#### INFORMATION

#### LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION: £325.75 Sacristy £21.00

**SECOND COLLECTION: This 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.** Please join us this Sunday after mass, for fun in the sun! BBQ, chicken curry, salads, puds, bar, bouncy castle, face painting, games, raffle and plenty of sunshine! Donations on the day. Most importantly please come!

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 & would love your support. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Fr Vipin. All help will be much appreciated.

**CRISPIN JEWITT RIP:** The SVP would like to thank the family for their kind donations. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

#### 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, Vera Doherty, Joan Kewley, Phil Strudwick, Teresa Lee, Raymond Rigby, Halo Ross, Samuel Wood, James Fraser, Terse Money, Elizabeth Strudwick, Jonathan Sherlin, Brendan Conway.

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# **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 <u>St. Lawrence The Martyr RC Church Edenbridge.</u>

**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.

**SVP ANNUAL RAFFLE**: They will be selling raffle tickets after mass, over the next few weeks.

## **Donation to the Parish**

Account: 36017205

Sort code:60-50-01

#### **COFFEE MORNING!**

Wednesday, Friday and Sunday after 10.00 am Mass All are invited to enjoy the treats of the day.



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# 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Parish Feast of St Lawrence the Martyr

This Sunday, our parish of Edenbridge joyfully celebrates the Feast of **St. Lawrence**, our beloved patron saint. While the universal Church commemorates his feast on **10th August**, we gather today to mark this special occasion as **our parish feast day**, remembering the vibrant faith community that began here in **1931**, when the Church of **St Lawrence the Martyr** first opened its doors.



Today is not just a day of celebration; it is a reminder that we are **one family in Christ**. As I often say, we walk together in faith, caring for one another, supporting each other, and striving to live as **Good Samaritans** in our parish community.

**St. Lawrence** is a powerful example of what it means to live this way. At just 32 years old, he was ordained deacon by **Pope Sixtus II** and entrusted with the care of the Church's material goods. When the Roman authorities demanded the treasures of the Church, Lawrence presented the **poor**, **the blind**, **the crippled**, **and the suffering**, declaring, "Here are the treasures of the Church. You see, the Church is truly rich—far richer than your emperor!"

His courage and deep understanding of the Gospel remind us that **we are the true treasures of the Church**. Each person in our community has immense value in the eyes of God. Today's Gospel, with the story of the Good Samaritan, calls us to let others experience that value through **our actions, kindness, and witness**.

After Mass, we continue our celebration in the **Peace Garden**, sharing the food and drink we have lovingly brought. Let us rejoice together, not just in fellowship, but in the deep unity we have in **Jesus Christ**. May the example of St. Lawrence inspire us to live our faith boldly and generously.

#### Happy Feast Day!

May you all have a joyful and blessed parish celebration!

#### Fr Vipin

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass	05.15 pm 06.00 pm	Confession David & Heather Mc Gill INT (Wedding Anniversary)
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Johnny Murphy RIP
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Mary Ellen Hooker RIP (P)
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass	
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Robin Gray RIP
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Parish INT
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 am	Patricia Hooper INT
Sat 19th	5.15 pm	Confession
Vigil Mass	06.00 pm	John Gibson RIP
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Fr Jake Dicto 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.