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ENGLISH MARTYRS'
STROOD
JUNE- SACRET HEART OF
JESUS



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK 29TH JUNE 2025
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SUNDAY 29TH

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

8.30am Said mass
10.30am Sung mass

Bernadette Foster intentions
People of the Parish

MONDAY 30TH

THE FIRST MARTYRS OF HOLY ROMAN CHURCH

8.30am Exposition
9.30am Mass

For the gifts of the Holy Spirit for Maksymilian on his Birthday

TUESDAY 1ST JULY

SAINT OLIVER PLUNKET

No public Mass today

WEDNESDAY 2TH JULY

FERIA

No public Mass today

THURSDAY 3RD JULY

SAINT THOMAS

8.30am Exposition
9.30am Mass

Marylin Jean Lineker RIP

FRIDAY 4TH JULY

SAINT ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)

8.30am Exposition
9.30am Mass
7.00pm Mass

Miss M B Corney RIP
For the Altar servers and Families

SATURDAY 5TH JULY

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.30am Latin Mass

10.00am Exposition
6.00pm Vigil Mass

To our Lady of the Pillar and the blessed
Sacrament for Padre Mark

Raymond James Lineker RIP

SUNDAY 6TH JULY

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

8.30am Said mass
10.30am Sung mass

People of the Parish
Welfare Peg Thorn

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
Frindsbury Road, Strood
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A member of Kent Catholic Schools Partnership

LAST WEEK

ATTENDANCE
352

WEEKLY COLLECTION

GIFT AID £227.71
NON-GIFT AID £630.15

TOTAL £857.86

Confessions
Adoration
Parish groups

(held in the John Fisher Room unless otherwise stated)

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

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

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

Mothers Prayers (monthly) at 7pm

Legion of Mary at 7 pm

Coffee Club after morning mass

Padre Pio Prayer Group first Thursday at 7 pm

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

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

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

Our feast day today, which always falls on the 29th June, is the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul. These great apostles preached the gospel of the Lord, and both travelled separately to Rome. In Rome St. Peter was the Bishop of the church, St. Paul was the preacher to the Roman people. Both suffered martyrdom in the city, St. Peter crucified upside down, St. Paul beheaded.

Rome is the city of two Apostles, their final city and the place of their martyrdom. For this reason Rome was always considered by the church to be the pre-eminent city, the holy city. It was the successor of these apostles, the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, who was always known as the visible head of the church. It was to the Bishop of Rome that all the other apostolic churches looked for guidance and unity.

This is why, although there are many apostolic churches (for example the Greek catholic, the Syro-Malabar, the Coptic catholics) it is the Roman church which leads. Let us, on this glorious feast day, rejoice in being Roman Catholics, connected as we are to the holy city, the city of the Apostles.

Masses this Week

Please note that there is no Mass in the church on **Tuesday or Wednesday this week.**

Tea and coffee

Next Weekend we will have **Tea and Coffee after the 8:30 mass in the St. John Fisher Room.** After the **10:30am Mass in the Parish Hall**, please do join us and get to know your brother and sister parishioners.

FoodBank

Please do remember the parish FoodBank donations, even in the summer time there are people in the local area in need. Non-perishable foods and toiletries are always needed. Thank you again for your continued generosity.

Day with Mary

We welcome back the Day with Mary on **Saturday the 12th July for a day of prayers and devotions in honour of our Lady of Fatima.** The day will begin at **9.45am** and will include mass and the day will end at **5pm.** All are welcome for the whole day or as much as you can make.

Please find posters and the flyers in the porches.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025 27th-30th October

The cost include return flights from Stansted, half board accommodation and transfer from/to Toulouse. **Please note that insurance is not included in the price.**

This is **St. Anselm's Dartford pilgrimage** and is led by **Fr. Stephen Boyle.** Cost **£399**, children under 16 **£199**, single supplement **£70.**

For more details contact **Fr. Stephen Boyle**, dartford@rcaos.org.uk , Tel: 013 2222 0075

A Meeting of Catholic Healthcare Workers

If you work in any aspect of health care, please come to a meeting in the **Sacred Heart Chapel after the 10:30 Mass on this Sunday 29th June.** This will be a simple gathering to build a catholic community of health workers to share our joys and challenges. Please feel free to attend and to advertise this meeting.

Mothers Prayer group

This Monday 7th July, Mothers Prayer group will meet at **7 pm** in the church. **Church cleaning at 6pm.** Any help is highly appreciated.

English Martyrs Catholic Youth Club

English Martyrs Catholic Youth Club will meet **on Friday, 18th July, at 6.15 pm in the church.** It will start with prayers, Holy Mass, games and tuck shop. Children of ages from school Years 6 to 11 are welcome. Cost **£2** per child.

Youth Day 5th July, Saturday at St John Fisher School, Chatham, Kent

10-14-year olds, 11 am to 5:30 pm. Charge of **£5** per child (**£8** for families). Please email: youth@rcaos.org.uk if you have any issues with cost. Lunch & dinner included. Please note that a **consent form must be received from every parent and a declaration from every helper who attends.**

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

There are still a few places available on the pilgrimage, which **Southwark makes to Lourdes from 22 to 29 August 2025.** For information and booking, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>

Further information is available from:

Bishop Paul paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk or
Canon Perera edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk

Saturday 26th July - Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Augustine & National Pugin Centre, Ramsgate

The Coach will leave **St. John Fisher at 8.30am** and **return by 6pm.** Cost including coach and shrine fee: **£25** adults, **£15** children under 16, Families **£60.**

To book your place please Email rochester@rcaso.org.uk.

The Catholic Safeguarding

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency are seeking feedback from anyone who may have information regarding the safeguarding function in **Southwark Archdiocese.** Please follow on the below links if you wish to contribute. Thank you

[Do you have information to help our safeguarding inspection in Southwark?](#)
[Survivors' Work With Us](#)

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: , Rita Nelligan, Naomi Black, George Coveney, Carol Pearce, Gwen Griffin, Thomas Maguire, Don Pitts, Rudi Molinari, Ivan Settle, Syd Sharp, Patrick Brady, Anne Day, Larry Purtill, Mary Wilkinson, Denis Chapelle, Nora Cruttenden, Catherine Birch.