



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

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### **Sunday 11th August, 2024 This Sunday is the Nineteenth Sunday of the Year.**

As last Sunday, the readings focus on the Eucharist. In the first reading, from the First Book of Kings, the prophet Elijah, fleeing into the desert, is sustained by food given to him by an angel which enables him to reach his goal, the mountain of God. We too regard the Eucharist as the Bread of Angels and 'food for the journey' to sustain us through life. In the Gospel, from St John, Jesus continues His teaching on the Eucharist, telling the people: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' This is the scriptural basis for the Church's belief that the bread of the Eucharist becomes the Body, Blood, Divinity and Soul of Our Lord through the miracle of transubstantiation in the Mass, and is to be worshipped as such.

### **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. **Monday** is the feast of Saint Jane Frances de Chantal (1572 – 1641). After becoming a widow, she became a nun, founding the order of the Visitation; she worked closely with Saint Francis de Sales.

She is the patron saint of widows. **Tuesday** is the feast of Saints Pontian and Hippolytus, martyrs of the third century.

**Wednesday** is the feast of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr, who died heroically giving his life for another in Auschwitz in 1941. **Thursday** is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. At the end of her earthly life the Blessed Virgin was assumed, body and soul into heaven. **Friday** is the feast of Saint Stephen of Hungary, king, who died in 1038.

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

This Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady which is a Holy Day of Obligation when the faithful are urged to go to Mass. Mass is at 7pm.

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

### **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.**

### **The New Lectionary**

The New Lectionary is coming, & will be with us on the First Sunday of Advent, which falls on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024. The current lectionary, which follows a three year Sunday cycle, was one of the fruits of the Second Vatican Council, which hoped that Catholics would get to know the Scriptures well. Since then, this has happened, but it is a continuing process. The talk around the new translation is to encourage people to renew their commitment to knowing the Scriptures. How does one do this? There are several ways. First of all, read one of the books of the Bible. There are 73 of them, of varying ease & accessibility. It is easy to read, let us say, Jonah, or Tobit, or Mark, or Philemon, sometimes in a few minutes, & let the experience sink in. It is not necessary to know anything about the book before engaging in the text. But to engage with the text by reading it whole, rather than in chunks, or reading extracts, is essential. So, all Catholics should aim to read the Bible at home on their own. Only after this has been done, then one can 'study' & find out when the particular book was written, for what purpose, & when, all of which are interesting questions, but none of which can be approached without first knowing the text. The bits we hear in Church are edited highlights & to be recognised as such against our reading of the whole outside the setting of the Mass. So, reading! By the way, do you actually have a Bible? If not, please ask for one, as we have numerous editions in the Presbytery, which need to go to good homes where they will be appreciated & used.

### **Dave Campbell RIP**

We have heard the sad news of the death, after a long illness, of Dave Campbell, who was for many years caretaker at St Clement's School, and was known to many parishioners. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and for the comfort of his family at this sad and difficult time for them.

### **Jean Marshall RIP**

We have heard the sad news of the death of Jean Marshall who died in Epsom Hospital on 26th July, at the age of 83, having received the Sacrament of the Sick and the Apostolic Pardon. May she rest in peace, and may God comfort her family at this sad and difficult time for them.

**Funeral arrangements for both will be announced when known.**

**Recovery and Well Being** Please pray for Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Jocelyn Bowen, Joseph Ewing, Martina Savage, Mel Alvarez, Shona Dane, Sheila Hall, Elpedio Travares, Nicholas Ward and Marcia Brancroft.

### Music

As it is August our musicians at the 10.30am Mass are taking a month off, as is usual, and will be back in September. Many thanks to them for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. In addition, the music-makers at the 6pm Mass Jaqui & John, who have taken it in turns to provide music over the years with great dedication, have retired from the fray. Many thanks to them for all they have done and all their dedication to the parish! In September, we shall look at other ways of providing music at 6pm. Please give that some thought, if you can. In the meantime, at the 10.30am Mass this Sunday we will be making a small presentation to Jaqui as a sign of our appreciation. We will have a presentation for John, who is currently away, when he returns.

We are aware that the microphone on the altar is not working as well as it should. Steps are being taken to replace it.

### New Albs

We mentioned some time ago the prospect of getting new albs for our servers, as the current ones seem rather shabby.

A sample has arrived, and was worn at the 10.30am Mass last week. What do you think of the new version?

The rest will be coming soon. A kind parishioner has offered to finance this, in memory of the late John Stratford.

Let us continue to pray for his soul.

### Holy Communion 'under both kinds'.

On the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> August, we shall re-introduce Holy Communion '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. To this end, from 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> August, 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. The faithful should take the chalice in both hands from the minister, receive the Precious Blood, and then return the chalice to the minister. Needless to say we must avoid spillage at all costs. On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 10.30am and running until 1pm at the latest, we shall have a Refresher Day for Extraordinary Ministers.

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 10.30am and running until 1pm at the latest, we plan to have a **Refresher Day for Proclaimers**. Would any members of our congregation like to consider this ministry? If she, 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.

Proclaiming the Word is something all the baptised are called on to do!

**Bishop Richard Moth** calls for a renewed openness to peace as UK protests continue. Addressing people of all faiths and none he highlighted the importance of 'reconciliation, understanding & a renewed openness to peace.' Violent anti-immigration protests have erupted across the UK, with demonstrations taking place in a number of towns and cities. The Catholic Church teaches that we are one human family, that every person is made in the image & likeness of God, & that all human life is sacred. Bishop Richard said: "The violent demonstrations we are witnessing at this time are a cause of immense distress & concern to us all. A violent approach will increase tension, fear & resentment for all in our communities, at a time when we should seek reconciliation & understanding. "It is vitally important that we recognise the innate dignity & value of every human person. I call on all those within our Catholic family and beyond to pray for a rapid end to the present difficulties & a renewed openness & commitment to peace."

**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 and return the form to the parish secretary. The next Baptismal preparation course runs on Tuesday 1st & 8th 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.

### Dates For Your Diary

**15th Aug** 7pm Mass Feast: Our Lady of Assumption,  
**24/25 Aug** Reintroduction of Communion under both kinds  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sept** Appeal for funds by Rod Artiss

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**12<sup>th</sup> Sept** School Mass 2:15pm  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sept** Thankyou BBQ for Fr Graham,  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sept** Core Group meeting.7.30pm

### Mass Intentions for August 2024

Sat 10	6pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sun 11	8:30am	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ints: Consuelo Bermudez & Fam
Sun 11	10:30am	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	John Stratford RIP
Mon 12	10am	St Jane Frances de Chantal	Ints: Teresa Mary
Wed 14	10am	St Maximilian Kolbe	Ints: Consuelo Bermudez & Fam
Thur 15	7pm	Assumption of Our Lady	People of the Parish
Fri 16	10am	St Stephen of Hungary	GE: Timothy Lucie-Smith & Fam
Sat 17	10.30am	Our Lady on Saturday	Adoration: Blessed Sacrament
Sat 17	6pm	Vigil Mass	Jean Marshall RIP
Sun 18	8:30am	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sun 18	10:30am	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sr Clare Joseph FC RIP