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ENGLISH MARTYRS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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LAST WEEK

ATTENDANCE
337

COLLECTION
GIFT AID £236.50
NON-GIFT AID £539.03
TOTAL £775.53



ENGLISH MARTYRS' STROOD



JANUARY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK –18TH JANUARY 2025 SECOND SUNDAY

SUNDAY 19TH

✠ SECOND SUNDAY

8.30 am Said Mass
10.30 am Sung Mass

MISSAL Pg.783
Bernadette Foster
People of the Parish

MONDAY 20TH

SAINT FABIAN

8:30am Exposition
9.30am Mass

Eleiya Pirchio (Fiorani)RIP

TUESDAY 21ST

SAINT AGNES

8:30am Exposition
9.30am Mass

For the wellbeing of Cecilia Laurence McEvoy

WEDNESDAY 22ND

SAINT VINCENT

No public Mass today.

THURSDAY 23RD

FERIA

No public Mass today

FRIDAY 24TH

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

8:30am Exposition
9.30am Mass
11.00am The funeral service Mrs Maria Bogg
6.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

Dennis Holdbrook RIP

SATURDAY 25TH

THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

9.30 am Latin Mass
10.am Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Holy Souls

Welfare of James and Monica O'Brien

SUNDAY 26TH

✠ THIRD SUNDAY

8.30 am Said Mass
10.30 am Sung Mass

People of the Parish

Agnieszka Slowik Birthday intentions

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

(held 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

Spiritual Thought

When God made us he created us with a body and a soul. As we approach him then, as we draw close to him, we use both our body and our souls. Our prayers aren't simply spiritual, they are also physical, we genuflect, we kneel, we stand. We also use physical things to pray – all this is designed by God according to our physical and spiritual nature.

All the things we use are for worship are specially designed and crafted to use in our worship. For example we use bread and wine, altars, books, cloths, metalware. All of these are blessed before use, they are kept separate from the other things we use in our life. They are kept holy and separate so that their use can be honoured. As we welcome the new missals it's worth bearing in mind that they have been blessed, and are designed to be used to worship, they contain the written word of God, the words of the Mass and other prayers. Hopefully they will be used in this generation, and in future generations to honour God and help our souls grow close to him. Let us, with these new books, open our hearts and souls to God, that he may dwell more deeply within us.

Masses this week

Please note **there will be not** a Holy Mass this **Wednesday and Thursday** but there **will be a Mass on Tuesday**.

Exodus 90

This is a program of **personal renewal for Catholic men**. It involves 90 days, leading up to Easter, of penance, prayer and fraternity. If you would like to find out more there will be an introductory meeting in the **St. John Fisher Room at 11:45 on Sunday 19th Jan.**

Lourdes diocesan Pilgrimage 2025.

Lourdes diocesan Pilgrimage which will take place in **August 22-28th, 2025**. The meeting will take place at **St Henry & St Elisabeth Church, 53 Broadway, Sheppey, ME121TS, at 2pm on Saturday, January 25th 2025**, at the kind invitation of **Fr Aklilu PP**. This jubilee year is the perfect opportunity for us to travel together "on pilgrimage" with Our Lady of Lourdes. Bishop Paul Hendricks and Dcn John Fogarty will have lots of information about the pilgrimage. Please contact **Dcn John Fogarty, 07851019134** or johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **March 2025**. To book a Mass, you can use the envelopes at the back of the church.

Announcement

Very sadly, last Sunday afternoon we lost one of our most long-standing parishioners, **Eileen Gallagher**, who died suddenly. She, and her husband Paddy, had been stalwarts of the parish for nearly 70 years. They and their children, through their prayers and service, had built up the parish community over many, many years. Please do remember to pray for her and for her family.

We have also heard the sad news of the death of **Jadwiga Stawowska**, the mother of Ella Marcar. Do remember to pray for the repose of their souls, and for their families at this time.

Funeral services

The funeral service of **Mrs Maria Bogg** will be celebrated on **Friday 24th January at 11am**. The funeral Mass of **Mrs Judith Streten** will be celebrated on **Wednesday 5th February at 1.00pm** at English Martyrs with Committal to follow at **Medway Crematorium at 2.30pm**.

The funeral Mass of **Mrs Rita Agnes McManigan** will be celebrated on **Thursday 6th February at 11.30am** at English Martyrs Church with Committal to follow at **Thames View Crematorium at 1.00pm**.

The funeral Mass of **Agnes Cecilia Isata Seisay** will be offered on **Friday 7th February at 11am**, followed by her committal in Chatham Cemetery at 12:30pm

New Missals

We are pleased to welcome our new missals, these have all the readings for Sundays, Holy Days, Christmas and Easter – as well as other prayers and mediations for preparing for Mass.

Please be gentle with the new missals – they are investment for ourselves and for future generations. If they are stiff to open, please don't force them, they will ease over time. The ribbons will help us keep place without needing to splay them over the pews. Please also remember to leave them in the bookcases when you leave the church, they are not meant to be taken home.

You may remember we asked for donations towards the cost, we have received donations of £3270.00 include individual donations of £1200 and another of £1000 – for which we are very grateful. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost please do speak to Fr Tom.

Similar missals are available in the repository for £15 each and are your own to keep and bring to Mass weekly.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Barbara Borthwick, 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, Helen and Arthur Annal, Claire Baron, Rod Black, Michael New.

Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently: Phyllis Evans, Sheila Devlin, James McNama, Eileen Decker, Patrick Woods, Peter McConnon, James Mulloy, Josef Winiarski, Monica Richards, James Kelly, Ambrose Cox, Olive Hall, Patricia Sawyer, Patrick Burke, Nelia Uden, Dennis Holdbrook, Anthony Williams.