



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

**Parish Priest: Fr. Alexander Lucie-Smith [alexander.lucie-smith@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:alexander.lucie-smith@abdiocese.org.uk)**

Web Site: [www.stclementsewell.org](http://www.stclementsewell.org) 307 Kingston Road KT19 0BW Tel: 0208 393 5572

Parish Secretary: Julie Young Email: [ewell@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ewell@abdiocese.org.uk) Office hours: Weds, Thurs & Fri 9am-1pm

Roman Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton Charity No. 252878

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

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May is the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

The readings and prayer for today are to be found on page 263 of the purple books. In the first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we are told what happened when Paul and Barnabas went to preach the Word of God in Pisidian Antioch: the Jews did not want to listen to them, so they turned to the Gentiles, who were very happy to hear the Gospel preached to them. The Gospel is from Saint John, in which Jesus, the Good Shepherd speaks of His sheep, saying that they know His voice and follow Him, and that He offers them eternal life.

We are His sheep, and He is our Shepherd.

## **Mission Witness: 'Red Box' Thank You and Appeal**

This weekend we welcome Father Bernie Luna of the Mill Hill Missionaries to give the five-yearly Appeal. Thank you to all parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, Missio, and Britain's own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries, through the Red Box. There will not be a second collection, but if you do not currently have a Red Box, please do consider taking one. It would be fantastic if every home had a Red Box to help care for our Church family throughout the world. You can find more information or set up a Direct Debit online at [missio.org.uk/redbox](http://missio.org.uk/redbox)

## **Next Sunday we are holding the Parish Open Meeting in the Hall after the 10.30am Mass**

Do come along to discuss our parish's future, what we are doing right, what we can do better, what we are not doing at all. Fiona Perks will curate the agenda, so do see her if there is something you wish to raise. Neil Conroy will be chairing the meeting, and we hope it will not be unduly protracted.

## **Liturgical notes**

**Monday is the feast of the Carthusian Martyrs, killed by Henry VIII for their fidelity to the Church.**

**There will be no Mass on this day.**

**Wednesday is the feast of Saint Matthias, the apostle who was chosen by lot to replace Judas, according to the Acts of the Apostles. On this day we are laying to rest Murty Conneely RIP, and Mass will be at 11am.**

On Thursday there is no a feast, but we will be having a Mass of Thanksgiving for our new Pope, **Pope Leo XIV.**

**On Friday, Mass will be at 10am.**

On Saturday, there will be no Adoration and Confessions, as this is the day of our parish pilgrimage to Tyburn and Westminster for the Holy Year. We are expected at Tyburn Convent at 11am, where we shall meet one of the community and hear an explanation of why the Convent is there, and what it does. We shall then visit the place the martyrs suffered, which is what is now called Marble Arch, and then walk to the Cathedral. It is proposed to get the 9.25am train from Stoneleigh and then walk to Tyburn which takes about one hour, following the scenic routes: Trafalgar Square, the Mall, Hyde Park. After our visit to the convent, it is proposed to picnic in Hyde Park before going to the Cathedral and then on to Victoria Station. Those who are not fleet of foot are urged to come and make the 'walk' by public transport. If you wish to come, please inform the parish secretary who will curate the list. There is no cost to this pilgrimage, though we should make an offering to the Convent, and we need to bring our own picnics.

## **As you all know, we do have Children's Liturgy at the 10.30am Mass on Sundays.**

This is important, and it is appreciated by many, and the children themselves seem to like it very much and learn a great deal from it. So, we all want it to continue. But... it requires adult volunteers to run it, so if you think you could help out, please speak to Tammy and volunteer your services.

## **This Easter we had the great joy of having 4 new members of the Church, two baptised, & two received.**

The usual way of joining the Church is to be baptised on Easter Sunday, and while next Easter Sunday seems a long way off, it is good to look forward and to ask if there is anyone who would like to be received (that is someone already baptised, but not a Catholic) or be baptised this coming Easter. We have one candidate already, but others are welcome. When we have expressions of interest, we can then craft the dates for our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) course. Please give it some thought, and please pray that some who may have been thinking of this for some time may be inspired to take the step.

## **Because of the passing of the late Holy Father, we postponed the Book Exchange.**

This will now take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, all morning. (This is the same day as a First Holy Communion Mass, but there are no better days available.) Please tell all your friends, bring all the books you do not want, and take all the books that take your fancy. You can bring books the evening before, if you wish.

