

**ENGLISH MARTYRS' R.C. CHURCH**

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**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** (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

**Mass Times and Intentions:****Sat 27<sup>th</sup> July The Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.30 am (Latin Mass) Roger Tester RIP

6.00 pm Algy Fassioms RIP

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> July Seventeenth Sunday**

8.30 am Bernadette Foster

10.30 am People of the Parish

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> July Saints Mary**

09.00 am Clive Baron RIP

**Wed 31<sup>st</sup> July Saint Ignatius of Loyola**

9.30 am For the wellbeing of Amani Omejer

**Thur 1<sup>st</sup> Aug Saint Alphonsus**

9.30 am Anthony Grierson intentions

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug Saint Eusebius of Vercelli**

09.30 am Clare Westbury

7.00 pm Angela Decker Family

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug The Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.30 am (Latin Mass) Mary Tootill special intentions

6.00 pm People of the Parish

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Aug Eighteen Sunday**

8.30 am Liz Fiorani Birthday

10.30 am Laetitia Aman -one-year anniversary of the death of our beloved Aunt. May her Soul rest in peace

**Mass on Monday**

Please note that the **Mass will be celebrated at 9am on Monday**, with the usual **holy hour beginning at 8am**.

**Outside Church Tidying**

**Calling for volunteers to help me remove the weeds from the church steps.** If you are able to help we'll be meeting after the morning **Mass on Thursday (1st August) - please bring any garden implements you might need, and gloves.**

In the porches you will find many **gift bags** that have been the presbytery for a while that have been used for gifts for the priests. **They are free to take.**

**Monday 30th September - Monday 7th October**

Applications to join our pilgrimage to Lourdes where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St Bernadette over 150 years ago **will close on Wednesday 31st July**. Applications submitted now will need to be accompanied by **the full payment of £960 for the pilgrimage**. If you have already submitted your application and paid your deposit you will also need to **pay the balance in full by Wednesday 31st July**. For an application form and further details please contact **Rod on 01634 221881 alternatively speak to Deacon John or Judith Letley after Mass.**

**Please remember the following in your prayers:**

Barbara Borthwick, Judith Streten, 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, Eileen Gallagher, Helen and Arthur Annal, Claire Baron, Rod Black.

**Anniversaries:** Jack Laffan, Gary Hill, Dorothy Faulkenstein, Reginald Bowden, Victor Ferrugia, Anne Ashby, Harold McGrath, Nora Brady, Allan, Latto, Maureen Noye, Harry Bailey, Freda Destiney, Mary McMahan, Persis Hine, Patrick Morris, Maureen Drake, Christine Hamill, Ellena Smith, Honora Mahoney, Robin Grogan, Mike Knowlden, Leo Stanley, Nancy Griffin, Bertram Brackin, Gerrard Irwin.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Non- Gift Aid</b>
<b>Weekly Collection</b>	<b>£725.03</b>	<b>£236.83</b>	<b>£488.20</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>351</b>		

**Spiritual Thought**

On Wednesday this week we will celebrate the feast day of St Ignatius of Loyola – the founder of the Jesuit order, the Society of Jesus.

St Ignatius' life didn't end up as he had expected. He had wanted to be a great soldier, famous for his impressive military deeds. But at the Battle of Pamplona his leg was shattered by a canon ball, he was sent into a long recovery. During this period of his life he converted completely and fundamentally to Jesus, and gave up his worldly life.

He gathered around himself other holy and good people and founded the Jesuit order. He desired to spread the gospel and love of Jesus through all the cities of Europe, through the pagan and muslim countries, through all the lands that hadn't even been discovered. But this task was left to others, while he organised from Rome.

We all have different hopes for our life, but our expectations shouldn't limit us – God has his plans for us too. Plans for good, and for our holiness. Like St. Ignatius let us be in the hands of God, and do his holy will – that is enough for us.

**The Evangelium 2024 conference for young Catholics**

The Evangelium 2024 conference for young Catholics aged **18-35** is less than one month away -16th - 18th August.

Evangelium helps to make faithful Catholics effective for Mission. Many have met lifelong friends and spouses, joined apostolates or discovered a vocation. This year you are invited! Please note that the 'early-bird' pricing is still available.

Booking: <https://saintant.com/evangelium-conference> or call **01834 812643**. For more information please see the flyer in the porches.

Could O. Ajayi speak to Fr Tom regarding **the gift aid** donations please.

**Tea and coffee**

**Next Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> August) after the 10:30am Mass** we will have tea and coffee in the hall – you're most welcome to come and get to know the other parishioners.

**FoodBank**

Please do remember the FoodBank collections in the porches of the church. **These are collected regularly** and shared with the central distribution centre. Aside from non-perishable food, toiletries and washing products are also needed. Thank you again for your continued generosity.

**Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory**

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at **Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm**. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call