

**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 26<sup>th</sup> Oct** **Saints Chad and Cedd**

9.30 am (Latin Mass) Nessa Keogh RIP

6.00 pm People of the Parish

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Oct** **Thirtieth Sunday**

8.30 am Guillermo and Mercedes Lopez 46<sup>th</sup> Wedding

Anniversary

Bill West RIP

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct** **Saints Simon and Jude**

9.30 am Frank McGaw

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Oct** **Feria**

12.00 pm Funeral mass Antonio Doto

**Thur 31<sup>st</sup> Oct** **Feria**

09.30 am Thanksgiving for protection and good health for Yaa Konedu

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** **ALL SAINTS**

07.00 am Agnes Duro Bankole Birthday intentions

09.30 am David Farrell RIP

7.00 pm Souls in purgatory

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov** **The commemoration of all the faithful departed**

10.00 am Deceased Brothers Mass

12.00 pm Dulcie Majithia wellbeing

6.00 pm People of the Parish

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** **Thirty-first Sunday**

8.30 am Thanksgiving for the graces received and request for Saint Joseph's continued protection for the Szelast Family

10.30 am Nevin Waters wellbeing

**Funeral Mass**

**On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** we will offer the funeral mass of **Antonio Doto** in the church at 12noon. Please remember to pray for his soul. and the comfort of his family.

**Vigil of All Saints**

To welcome the great feast of All Saints and to protect us, our families and our area from evil we will celebrate the vigil of All Saints with hymns, prayers and a procession. **All are welcome at 6.30 pm on Thursday, the 31st October.** Please bring relics, pictures or statues of your favourite saints.

**All Souls Day**

**This Saturday (2nd Nov) is All Souls**, a solemn celebration, but not a holy day of obligation. **Masses will be at 10am (or close). 12noon and 6pm.**

**One Hope Project**

**On Thursday 31st October** Archbishop John will lead an evening for young adults (ages 18-40) dedicated to Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

**Address: St George's Cathedral Lambeth Rd SE16 HR**

**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.

**Anniversaries:** John Warrens, Simon Carter, Claudius Wight, John Evans, William West, Edward McGowan, Joseph Green, Thomas Fogarty, William Rapley, Ted Smith, Kathleen Thomas, Maria Leon-Romero, Lillian Slack, Ellen Farrel, Eileen Bassam, Noel O'Shea, Josie Hennah, James Hayes, Kathleen Howe, John Haggarty, Lee Husson.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Non- Gift Aid</b>
<b>Weekly Collection</b>	<b>£722.04</b>	<b>£283.81</b>	<b>£438.23</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>£278.60</b>		
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>329</b>		

**Spiritual Thought**

As October comes to an end, and autumn has definitely made its mood felt, with the changing of temperate, the leafs dying and falling, the coats being dug out of the wardrobe (do people still have wardrobes) – with the changing of nature we can reflect on the changes of our spirit.

Autumn is a time of detachment, we leave nature to stew over the winter, nature itself falls asleep to itself, and the cold weather means we stick to ourselves more than we do in the heat of summer.

Our spiritual life is often marked by detachment, we must detach ourselves from sin and the causes of sin in our life – but more than that, we also have to be detached from passing things, even if they are good. Much of the suffering in life is caused by our thinking things will last forever – we suffer for passing emotions, passing fashions, passing joys. And we suffer more by trying to replicate and recapture what has gone.

We can pray during this changing season, for God to be our constant, and to love him, and hold onto him, and allow the passing things of the world to pass – and maybe God, in her mercy, will allow the good things that have passed, to return to us in his time.

**Mothers Prayer group**

**On next Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, Mothers Prayer group will meet at 7pm. Church cleaning 6pm.** Any help with the cleaning will be much appreciated.

**All Saints Day**

**This Friday (1<sup>st</sup> November) we celebrate the feast of All Saints, this is a holy day of obligation**, which means every Catholic is obliged the attend holy mass. Masses will be offered in the church **on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7am, 9:30am, and -**

**Day with Mary**

We welcome back the **Day with Mary to our parish on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.** It is a beautiful day including Mass, rosary, sermons and many other devotions to Our Lady. You are welcome to the whole day, or as much as you are free. The day will begin **at 9:45 and ends at 5pm.** Details are in the

**Blessing of Graves**

**The November blessing of graves** in the parish will happen this year on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.** We will begin at Hoo St Werburgh Cemetery at 2pm, All Saints, Frindsbury at 3pm and end at Strood Cemetery at 4pm. Other graves can be blessed by appointment.

**Holy Hour and Monastic Beer Tasting for Catholic Men**

Catholic men of the parish are invited to come along to a **Eucharistic Holy Hour at 7.30pm, St Michael's parish, Chatham**, followed by a special monastic beer tasting evening in the parish hall. You can also buy beers on the night. **Booking essential. Tickets cost £15.** Please email to reserve your place: [medwaycatholicmen@outlook.com](mailto:medwaycatholicmen@outlook.com)