



# **St Clement's Church, Ewell**

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## **Sunday 9th February is the Fifth Sunday of the Year**

The readings & prayers can be found in the purple books on page 135. The first reading is the prophet Isaiah's account of his vision in the Temple, in the year King Uzziah died, 740 BC. God calls the young Isaiah to be a prophet, & makes him worthy to be so. The words of the angels singing the glory of God are still used by us in the acclamation at the start of the Eucharistic Prayer. 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!' In St Luke's Gospel, after the miraculous draught of fishes, St Peter is overcome by his sense of sin in the same way as Isaiah was. However, Jesus promises to make him a fisher of men. If we see God clearly, we will be aware of just how we do not measure up to his glory & goodness, but God, who calls us, will give us strength to live out our vocation.

**The Crib has been dismantled.** Next year we shall have new Crib. The old one is going to a new home. After the 6pm Mass on Saturday, Davut and Freddie will compete in the Tivey Room for the honour of taking the Crib home. All are invited to watch.

## **This Sunday, 9th February, is the Parish Open Meeting**

Join us in the Hall after the 10.30am Mass, when you are all invited to come and discuss matters to do with all aspects of Parish life. A statement of the parish finances will be available.

**At the recent Finance Committee meeting**, we got round to looking at the various collection boxes in the Church. We have been trying to locate keys for them and have succeeded in three cases. The box to the left of the sanctuary by the back door is for candle money: there is no set donation for candles, just give what you like. There are two boxes in the Narthex, one marked Repository, and the other marked Poor/SVP. The first is for items bought from the shop, the second is for donations to the Poor Fund. All other boxes are out of use and have been taped shut; we hope to get a locksmith to look at them in due course. Meanwhile, do not forget the electronic collecting boxes.

## **Social Evening**

Many thanks to all the workers who made the **International Food Evening** such a huge success. The food was delicious, and we were provided with a genuine taste of so many countries: the Seychelles, Ireland, India, Italy, Nigeria, South Africa, Malta, Poland, the Philippines, Turkey and Japan to name but a few. Moreover, we raised an unlooked for but welcome £240. The next social event is going to be the **Saint Patrick's evening** on the 15th March.

## **Liturgical notes**

We are in Ordinary Time and the vestments are green, the colour symbolic of growth. This will last until Wednesday 5th March, when Lent begins. The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family, and on days when there is no feast, we shall celebrate a Votive Mass of Saint Joseph or a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin.

**Monday is the feast of St Scholastica**, the sister of St Benedict. She was born roughly about 480 and died on 10th February 543. She dedicated herself to God from an early age, and then set up a community modelled on her brother's Rule. She is regarded as the foundress of the Benedictine nuns.

**Tuesday is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.** It is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

**Friday is the feast of Sts Cyrill, monk, and Methodius, bishop, patron saints of Europe.** Cyril (827-869) and Methodius (826-885) were brothers, born in Thessalonica, in northeastern Greece. They became priests and monks but were soon called upon to be missionaries. Their first journey took them to the Khazars, a semi-nomadic Turkic people who lived in lands around and between the Black and Caspian Seas, which today include Ukraine, Russia and the Caucasus. Their work there was successful, spreading the Gospel in those lands. The brothers were then asked to go to Moravia, the eastern part of what is today the Czech Republic, especially around the city of Brno. The Slavic peoples of Central Europe were coming into contact with the Gospel and wanted to be taught in their native languages. The brothers first developed an alphabet for the Slavic peoples, one which included the unique sounds of Slavic tongues: their work laid the foundation for the Cyrillic alphabet. They translated the Gospels and liturgical books into Slavonic. Cyril and Methodius were called to Rome by Pope Adrian II where Cyril died and the Pope ordained Methodius bishop, and sent him back to Moravia. Methodius died in 885 and, as a mark of the success of his evangelization efforts, was succeeded by a Slav in his diocese.

**Because Lent is now not so very far off, we need to start thinking now of what we plan to do. Two things are on the horizon. On Tuesdays in Lent we shall celebrate an early morning Mass for workers and others at 7am. On Fridays in Lent, we shall have Stations of the Cross in the evening.**

Daily Mass in the week is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10am. On Thursday, Mass is at 7pm. Confessions are on Saturday from 10.30am until at least 11am, along with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

To Hire our hall please contact Praetorium, on 01372457651 or email: [office@lowcosthalls.co.uk](mailto:office@lowcosthalls.co.uk).

The office is open 9am-5pm Monday-Friday.