**The A to Z of Catholicism will resume: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May, which is Ascension Thursday, after 7pm Mass.**

Because there is no Q, the next letter is R and the talk will be **R for Redemption**. What does redemption mean, and how are human beings redeemed, by whom, and why do we need redemption? What do we mean when we speak of Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of Mankind? After that it will be **S for the Saints**, a consideration of the vital role of the Saints played in the life of the Church.

**Mission Red Box Thank you and Appeal**

This weekend we welcome Fr Bernie Luna MHM to give a red box appeal. Thank you to parishioners who already give to Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission. Your generous donations either through the Red Box or Direct Debit, support the Church around the World where it is young or in need. There will not be a second collection as the appeal is for membership to the Red Box scheme. Please keep the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries in your prayers. To find out more please visit [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)

**Core group meeting 1st May 2025**

The core group met recently to discuss all matters parish. Safeguarding was discussed, and all those who meet with vulnerable adults or children will need to have a DBS and or training. If you have not been contacted already, please see Anne Crisp. (Details in the Narthex of the Church)

If you know of anyone who would welcome a visit from the St Anthony's group please speak to Fr Alexander in the first instance.

Altar rails are due to be fitted near the ambo on the sanctuary and a defibrillator in the Church Narthex. The Kitchen design for the Parish Hall was agreed by the core group and some remedial electrical work has already been completed. The fitting of the new kitchen should begin in the summer holidays.

There was an update from the meeting the deanery clergy had with Bishop Richard. Particularly re the need for a Moderated Parish finance committee and an Administration hub.

The Adult formation group are reviewing a Bible study course and there is now a new Sycamore plus programme which looks interesting. More details to follow.

Finally, there was a discussion re what went well over Easter and the general consensus was that all the Masses were very well attended and Andrew Richardson's help with playing the organ was very much appreciated.

**Alone or bored in your marriage?** Considering separation or are already divorced?

If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more +44 797 338 0443 or visit: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Reading About Your Faith**

The Bookstall will be open this weekend and next at all Masses. We carry a variety of religious books for children and adults, including Missals. Do come and browse and maybe buy. Or contact [paulinefrancesgroves@gmail.com](mailto:paulinefrancesgroves@gmail.com)



**Recovery and Well Being**

Please pray for:

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



**Forthcoming Events**

Sat 10/Sun 11 May	Red Box appeal at all Masses.
Wed 14 May 11am	Requiem Mass Murty Conneely
Thu 15 May 8pm	3rd Baptism Zoom session.
Sat 17 May	Pilgrimage to Tyburn Convent and Holy Door.
Sat 17 May 4pm-6pm	Confirmation VIII
Sat 17 May 6pm	Confirmation Sending Forth Mass
Sun 18 May 10.30am	Rite of Welcome at Mass.
Sun 18 May	Parish Open Meeting, after 10.30am Mass.
Tue 20 May 4.30pm	Reception of the coffin of Carmelina Kelly RIP
Wed 21 May 11am	Requiem Mass of Carmelina Kelly RIP.
Thu 22 May 8pm	4th Zoom session.
Sat 24 May	Confirmations at Arundel Cathedral
Sun 25 May 4pm	Final Baptism session, in person
Sun 25 May All morning	Book Exchange
Sun 25 May 10.30am	FHC Mass
Thu 29 May	Ascension Thursday
Thu 29 May 7.30pm	A to Z of Catholicism: R is for Redemption.
Sat 31 May 11am	Parish Walk.
Sun 1 Jun 10.30am	FHC Mass

**Mass Intentions from 11th - 18th May 2025**

Sat 10	6pm Vigil Mass	<b>Golden Wedding Anniversary Joan &amp; Robert Emmerson</b>
Sun 11	8.30am 4th Good Shepherd	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Sun 11	10.30am 4th Good Shepherd	<b>Maureen Pawley RIP</b>
Mon 12	10am St Carthusians	<b>Patsy Della Hunt RIP</b>
Wed 14	10am St Matthias	<b>Requiem for Murty Conneely RIP</b>
Thu 15	7pm Thu 4th Sunday after Easter	<b>Available</b>
Fri 16	10am Fri 4th Sunday after Easter	<b>Mary, Felix, Vincent Edwardson RIP</b>
Sat 17	6pm Vigil Mass	<b>GE Morris Family</b>
Sun 18	8.30am 5th Sunday of Easter	<b>People of the parish</b>
Sun 18	10.30am 5th Sunday of Easter	<b>Ints: Patrick Waters</b>

**Thank you for your continued support of your parish, our new weekly total is £1,146**