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DONATIONS

Nat West Bank
Sort code: 60-21-02
Account number: 55082904
Account Name: RCAS Strood

*This parish is part of the RCAOS registered
Charity Number 1173050
Thank you for your kindness and generosity.*

ENGLISH MARTYRS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headmistress Ms Catherine Thacker
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A member of Kent Catholic Schools Partnership

LAST WEEK

ATTENDANCE
396

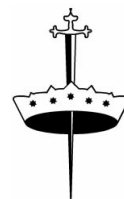
WEEKLY COLLECTION
GIFT AID £273.00
NON-GIFT AID £467.43

TOTAL £740.43



ENGLISH MARTYRS' STROOD

SEPTEMBER- SEVEN DOLOURS
(SORROWS) OF MARY



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

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SUNDAY 21ST

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

8.30am Said mass
10.30am Sung mass

*People of the Parish
Justyna Collins Birthday intentions*

MONDAY 22ND

FERIA

8.30am Exposition
9.30am Mass

Dariusz Zuba RIP

TUESDAY 23RD

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

No public Mass today

WEDNESDAY 24TH

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

8.30am Exposition
9.30am Mass

David Farrell RIP

THURSDAY 25TH

FERIA

8.30am Exposition
9.30am Mass

Ann and Bryan Instance's wellbeing

FRIDAY 26TH

SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN

8.30am Exposition
9.30am Mass

St Agathe-Thank you for the negative scan

SATURDAY 27TH

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

9.30am Mass
10.00am Exposition
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Justyna Collins intentions

People of the Parish

SUNDAY 28ST

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

8.30am Said mass
10.30am Sung mass

*Thanksgiving to St Joseph
Iwona Davis Birthday intentions*

Confessions

Saturdays at 10.15 am – 10.45 am and 5 pm 5.30pm.

Adoration

Saturday 10 am -12 noon and 1hour before every weekday mass.

Parish groups

(held in the John Fisher Room unless otherwise stated)

Monday

Mothers Prayers (monthly) at 7pm

Tuesday

Legion of Mary at 7 pm

Wednesday

Coffee Club after morning mass

Thursday

Padre Pio Prayer Group first Thursday at 7 pm

Friday

Mother and toddler's group at 9am (term time) Parish Hall

Saturday

Youth Club – first Friday of the month at 6.15 pm (term time)

Sunday

Knights of St Columba, first Saturday of the month at 7 pm

Tea and Coffee first Sunday at 11.30 am in the Parish Hall

Spiritual Thought

When I first learned that I was moving to Strood, it was during the Easter season. I must admit, it came as something of a surprise, as it was not what I had expected. Yet I was reminded of the words of Christ to His disciples: "Go to Galilee; there you will see me." (Mt 28:10) The Risen Lord had already gone ahead of them, ready to meet them there. That same promise gave me courage, trusting that the Lord was already here in this parish – present in your faith, your devotion, and your love for Him. From my very first days among you, I have been deeply touched by the warmth of your welcome.

As we journey together through this Jubilee Year of Hope, which will conclude in 2026, we are called to remember that we are all pilgrims of hope. Life is not without its struggles. In our world, in our nation, and sometimes within our own hearts, we face challenges that can weigh us down. Yet we never walk alone. In good times and in difficult times, the Lord is with us, encouraging us to live our Catholic faith with joy and to share His hope with others.

Here in Strood, we are blessed to have the English Martyrs as our patrons. They remained steadfast in times of trial, showing us that what matters most is our living faith in Christ – a faith that nothing can ever take from us. Their witness encourages us to walk forward with courage, knowing that the Lord is always by our side.

I am grateful to Fr Thomas Lynch for his dedicated service to this parish, and I thank you all sincerely for your kind and generous welcome. I know that my ministry here will be strengthened by the grace of God, the support of the parish team, and the faith and prayers of each one of you. Please keep me in your prayers as I begin this ministry among you, and be assured of my prayers for you all.

May the English Martyrs pray for us.

Fr Mebrate

Organs

There are old organs to take for free. If anyone is interested, please speak to the parish secretary.

Farewell Father Tom

Fr Tom has now taken up his new role as Parish Priest at **Our Ladye Star of the Sea in Greenwich**.

There will be a **farewell Mass here on 4th October at 6pm and reception in the Parish hall afterwards – everyone is welcome!**

Special envelopes are now in the porches for you contribute to a collection for Fr Tom to show our appreciation for his years of service, guidance, friendship and care to our parish.

Your envelopes can be put through the presbytery letter box or put into any collection bag during Mass. Please make cheques payable to **English Martyrs RC Church Strood**. You can also make a bank transfer if preferred using reference **Fr Tom collection**.

Thank you.

Pro-Life Pregnancy Centre

Help London's Pro-Life Pregnancy Centre Stay Open
The Good Counsel Network's funds are dangerously low. We offer expectant mums help with housing, financial assistance, legal, and medical support, baby goods and clothes, advice, ongoing support long after the baby is born. If we run out of funds, we cannot continue to help dozens of Mothers keep a roof over their head. **Support Good Counsel today**

Use the QR code to donate or go to www.goodcounselnetwork.com donate page for more details



Building a Better Marriage

To celebrate Jubilee 2025 one day **Building a Better Marriage events** will be held during 2025. The opportunity for married couples starts **at 9.30am and finishes at 4.30pm and is free to attend**. To join one of these days please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk. 4 October – Holy Cross, Catford, 1 November – St James the Great, Petts Wood.

Stop assisted suicide - further action needed! As the assisted suicide Bill progresses through the Lords, Peers have made it clear that receiving physical letters will have the most influence at this stage of the process. **Right To Life UK has launched a new EasyAction** tool that creates a personalised letter to be sent in the post to a Peer highlighting a key concern with the Bill, selects a Peer to receive it, and customises the letter so that it is addressed from you. **Please take action now** and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide!

Service for Hope and Healing

Archbishop John Wilson and the Safeguarding team, invite all our parishioners to join us **on this Thursday 24th September 2025 6.30pm, for the Service for Hope and Healing, in the St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY**, for all those that have been harmed by abuse. The service is to express the archdiocese's commitment to all those that have been harmed, their family and friends and to come together as a community and demonstrate our solidarity for those harmed.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025 21st -25th October

A pilgrimage trip with a number of places left. Costs include return flights from Stansted half board accommodation, transfer from/to Lourdes. £70 single supplement. Cost **£399: Children under 16 go for £199**. For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel: 01322220075.

Fr. Heny Mukasa will also be leading the pilgrimage.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Barbara Borthwick, John Paul Stoke, Betty Jones, Cathrin La Page, Lauren Allan, Tony Carroll, Sylvia Kemp, Billy Thomas, Marie Fassioms, Samantha Candeggi-D'Alonzo, Joe-Joe Dockrell, Carol Masey, Eileen Wells, Jenson Lambeth, Neo Taylor, Kathy Mogg, Anna Gawlik, Joanna Tidmarsh, Shane McNeelan, Helen and Arthur Annal, Claire Baron, Rod Black, Michael New.

Of your charity – please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: James Keenan, Mary Newton, John Burke, Bernard Rodgers, George Inglis, Maureen Boyle, Ron Johnson, Elizabeth Comfort, Luciana Charman, Mary Boyle, Thomas Lomax, Patrick Lyons, Ronald Newton, Denis Purtill, Anita Livermore.