

INFORMATION

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION: £ 300.73 Sacristy £45.36

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: Raffle tickets will be sold 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
Norman Bradbury, Seamus Brennan, Mrs Pigneguy, Florence Steadman, Hilda Bledowski, Victoria Hodgson.

<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
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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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: We invite all our Eucharistic Ministers to gather on **Thursday 18th September @ 7pm**, in St Andrews Room. It is important for everyone involved to attend, please. *If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister for the Eucharist, you are also welcome to join us, please contact Fr Vipin.

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.

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!**

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

We are all familiar with the word "*Vocation*." A vocation is a call to participate in Christ mission. We often speak of vocations to the priesthood, religious life, marriage, or single life. But have you ever thanked the Lord for calling you simply **to be Catholic?**



To become a Catholic is not by accident—it is a special call from the Lord. As members of the Catholic Church, we are invited to share in Christ's mission. But to live this mission faithfully, we must first understand what the Catholic Church truly is. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us: "*The word 'Catholic' comes from the Greek katholikos (καθολικός), which means 'universal' or 'according to the whole.'*" (CCC 830)

As members of the Catholic Church—the mystical Body of Christ—we must be aware of the mission entrusted to us: the salvation of all people. To be part of Christ's Body means having the heart of Jesus, who accepts everyone without discrimination. Whenever we reject others because they are different from us, we move away from the true spirit of Christ's mission. Jesus reached out to sinners, the poor, and the marginalized. The Church continues His mission tirelessly, striving for the salvation of the whole world. Yet, we must also ask ourselves: *How much effort do I make to bring the Gospel to my own family, friends, and community?* May we respond to our vocation as Catholics with gratitude, faith, and love, so that through us, Christ's mission may continue.

[Father Vipin](#)

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat 23 rd	05.15 pm	Confession
Vigil Mass	06.00 pm	Norman Ross RIP
Sun 24 th	10.00 am	Nik Moss Kimber INT
Mon 25 th	9.00am	Alan Tilanus INT
Tue 26 th	No Mass	
Wed 27 th	10.00 am	Pat & Teresa Ball INT
Thurs 27 th	10.00am	St Monica Parish INT
Fri 29 th	09.00 am	The Passion of John the Baptist
	10.00am	Adoration Philip Ronan RIP
Sat 30 th	5.15 pm	Confession
Vigil Mass	06.00 pm	Sue Winfield INT
Sun 31 st	10.00 am	Sean Mc Donagh 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.