

ENGLISH MARTYRS' R.C. CHURCH

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Confessions: Saturdays at 10.15 am – 10.45 am and 5 pm 5.30pm.
Adoration Saturday 10 am -12 noon and 1hour before every weekday mass.

Parish groups (in the John Fisher Room unless otherwise stated)

Monday Mothers Prayers (monthly) at 7pm

Tuesday: Legion of Mary at 7 pm

Wednesday: Coffee Club after morning mass

Thursday: Padre Pio Prayer Group first Thursday at 7 pm

Friday: Mother and toddler's group at 9am (term time) Parish Hall

Youth Club – first Friday of the month at 6.15 pm (term time)

Saturday: Knights of St Columba, first Saturday of the month at 7 pm

Sunday – Tea and Coffee first Sunday at 11.30 am in the Parish Hall

Mass Times and Intentions:**Sat 9th Nov The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica**

9.30 am (Latin Mass) Doreen Rocky RIP

6.00 pm Deceased members of Pearl and Compton Family

Sun 10th Nov Thirty-second Sunday

8.30 am Pettitt and Hill Families RIP

10.30 People of the Parish

Mon 11th Nov Saint Martin of Tours

9.30 am Peter West RIP

Wed 13th Nov Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

9.30 am Lidwina Mundin

Thur 14th Nov Feria

09.30 am Deceased Members of Mothers Prayers group

1.30 pm The funeral mass of Betty Willoughby

Fri 15th Nov Saint Albert the Great

09.30 am James Decker RIP

Sat 16th Nov Saint Edmund of Abingdon

9.30 am (Latin Mass) Darren and Diana O'Brien

6.00 pm Arthur and Kathleen Pearl RIP

Sun 17th Nov Thirty-Third Sunday

8.30 am People of the Parish

10.30 Alison Keane RIP

Archbishop's Appeal Second Collection this Saturday 9th / Sun 10th November is a **Diocesan second collection** that funds key areas of ministry. www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal. Thank you for your generosity of heart.

Parish Concert for Life

You are warmly invited to our **Parish Concert for Life** – an evening of live music, word and perhaps dance. **Saturday 30th November at 7pm in the Parish Hall.** Tickets are free and donations will be gratefully received. A finger buffet will be available, and we ask you to bring your own bottle. All proceeds go to SPUC.

Holy Hour and Monastic Beer Tasting for Catholic Men, this Friday 15th November

Catholic men of the parish are invited to a **Eucharistic Holy Hour at 7.30pm, St Michael's parish, Chatham**, followed by a monastic beer tasting evening in the parish hall. **Booking is essential: medwvcatholicmen@outlook.com Tickets £15.**

Deanery Mass for Deceased Clergy

There will be a **Mass for repose of the souls of the deceased clergy of the Deanery on Friday 15th Nov at 6pm, at St. Augustine's Church, Parkwood.** Because of this Mass there **will not be the usual Holy Hour in our church on Friday evening.**

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Barbara Borthwick, Judith Streten, John Paul Stoke, Betty Jones, Cathrin La Page, Lauren Allan, Tony Carroll, Sylvia Kemp, Billy Thomas, Marie Fassioms, Samantha Candeggi-D'Alonzo, Joe-Joe Dockrell, Carol Masey, Eileen Wells, Jenson Lambeth, Neo Taylor, Kathy Mogg, Anna Gawlik, Joanna Tidmarsh, Shane McNeelan, Eileen Gallagher, Helen and Arthur Annal, Claire Baron, Rod Black, Angela Bentley, Michael New.

Anniversaries: Dennis Roper, Elizabeth Goodspeed, Tommy Wynne, Sadie Boyle, John Colebert, Guellia Denyer, Alan Parr, Margaret McAllister, Peter West, David Collinson, Michael Hawe, Marianne Holmes, Kathryn Mulhall, David Collinson, Michael Hawe, Marianne Holmes, Kathryn Mulhall, William Morris, Ethel Cley, Violet Earl, Thomas Bohan, Sean MCDaid, Shirley Slepowronski, Stephen Hibbs, Michael Palmer, Margaret Suleman, Glendon Buckle.

	Total	Gift Aid	Non- Gift Aid	
Weekly Collection	£910.35	£336.22	£574.13	
Attendance	359			
Direct debit in Oct	£1141.00	£496.00	£645.00	

Spiritual Thought

In the church we honour our martyrs highly. We understand their sacrifice – giving their lives for their faith in God and for the church. We honour and remember and pray to them.

In a similar way (not exactly the same) we honour those who died fighting for our country. They are not saints of the church, perhaps they didn't die for God and his church, but they offered the most precious thing they had – their life- so that others could live. The saw a cause bigger than themselves, a cause of good, an offered themselves.

"Greater love has no man, than to lay down his life for his friends" says Jesus (Jn 15.13). Those who died in the wars laid down their lives for their friends, for their families, for the street where they lived and grew up, for their country. It is our duty to honour them for this sacrifice.

On this Remembrance Sunday we remember them, their lives and their deaths, we honour them, and we as Catholics pray for them. May they rest in peace, rise in glory and be given the reward of their sacrifice.

Funeral Mass this Week

The funeral mass of **Betty Willoughby** will be offered in the **church on Thursday 14th November at 1:30pm.** Please remember to pray for her family, and the repose of her soul.

New Translation of the Lectionary

The Bishops Conference (who organise these things) have decided to update the Lectionary – this is the book of the readings at Mass. At the moment we use readings from the Jerusalem Bible, but starting on the **1st Sunday of Advent** we will be reading from the **English Standard Version Catholic Edition (ESV CE).**

This will mean that **the Church will need the new books for Mass and for Holy Week.** I would also like to buy small missals to replace the throw away readings on the back of the newsletter. The cost of these is not insignificant. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the New Lectionaries and other books **please speak to Fr. Tom.**

November - Month of the Holy Souls

November is a time to pray particularly for the dead. **Parish Holy Souls lists** will be available throughout the month and prayers said every day. Please write the names of those you'd like to pray for, and put them in the box by the lectern. **Please do not put money into this box – for a mass to be offered please use the usual envelopes.**

Introduction to the New Lectionary

You are warmly invited to **An Introduction to the New Lectionary** – an introduction to the new translation and explanation of the change. The same presentation will be given **twice on Wednesday 20th November at 7-8pm and Saturday 23rd November at 4-5pm.** Both will be in the Church. Current and new readers are encouraged to attend.