more to serve the Lord as they prepare to take possession of the Promised Land. In the Gospel, from Saint John, many of the people, having heard Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist, decide not to follow him anymore. However, Saint Peter speaks for the Twelve when he says: 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.' Today's readings invite us to deepen our adherence to Jesus the Lord.

Liturgical notes

We are in the month of August, dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On days when there is no feast, we shall celebrate a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin.

This Sunday, we are re-introducing Holy Communion 'under both kinds'.

The priest will be at the centre administering the Host: you are asked to approach in two lines. Then, after receiving the Sacred Host in the usual manner, you can receive from the chalice either at the left or the right-hand side of the sanctuary, returning to your place in the usual way.

Monday is the feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi (1792 – 1849). He spent his life as a mission priest in England, preaching the faith and making many converts. He received St John Henry Newman into the Church.

He died of exhaustion by his pastoral labours at Reading.

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Monica (c.332 – 387), mother of Saint Augustine, who converted her son through her constant prayers on his behalf. Her life story is told in her son's *Confessions*.

Wednesday is the feast of St Augustine, bishop (354 – 430). He is the foremost Christian writer of his own or any age.

Thursday is the feast of the Passion (or Beheading) of Saint John the Baptist.

Friday is the feast of Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Lyne and Margaret Ward, martyrs. These pious Englishwomen all suffered heroically for their faith and were executed for the 'crime' of aiding priests. Saint Margaret Clitherow was tortured to death in York in 1586; Saint Margaret Ward was hanged at Tyburn after being tortured in 1588; Saint Anne was hanged at Tyburn in 1601.

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.

Our Church is open during the hours of daylight, every day, apart from Tuesday, so people can come in and pray.

If the red 'sausage' is in the doorway, this means the door is unlocked.

Proposed New Baptism Course

A few weeks ago we were outlining the **proposed new Baptism course**, which is over several sessions (most on Zoom, for the convenience of parents with small children) and which needs the involvement of a team of parishioners.

The first session, which is face to face, is designed to welcome the family. In Baptism God welcomes us into His family as His children; this theological welcome makes no sense unless the 'family' of St Clement's also shows its welcome in a practical and warm way to parents and children. So we have to talk the talk and walk the walk as well. Parents may not be over-familiar with church and church things, so we have to put them at their ease (remembering how easy it is to put people off!) The first session consists of tea and cake, an introduction to the course, a getting to know you session, and a tour of the church. This is where five or six parishioners would be really helpful in being there as representatives of the church.

The church is, after all, a community of people, not just a building. **We are all baptised, but how do we live out the vocation we received at baptism?** There are numerous ways, but here are two:

- 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?

Owen Roe RIP

Please pray for the soul of Owen Roe who died aged 96 on 19th July in Watford, Hertfordshire, following a short stay in hospital. He was the beloved brother-in-law of Kay Bryne. He was born and brought up in Epsom and Ewell and was a stalwart and active member at St Clements for 30 years until he and his family moved to Hertfordshire in 1970.

His burial is taking place in Epsom Cemetery after a Requiem in Watford on Monday 2nd September at 12 noon.

Our Parish Hall

As you all know, we have a Parish Hall, and we wish to do our best to make maximum use of it. This means in practice two things: we are aiming to improve its appearance. To this end we are planning to paint the interior brickwork which is looking a little bit tired, and we would like volunteers to form a team to help with this. Rod will be speaking about this after Mass, this Sunday. We are already taking in hand the roof over the entranceway, and the kitchen refurbishment.

The second thing is to increase the usage the Hall gets by various groups. Hall users do pay a fee, and this should at the very least cover our expenses of heating, lighting, water, and, most important of all, upkeep.

We aim to try and maximise the usage of the Hall in coming months. Once again, watch this space.

What is a Mass intention?