**George White RIP**



We have heard the sad news of the death of George White, who died on 3rd February, at St George's Hospital at the age of 88 years, having received the sacrament of the sick. His funeral Mass will be here on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 12:15pm, to be followed by burial at Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery. Let us pray for the repose of his soul, and for the comfort of his family at this sad and difficult time.

**This Thursday the Core Group are meeting after the 7pm Mass on Thursday**, and the A to Z of Catholicism takes a week off, resuming next week, 20<sup>th</sup> February, with 'J is for Jesus.' All are welcome. We shall be looking at who Jesus is and why He is important, indeed, at the centre of the Universe and history.

**The Holy Year, or Jubilee, has begun, part 6**

An influx of pilgrims is expected in Rome. There will be 35 million visitors in 2025, nearly triple of its 13 million visitors in 2023. Pilgrimage is a "fundamental" part of jubilee events, Pope Francis said in "Spes Non Confundit." "Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life. A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort & simplicity of life," he wrote. He noted that jubilee pilgrims are likely to visit Rome's Christian catacombs & its seven pilgrim churches-the basilicas of St. Peter, St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. Lawrence, Holy Cross & St. Sebastian - destinations St. Philip Neri popularized in the 16th century with a 15-mile walk. Twelve other Roman churches, including the Sanctuary of Divine Love in southeast Rome, are designated "jubilee churches" intended as gathering spots for pilgrims during the jubilee. Major events are happening in Rome, including jubilee gatherings with liturgies, speakers & papal audiences to celebrate different groups within the church. The first was the Jubilee of the World of Communications Jan 24-26, followed by the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police & Security Personnel Feb 8-9. The jubilee also includes gatherings for artists (Feb. 15-18), deacons (Feb. 21-23) and even marching bands (May 10-11). Some of these special gatherings will coincide with major canonizations, such as the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis during the Jubilee of Teenagers April 25-27, and the canonization of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati during the Jubilee of Young People July 28-Aug. 3.

**Forthcoming events**

- Sat 8 Feb **9am** Liturgy planning meeting
- Sat 8 Feb **11am-12pm:** FHC Session 7
- Sat 8 Feb **4pm-7pm** Confirmation IV
- Sun 9 Feb **10:30am** FHC Celebration Mass
- Sun 9 Feb **11.30am** Parish Open Meeting.
- Thu 13 Feb **7.30pm** Meeting of the Core Group.
- Sun 16 Feb **6pm-7.30pm** Altar Servers' Training, Pizza and Games.
- Thu 20 Feb **7.30pm** The A to Z of Catholicism, 'J is for Jesus.'
- Thu 27 Feb **7.30pm** The A to Z of Catholicism, 'K is for Kyrie Eleison.'
- Sun 2 Mar **9am-12 noon** Children's Book, Toys & Equipment exchange.
- Wed 5 Mar **Ash Wednesday.**
- Sat 8 Mar **11am-12pm** FHC Session 8.
- Sat 8 Mar **6pm** FHC Celebration Mass.
- Sat 15 Mar Day of Recollection at Ladywell.
- Sat 15 Mar St Patrick's Evening.

**A date for the diary: Deanery Lent Retreat Days:**

An opportunity not to be missed! Take some time aside this Lent to pray & reflect on the Passion of the Lord. Fr Alexander will lead parishioners from across the Deanery in reflection on the Stations of the Cross & the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. Plus, there will be time for quiet prayer, prayer together, & the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Lent Retreat will be offered on two dates:

- 1) **At Ladywell Convent, Godalming - Sat 15th March 10.30am - 4.30pm; Cost: Ladywell £25, incl lunch;**
- 2) **At St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth - Sat 29th March, 10.30am - 4.30pm. Chilworth £10, bring a packed lunch.**

To help with planning, please book by **Sunday 16th February:**

For the Retreat day at Ladywell please email: **ashtead@abdiocese.org.uk**; For Chilworth please email: **ewell@abdiocese.org.uk**. We look forward to seeing you.

**Lent Talks and Thoughts**

Talks by Fr John Seddon OSB, at St Alphege Hall, Effingham. Weds 7.30pm from 12th March. More information next week.

**Mass Intentions for February 2025**

Sat 8	6pm	Vigil Mass	<b>GE of Morris Family</b>
Sun 9	8.30am	5th Sunday in OT	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Sun 9	10.30am	5th Sunday in OT	<b>Michael O'Connell RIP</b>
Mon 3	10am	St Blaise	<b>Available</b>
Wed 5	10am	St Agatha	<b>Available</b>
Thu 6	7pm	St Paul Miki	<b>Thanks: Norton &amp; Maureen Lock</b>
Fri 7	10am	Feria in OT	<b>Available</b>
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**Recovery and Well Being**

Please pray for:



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

**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**