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ENGLISH MARTYRS' STROOD

MAY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
MARY



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK 18TH MAY
MISSAL: PRAYERS AND READINGS pg. 859, PREFACE pg. 471

SUNDAY 18TH
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30am Said mass
10.30am Sung mass

Bernadette Foster intentions
Mary Kelly RIP

MONDAY 19TH
SAINT DUNSTAN

8.30am Exposition
9.30am Mass

For members of Mother Prayers

TUESDAY 20TH
SAINT BERNARDINE OF SIENA
No Public Mass today

WEDNESDAY 21ST
SAINT CHRISTOPHER OF MAGALLANES

8.30am Exposition
9.30am Mass

Stephen Pettitt RIP

THURSDAY 22ND
SAINT RITA OF CASCIA

8.30am Exposition
9.30am Mass

David Farrell RIP

FRIDAY 23RD
FERIA

8.30am Exposition
9.30am Mass

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)

Bernadette Foster intentions

SATURDAY 24TH
FERIA

9.30am Latin Mass
10.00am Exposition
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Orlando Quintero Cala and Rosa Villamizar RIP

People of the Parish

SUNDAY 25TH
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30am Said mass
10.30am Sung mass

Eileen Gallagher RIP
Georgina and William Widohs's second
Wedding Anniversary

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
368
WEEKLY COLLECTION
GIFT AID £270.58
NON-GIFT AID £298.63
TOTAL £560.21

SECOND COLLECTION
TOTAL £910.91

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
	Youth Club – first Friday of the month at 6.15 pm (term time)
Saturday	Knights of St Columba, first Saturday of the month at 7 pm
Sunday	Tea and Coffee first Sunday at 11.30 am in the Parish Hall

Spiritual Thought

This Sunday the Pope is installed as the Bishop of Rome. It is the last of the great ceremonies surrounding the death and the election of the next Pope.

In times past this installation was a coronation – the Pope would be crowned with the Triple Crown (still a symbol of the papacy) showing that he is supreme pontiff, has universal ecclesial authority and temporal power. The Triple Crown was removed by Pope Paul VI in an effort to appear humble.

The Pope is not only head of the Roman Church, and leader of all Catholics across the globe, but he is also ruler of the Vatican City.

As we celebrate the new Pope let us continue to pray for him asking God to fill him with all the graces he needs to govern the church.

**Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.**

S.P.U.C Society for the Protection of Unborn Children 'Public Day of Witness'

A Public day of Witness will be held **on Saturday 31st May outside Rochester Railway Station from 1pm for 1hour**, in silence, only engaging if asked or enquiring. Please consider joining us and standing 'Shoulder to Shoulder' in defence of the 11 million unborn babies taken from us since 1967. For further information or help please contact **074 88284 744**.



Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

IGBO CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Please join us for a vibrant cultural gathering of the Igbo Catholic community, under the Nigerian Catholic Chaplaincy of England and Wales, **on Sunday, May 25, 2025**. This special event will take place at **St. Thomas of Canterbury Church in Rainham, Kent, ME8 7RH**, starting with the Igbo Mass at 1 pm.

Mass intentions

The earliest dates for daily masses are now in **July** and weekend masses in **October**.

Pilgrim Statue of Our Blessed Virgin Mary

Pilgrim Statue of Our Blessed Virgin Mary is available for families or individuals to take home for one-month period for prayers and devotion centred on daily Rosary. If interested contact **Chioma .S.McMorrow** on **0741112463/ sylver_chioma@yahoo.com**

May Devotions

A Service of prayers, rosary and hymns in honour of our Lady will happen **every Saturday in May beginning on the 3rd of May at 4pm in the church**. All welcome to join.

Safeguarding Sunday 2025

Sunday 18th May is Safeguarding Sunday and Archbishop John has issued a pastoral letter. In his letter, Archbishop John said "Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. Each of us — clergy, volunteers, parents, parishioners — is called to remain vigilant, informed, and committed to the well-being of every member of our community". You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday, including accessing the full pastoral letter, at rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25 or via the QR code



Archdiocese of Southwark Jubilee Celebration Day.

Archbishop John is inviting us all to join him at **Aylesford Priory on Saturday 7 June, 10 am-5 pm**, for our Archdiocese of Southwark Jubilee Celebration Day. For more information, visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubilee_celebration. That's also where you go to register for 90-minute ministry sessions for children (KS1+2) and young people (KS3+4). **Pre-booking for these sessions begins at 11 am on Monday 5 May.**

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

We are planning to **travel to Lourdes on the 18th - 25th July**.

We will fly direct to Lourdes from Southend Airport and return to Southend, we always stay at Hosanna House in Bartras with magnificent views of the Pyrenees Mountains, daily we are in Lourdes for all Pilgrimage visits.

Price for seven days which includes full insurance is £960. Travel to airports is included.

Please contact **Rod on 07516061372 or Sean 07981956917**

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: Helena Butler, Ron Rayner, Kathleen Lacey, James Rohan, Mary Grainger, Honor Horsefall, Robert Duhig, Kathleen Keenan, Margaret Baragnanath, Maisie Pearton, Annie Beirne, Victoria Meade, Joseph Yates-Burns, Norah Lamb, Tom Sparkes, Thomas Power, Joseph griffin, Mary Toole, John Chambers.