

INFORMATION

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION: £ Sacristy £

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!

CARLO ACUTIS. If you missed the exhibition on *Eucharistic Miracles (Carlo Acutis)*, in our Parish, there is an opportunity to see it until 18th August at St Theresa of the Infant Jesus, Biggin Hill, Westerham, TN16 3LJ.

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 parish office.

WALSINGHAM. The annual Medjugorje pilgrimage day at Walsingham is on Monday 25th August. It will be led by Father Zvonimir Pavicic OFM, Parish Priest at St James, Medjugorje. Start time is at 1:15, with Rosary and litany, followed by a talk, Holy Mass, Adoration and Benediction.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION. Friday, 15th of August is Holyday of Obligation. There will be vigil mass on Thursday at 6,30 pm. Please not there is no mass at 10.00am that day.

CATECHISTS. The annual Diocesan Day for Catechists will be in the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral (Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR) on Saturday 20th September, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. All catechists are invited, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process.

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.**

MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES. Have you seen the SycamOre series about adults and their faith? The next online course for married and engaged couples begins on Tuesday 9th September and continues on the 16th, 23rd and 30th. Contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk for information.

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

Let us pray for the Dead
Muriel Stubbs, Teresa Noonan, Doreen Saunders, Frank Matthews, William (Liam) Coen, Tess Cummings, Sister Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Betty O'Brien, John Hayter, Violet Farrugia, Bob Kuch.

Donation to the Parish

Account: 36017205

Sort code:60-50-01

<u>Contacts</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>
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@edenview.co.uk)
Social	Jan & Simon Morrison
RCIA	
Rota	Mary Riddell, mary.riddell4@btinternet.com
Youth Group	Vacant
SVP	Kevin Murphy,
ECC	Simon Morrison
Family Prayer	Susan Terry, susanmmterry@gmail.com



ST LAWRENCE THE MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH



Archdiocese of Southwark

High Street, Edenbridge, Kent
TN8 5AQ

Tel: 01732862256

www.edenbridgecatholic.com



Reg.Charity No: 1173050

Parish Priest: Fr Vipin James, vipinjames@rcaos.org.uk
Parish Secretary: Sabrina White, edenbridge@rcaos.org.uk (Monday & Friday)
Parish Safeguarding Rep: Mark Roberts, edenbridgesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

August in England is the month of holidays. You can see it everywhere—the quiet streets, the absence of children's voices in the mornings and afternoons, as schools have closed for the summer. One of the most delightful sights is grandparents strolling gently through town, hand in hand with their little ones.

Yet, for some priests, the holiday season can feel a little draining, especially when the number of people at Sunday Mass drops noticeably. Of course, it's natural for people to want a break after months of a stressful and busy life. Even God, after six days of creation, set aside the seventh day for rest. Every kind of work needs moments of pause so we can regain strength to carry on.

However, there is one thing from which we should never take a break—**prayer**.

I remember once, before leaving the seminary for a month-long vacation, a priest told us: "*Vacation is an occasion to test our vocation.*" He explained that time away from our usual routine can make it easy to neglect prayer, and then it becomes harder to return to the rhythm of seminary life.

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges us to **be alert at all times**. Prayer is the fuel of our spiritual journey. When we lose our sense of direction, fall into confusion, or wander from the right path, it is often because our prayer life has faded.

Holidays are a time to rest the body and mind—but they are also a time to keep the heart close to the Lord. In rest or in activity, let us remain alert in prayer.

Fr Vipin

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat 9 th	05.15 pm	Confession
Vigil Mass	06.00 pm	Mark Roberts INT
Sun 10 th	10.00 am	Deceased members of the Cornwell & Millington Family INT
Mon 11 th	10.00 am	St Clare Peter Watson RIP
Tue 12 th	No Mass	
Wed 13 th	10.00 am	Pat & Teresa Ball INT
Thurs 14 th	6.30 pm	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Vigil Mass) Parish INT
Fri 15 th August	09.00 am 10.00am	FEAST OF ASSUMPTION Adoration Caroline Turner RIP
Sat 16 th	5.15 pm	Confession
Vigil Mass	06.00 pm	David & Heather McGill INT
Sun 17 th	10.00 am	Jimmy Keville 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.