

INFORMATION

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION: £205.34 Sacristy £42.84

NEW YOUTH GROUP ALERT! Dive into a space made just for you- where faith grows, fun happens, & pizza is always on the table. Each week we'll explore what it means to follow Jesus in today's world through faith formation, followed by games that'll get you laughing & yes, hot pizza to keep it real. Come for the fun, stay for the faith, & bring a friend. Starting in September!

DIACONATE. If you are a man between 21 to 58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love God and God's people, you are involved in services within your parish and community, you have tried many things and still feel drawn to a closer relationship with Christ and His Church you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon. For more information, please contact Fr Vipin. You can also email: ianblack@rcaos.org.uk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Registration for the First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation Programme is now open. If your child is entering Year 3 in September 2025 (or is older) kindly contact Sabrina.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday **Monday 25th August** 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
Kenneth Yeoman, Derek Frost, Amando de Lamo, Derek Silver, Robert Holroyd, Peter Watson, Florence Steadman, Mary Elizabeth Doherty, Kathleen Beard, Cecil Arthur George Slack, Gladys Back, Angela Lynch, John Ispani, Cecilia Lee, Frank Mercer, Christina Banks, Michael Matthews

Contacts	Volunteers
All Sacraments	Parish Priest
Catechist	Sabrina White
Children's Liturgy	Claudia Wells, Siobhan Gray, Susan Terry
Music	Teresa Cornwell, 07808 925924
Altar Service	James Wells
Repository	Mick Wells
Gift Aid	Catherine Tuke (kate@edenvie.co.uk)
Social	Jan & Simon Morrison
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Youth Group	Vacant
SVP	Kevin Murphy,
ECC	Simon Morrison
Family Prayer	Susan Terry, susanmmterry@gmail.com

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

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.

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

EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE: 'Skills Form' Please pick up & complete the questionnaire from the back of the church, & return to the parish office. Your feedback is very important.

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](#).

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

During my time in priestly formation, the words “*attachment*” and “*detachment*” constantly echoed in my ears. As we prepared ourselves to become religious priests, the practice of detachment became a central part of our daily lives. I cannot say that I have always lived this virtue perfectly in my personal life, but striving for it has certainly helped me to live with moderation and balance.



It is a well-accepted truth that, in one way or another, all people are attached to something—whether it be a person, a place, or material possessions. It seems only natural to develop such attachments. We observe that some people are drawn to spiritual things, while others are captivated by the material world.

Those who are attached to spiritual things often see the world for what it truly is: passing and temporary. For them, worldly losses do not cause deep sorrow, for their hearts are anchored in something eternal. On the other hand, those whose minds are attached to worldly things often struggle to find lasting peace. Because everything in the world is subject to change, the one who clings to it becomes easily disturbed and confused, unable to find lasting satisfaction.

As Christians, we are called to live in the world—but not to be of the world. Jesus invites us to open our eyes and recognize the true treasure that lies in heaven. He wants us to attach our hearts, not to the fleeting things of this life, but to the enduring wealth of eternal life. Whatever we possess in this world—relationships, wealth, property—will eventually pass away. One day, all these things will leave us, or we will leave them. Even the simple act of going to bed each night can serve as a reminder: we take nothing with us when we sleep. In the same way, when our earthly journey ends, we carry nothing with us—except the love we have shared and the faith we have lived. Let us learn to detach ourselves from what fades, and attach our hearts to what lasts forever.

Fr Vipin

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat 2nd	05.15 pm	Confession
Vigil Mass	06.00 pm	Rowena Leslie RIP
Sun 3 rd	10.00 am	Ian & Louisa Faulkner
Mon 4 th	10.00 am	St John Vianney (Patron of parish priests) Bridget Mulherbe
Tue 5 th	No Mass	
Wed 6 th	10.00 am	The Transfiguration of The Lord Philip & Sue Winfield INT Wedding Anniversary
Thurs 7 th	10.00 am	Parish INT
Fri 8 th	09.00 am	St Dominic (Priest)
August	10.00am	Adoration Philip Ronan RIP
Sat 9 th	5.15 pm	Confession
Vigil Mass	06.00 pm	Mark Roberts INT
Sun 10 th	10.00 am	Deceased members of the Cornwall & Millington Family 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.