The Church teaches that Jesus died on the Cross for the salvation of all people, living & dead, of his own time & for all times. The Sacrifice of the Mass is offered, therefore, for all the living & the dead, as the words of the Eucharistic Prayer make clear. The Church also provides that each Mass, in addition, can be offered for a single named intention. When the faithful ask a priest to offer a Mass for a living person or a departed soul, it is customary for the faithful to provide for the upkeep of the priest for that day. In Africa it was sometimes the custom to offer a parcel of food, or even a live goat; in the diocese of Arundel & Brighton, the offering has been set at £10, though one can offer more or less in accord with one's means. In our diocese priests are not paid a monthly stipend, but receive free lodging & an allowance for food & drink, plus legitimate expenses. Their additional income comes from the Easter & Christmas collections (on normal Sundays this money is for the parish & the diocese, not the priest himself) as well as Mass offerings and stole fees, the offerings made for weddings, funerals & baptisms. The Mass intention is usually advertised in the newsletter and/or announced at the Mass itself. This has a twofold purpose: to encourage the faithful to unite themselves with that intention, & to remind ourselves that the Mass is a sacrifice offered by Jesus on the Cross for our salvation. Incidentally, if the mass is being offered for a deceased soul, the name will have 'RIP' after it. If it is offered for a living person, it was say 'GE' ('good estate') before the name. Sometimes people like to send Mass cards (these are for in the narthex). This tells a person that you have arranged for the Mass to be offered for them, or someone close to them who has died. It is normal for the mass card to be signed by the priest who is saying that Mass. The Mass can be requested for a certain date, such as the anniversary of a death, or a birthday.

Baptism

If you would like to have your child baptised at St Clement's Church, please pick up an Application form from the Narthex entitled 'Sacrament of Baptism'. Please complete & return the form to the parish secretary. The next Baptismal preparation course runs on Monday 30th September & 7th October, at 8pm in the Tivey room. Please have your Applications forms in by then. **Baptismal Certificates** to the end of June 2024 can be collected from Fr Alexander.

Extraordinary Ministers' Day

On Saturday 28th September, starting at 10.30am and running until 1pm at the latest, we shall have a Refresher Day for Extraordinary Ministers. The 'day' will be divided into three parts: spiritual, with a time for prayer; a reflexion on why Holy Communion under both kinds is important, and then a question and answer session. Please take this as your invitation to attend. We will meet in the Church.

Proclaimers' Day

On Saturday 5th October, starting at 10.30am and running until 1pm at the latest, we plan to have a Refresher Day for Proclaimers. The 'day' will be practical and spiritual in nature, looking at how the proclamation of the Scriptures is an integral part of the Liturgy and how proclaiming is part of our baptismal vocation. Would any members of our congregation like to consider this ministry? If so, please get in touch. The only qualification is to be baptised and to have made your First Holy Communion, and to be able to read.

Church Project

We have made further progress on the arrangement of the benches in the Church, you may notice. The idea is that the benches should be symmetrical, and to remove excess clutter. To this end the chairs have been removed and placed either in storage or in the Narthex. This is an ongoing project, and there is no hurry, and we shall look at other aspects of the way things are arranged on subsequent Wednesdays. If you want to have input into the process, do join in after Mass on Wednesdays!

Dates For Your Diary

- 24/25 Aug Reintroduction of Communion under both kinds
- 1 Sept Appeal for funds by Rod Artiss
- 2 Sept Burial of Owen Roe RIP, Epsom cemetery **12noon**
- 2 Sept Funeral of Dave Campbell RIP, **2.45pm** Randall's Park.
- 3 Sept Funeral Mass of Jean Marshall RIP **10.30am**
- 12 Sept School Mass **2:15pm**
- 15 Sept Thankyou BBQ for Fr Graham
- 19 Sept Core Group meeting **7.30pm**
- 28 Sept Refresher day for Extraordinary Ministers **10.30am-1pm**
- 30 Sept Baptism Course, Tivey Room, **8pm**
- 5 Oct Refresher day for Proclaimers **10.30am- 1pm**
- 7 Oct Baptism Course, Tivey Room, **8pm.**
- 19 Oct Meeting of the Finance Committee

Cooking Apples

There are still lots of apples to be harvested from the Presbytery garden. Just ask!



Congratulations to the Winners of the August draw of the 200 Club are:

- Marlene Mapleson No.94 £30
- Anne-Marie Evans No.199 £20

10:30am Coffee After Mass for September

- 1 Parish Funds **Lesley, Wyn and Lil**
 - 8 Parish Funds **Ann & Robin Hannan, Pat Russell**
 - 15 **Parish B-B-Q**
 - 22 Macmillan Coffee
- Morning: **Social Committee**

Mass Intentions August 2024

Sat 24	6pm	Vigil Mass	Available
Sun 25	8:30am	21st Sunday in OT	People of the Parish
Sun 25	10:30am	21st Sunday in OT	Jean Cowie RIP
Mon 26	10am	Blessed Dominic Barberi	Available
Wed 28	10am	St Augustine	Available
Thur 29	7pm	Passion of St John the Baptist	Available
Fri 30	10am	Sts: Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward	Available

Recovery and Well Being



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