

INFORMATION

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION: £ 281.50 Sacristy £31.10

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!

PRAYER GROUP: The new series of meetings of our Prayer Group will help us to look out beyond the walls of our church community. We will be reflecting on readings on themes of Poverty and Homelessness, Care of Creation and Peace. We begin on Monday **1st September at 7.00pm** in the St Andrew's Room. All, including children, are welcome to come and join us for an hour of prayer and sharing

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.

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

ALTER SERVERS GATHERING: We would like to invite all the altar servers& parents for a friendly gathering, which will be on Saturday 13th September @ 10am. Cake and refreshments will be provided.

Let us pray for the Sick
Celia Sheehan, Alan Tilanus, Kimberley Kelly, Cillian Madden.
Let us pray for the Dead
Penny Greaves, Paul Attard Michael James Spencer, Paul Hooper, Paddy Morrissey, Patrick Joseph Donoghue, William Mc Kenna, Christopher Boakes.

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@edenview.co.uk)
Social	Jan & Simon Morrison
RCIA	
Rota	Mary Riddell, mary.riddell4@btinternet.com
Youth Group	Joseph De Quay
SVP	Kevin Murphy,
ECC	Simon Morrison
Family Prayer	Susan Terry, susanmmterry@gmail.com

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.

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

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.

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

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**

Donation to the Parish

Account: 36017205

Sort code:60-50-01



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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

As we observe the people around us, we notice that there are many different types of personalities. Some are highly active, while others are quite the opposite. Yet, in between, there are always a few who remain in a neutral position.

Those who have discovered the meaning and purpose of life cannot simply stop their journey. They burn with a passion to accomplish their mission at any cost and are willing to make sacrifices to fulfil it. If you look closely, you will see that they are not working only for themselves—they also inspire others, igniting a spark in their hearts.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: *"I came to cast fire on the earth..."* One of the greatest challenges facing the new generation is a lack of motivation. It is rare to find a burning fire in their hearts. As a result, many feel confused and unsettled in this world. Yet there are still a few who long to cry out to the world that they are on fire—and until their fire spreads to others, they remain restless.

The life of Jesus is the perfect example of someone who was "on fire" to inspire, challenge, and motivate. His followers were not lukewarm; they were people ignited by the fire of Jesus. They were ready to take risks, face challenges, and live without fear of this world. The great Apostles and saints of the Church are living witnesses of Jesus' fire on earth.

Let us receive the fire of Jesus—not to destroy, but to heal the wounds in relationship, family, friendships of this world with love.

[Father Vipin](#)



DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat 16 th	05.15 pm	Confession
Vigil Mass	06.00 pm	David & Heather McGill INT
Sun 17 th	10.00 am	Jimmy Keville RIP
Mon 18 th	10.00 am	Eddie Millar INT
Tue 19 th	No Mass	
Wed 20 th	10.00 am	St Bernard Clare Cameron INT
Thurs 21 st	10.00am	St Pius X (Pope) Parish INT
Fri 22 nd	09.00 am 10.00am	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Adoration Deceased members of The Hickland Family INT
Sat 23 rd	5.15 pm	Confession
Vigil Mass	06.00 pm	Norman Ross
Sun 24 th	10.00 am	Nik Moss Kimber INT

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.