

INFORMATION

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION: £325.75 Sacristy £21.00

**SECOND COLLECTION: Next Sunday** is for Stella Maris (Sea Sunday) a charity which supports seafarers worldwide. They provide pastoral care, welfare services, advice, care & friendship to all seafarers. Their lives can be dangerously lonely being away from family for long periods of time.

**ST LAWRENCE DAY.** St Lawrence's Day NEXT SUNDAY, 13th July @1200pm / after Mass. BBQ, chicken curry, salads, puds, bar, Bouncy Castle, face painting, games, raffle and sunshine! Donations on the day. We need a few helpers to set up gazebos and trestles SAT 1000am, and tables and chairs SUN @ 0900am. Most important, DO COME ALONG!

**YOUTH MEET:** We warmly invite all young people to a special Youth Meet—a joyful gathering to hear inspiring voices from leaders in politics, sports, & film. The event will highlight the importance of Christian leadership & living as witnesses of Christ, through sharing, prayer, fun, and food! At St. Lawrence Church, on **Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 9:30am – 12.30pm**. For more info please, contact Fr Vipin.

**YOUTH MEET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED;** We're excited to host the Youth Meet and would love your support. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Fr Vipin. All help will be much appreciated.

**REPOSITORY:** We have many beautiful gifts and cards for sale in St Andrews parish room.

**PRAYER GROUP** Our next meeting is **on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm** in the St Andrew's Room. All are welcome, adults and children.

**PARISH FINANCE:** For those eligible and not registered for Gift Aid, please do consider signing up so that your cash contribution to the Church can be increased by 25%. Please email or speak to Catherine Tuke for more details.

**CARD MACHINE:** Cashless payments are now available at the back of the church, for Sunday collections, repository etc.

**ONLINE MASS ON YOUTUBE:** We are pleased to offer online Mass via YouTube for those who are housebound or unable to attend in person. To join, simply visit our YouTube channel [St. Lawrence The Martyr RC Church Edenbridge](#).

**FRIDAY MASS;** This Friday Mass will be at 9.00 am

**THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE,** London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. Please see noticeboard at the back of the church for more information.

**Let us pray for the Sick**  
Celia Sheehan, Alan Tilanus, Kimberley Kelly, Cillian Madden.

**Let us pray for the Dead**  
Crispin Jewitt, Ann Cleeve, Joseph Tuke, Robin Gray, ,Stephen Mills, Anthony White, Thomas Nicholas Tooze, Ann Coleman, John Foster, William Corcoran, Lily McCarthy, Andrew Leslie, Margaret O'Brien, Louisa Muffini. Brendan Conway.

| Contacts           | Volunteers   |
|--------------------|--|
| All Sacraments     | Parish priest  |
| Catechist          | Sabrina White  |
| Children's Liturgy | Claudia Wells, Siobhan Gray,   |
| Music              | Teresa Cornwell, 07808 925924  |
| Altar Service      | James Wells,   |
| Repository         | Mick Wells   |
| Gift Aid           | Catherine Tuke (kate@edenvie.co.uk)  |
| Social             | Jan & Simon Morrison   |
| RCIA               |  |
| Rota               | Mary Riddell, <a href="mailto:mary.riddell4@btinternet.com">mary.riddell4@btinternet.com</a> |
| Youth Group        | Vacant   |
| SVP                | Kevin Murphy,  |
| ECC                | Simon Morrison   |
| Family Prayer      | Susan Terry, <a href="mailto:susanmmterry@gmail.com">susanmmterry@gmail.com</a>              |



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I first felt the call to become a priest, one thing was clear in my mind: I would never become a missionary priest. As a child, I knew very little about the world beyond my village. The only missionaries I had seen was a relative and a neighbouring priest who were both ordained for the Ajmer Diocese in Rajasthan.

At around ten years old, I gave up the idea of becoming a missionary for two reasons. First was *the English Language*. The priests who visited us would occasionally speak in English, and I couldn't understand them. I feared that I would struggle in the seminary because everything was in English, and I might even be asked to leave. The second reason was—some of the mission areas they spoke about were facing violence and even Maoist attacks. Without asking more questions, I told myself I would prefer to become a diocesan priest, to serve in my own diocese and stay close to my family.

Later, I attended a vocation camp with 120 other candidates from my diocese. Only 30 were selected for the diocesan seminary—but I was not among them. Still, I believe the Holy Spirit was guiding me. I was led to join a missionary congregation, and as part of our formation, we were sent to a mission seminary in Nagpur, Maharashtra. There, I encountered the reality of life in different parts of India—places with no electricity, no proper shelter, no warm clothing, and worse, not enough priests or churches to give people hope. It was there that I learned the true value of being a missionary and the deep meaning of priesthood.

Looking back, I know now it wasn't just my own desire to become a priest—it was the result of people's prayers and God's plan. Today, as I serve the Lord in England—far from my home—I am reminded daily that it is Jesus who formed me and taught me how to love and serve as a missionary.

Wherever you are now, that is your mission. Do not be afraid to take the next step...

[Fr Vipin](#)

| DATE                   | TIME     | MASS INTENTION  |
|------------------------|----------|---|
| Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>    | 05.15 pm | Confession  |
| Vigil Mass             | 06.00 pm | Rowena Leslie RIP   |
| Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.00 am | Sonia & Vido Parker RIP                                     |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.00 am | Sofie & Edward Kirk INT                                     |
| Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>    | No Mass  |   |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.00 am | Craig Moriarity RIP   |
| Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00 am | Parish INT  |
| Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 09.00 am | St Benedict, Abbot, Patron St of Europe. Brendan Conway RIP |
| Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>   | 5.15 pm  | Confession  |
| Vigil Mass             | 06.00 pm | David & Heather McGill (Wedding Anniversary)                |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.00 am | Johnny Murphy RIP   |

**Prayer for the Vocations**

Gracious and loving God, we thank You for the gift of our priests, help them to be strong in their vocation and become instruments of Your love and grace. Send Your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to all You are calling to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life in our Archdiocese. May those called, hear Your voice, and respond wholeheartedly to become the person You have created them to be. Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of Your Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully. We ask this through Christ the Eternal High Priest. Amen.