

**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 14<sup>th</sup> Sept The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

9.30 am (Latin Mass) Arthur Easdown RIP

6.00 pm People of the Parish

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Sept Twenty-Fourth Sunday**

8.30 am William Maufe RIP and Anika Maufe wellbeing

10.30 am Iwona Davis Birthday intentions

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Sept Saint Cornelius**

9.30 am Robert Iseghohimen Remembrance

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Sept Saint Edith of Kemsing**

9.30 am Nancy Griffin RIP

**Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Sept Saint Theodore of Canterbury**

10.00 am Funeral Mass for Jana Ejoh

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Sept Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon**

09.30 am Rita Heary Wellbeing

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Sept Saint Matthew**

6.00 pm Anna Jurek Birthday intentions

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept Twenty-fifth Sunday**

8.30 am People of the Parish

10.30 am Private intentions for Lopez Family

**Masses this week coming**Please there will be **Funeral Mass this Thursday at 10 am.**  
**There will not be a mass at 9.30 am nor holy hour on Thursday.**Please **note there are no services next Saturday morning.**  
There **will not be the Latin Mass, nor confessions, as Fr Tom is away this weekend.****Youth Day 28<sup>th</sup> September in St John Fisher School**On the 28<sup>th</sup> September (Saturday) from **11 am until 5.30pm** there will be a **Youth Day** held for children ages **10-14.** Including Catechesis, music, Holy Mass, Football, Sports and Crafts. Lunch and evening pizza included. Fee £5. **Book at TINYURL.COM/YDAY28SEP.****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. The evening will include Eucharistic Adoration, music from the One Hope Project and a social afterwards. **6:30 pm:** Arrivals, **7:00 pm:** Eucharistic Adoration/Praise/Confessions, **8:00 pm:** Talk by Archbishop John on Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Talk followed by social and refreshments in the Hall.

**Address: St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Rd, SE16 6HP****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:** Louis Borthwick, William Thorogood, David Bruce, Michael Ring, David Luck, Amanda Wilder, Patrick Stanley, James Fox, John French, Mary Goodsell, Thomas Slevin, James Carragher, Laura Osman, Pat Brady.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Non- Gift Aid</b>
<b>Weekly Collection</b>	<b>£799.93</b>	<b>£345.70</b>	<b>£454.23</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>372</b>		

**Spiritual Thought**

We offered Mass last Thursday for the children and teachers at our school, asking God's blessing at the beginning of the year.

Our lives have significant beginnings – our birth, our first day at school, our wedding day – these are deeply significant for us, and we celebrate the anniversaries of these dates every year.

But our lives have little beginnings also – every day is a new beginning, the new week, a new book we're ready, a new type of work in our employment, a new tax imposed. Many little beginnings, and sometimes we forget to ask God to bless these.

Our God is ever ancient and ever new – he loves the old because it shares history with him, and he loves the new, because it shares freshness with him. Let us look for more opportunities to call down God's blessing, so our life can be full of his generous kindness

**Next weekend we will welcome Fr Henry Mukasa who is covering the Sunday masses while Fr Tom is away.****The Pilgrim Statue of Our Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Blessed Virgin Mary is available for families or prayers and devotion centred on daily Rosary.

If interested contact **Chioma .S. McMorro****on 07411112463/ sylver\_chioma@yahoo.com.****Parish Welcomers****At the 10:30 Mass** you may have been **welcomed by some of our younger parishioners.** If you are a young parishioner and would like to welcome with your parents, at the 10:30 mass, or any of the other masses, please speak to Fr Tom.**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering **marriage enrichment retreats all around the world.** Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, the retreat offers a unique experience. It's a chance to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. **The next non-residential retreat is from next weekend 21-22 September 2024 at Church of the Annunciation, Burnt Oak, London, HA8 0HQ.** Find out**St. Augustine's Parkwood & Wigmore** have seats available on their day trip to **Cite Europe, France,** via DFDS Ferries.**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November,** leaving St Augustine's at 6.30am.To book or for further details **call Teresa on 07950464318.** All welcome, do bring family and friends.