

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 28th Sept Saint Wenceslaus**

9.30 am (Latin Mass) Finbarr Moloney

6.00 pm Arthur and Kathleen Pearl RIP

Sun 29th Sept Twenty-Sixth Sunday

8.30 am Bernadette Foster

10.30 am People of the Parish

Mon 30th Sept Saint Jerome

9.30 am Conor Leniham RIP

Wed 2nd Oct The Holy Guardian Angels

9.30 am For the intentions of Father Alferio

Thur 3rd Oct Feria

09.30 am For the Decker Family

Fri 4th Oct Saint Francis of Assisi

09.30 am John Gryffin RIP

7.00 pm Wilde Family

Sat 5th Oct Saint Faustina Kowalska

9.30 am (Latin Mass) Anthony Jackson RIP

6.00 pm Sarah, Bruce and Sophie Brown intentions

Sun 6th Oct Twenty-Seventh Sunday

8.30 am People of the Parish

10.30 am Franek Slowik Birthday intentions

Mothers Prayer group

Next Monday, 7th October, Mothers Prayer group will meet at 7pm. Church cleaning 6pm. Any help with the cleaning will be much appreciated.

Half term trip to Fatima 28th – 31st October.

Cost £399 for adults, £299 for children. One place left. This trip is led by Fr. Stephen Boyle. We fly from Gatwick, and come back to Stansted. For more details **contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel: 01322 220075.** This guided pilgrimage includes half board accommodation and coach from/to Lisbon to Fatima, and visit to Santarem. Note that insurance is not included.

One Hope Project

On **Thursday 31st October** Archbishop John will lead an evening for young adults (**ages 18-40**) dedicated to Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. The evening will include Eucharistic Adoration, music from the One Hope Project and a social afterwards. **6:30 pm:** Arri vals, **7:00 pm:** Eucharistic Adoration/Praise/Confessions, **8:00 pm:** Talk by Archbishop John on Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Talk followed by social and refreshments in the Hall.
Address: St George's Cathedral Lambeth Rd SE16 HR

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, Angela Bentley.

Anniversaries: John Grealis, Thomas Avery, H.G. Archbishop Amigo, Crossman Cairns, Anthony Barron, Douglas Marcar, Robert Smyth, Alfred Abela, Mary Ring, Ilona Scharneck, Dolores Liddy, Carmel Ahern, Joseph O'Brien, Norman Killpatrick, Brendan McGough, Nicholas Clancy, Sheila McLane, Dorothy Fahy.

	Total	Gift Aid	Non- Gift Aid
Weekly Collection	£627.75	£201.30	£426.45
Attendance	295		

Spiritual Thought

Today in the church (29th September) we celebrate the feast day of St Michael the Archangel. It has been a feast in the church since the 5th century (in old English it was called Michaelmas). Devotion to St. Michael has been expressed through founding of churches, monasteries and shrines, particularly hill shrines – for example Mont Saint Michel in France, and the Tor in Glastonbury.

The archangels, named particularly for their work, are key to God's working in the world. St. Michael's name means "who is like god?" and is a direct challenge to Satan (who he cast from heaven) and all idols.

Today we can ask St. Michael to protect and defend us and the whole church particularly from the attacks of the evil one, so we can worship God freely. But also we can be asked to be delivered from any particular idols we may have in our life that distract us, or draw us from God. So with the angels and archangels we can worship the true God in holiness.

English Martyrs Catholic Youth Club

English Martyrs Catholic Youth Club will meet on **this Friday, 4th October, at 6:15 pm until 8.30 pm in the St. John Fisher Room.** There will be prayers, Holy Mass, games and tuck shop. Children of ages from school **Years 6 to 11 are welcome.** Cost **£2** per child.

Tea and coffee

Next Sunday (6th October) 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.

Adult Confirmation and Conversion Course

If there are any **adult Catholics who have not been confirmed and would like to be** – Or people seeking entrance into the Catholic church – Or Catholics seeking to deepen their faith – all are invited to the **St. John Fisher Room on this Thursday 3rd October at 7:30pm** to begin an introduction and further study into the Catholic church.

Catholic Men's Group Meeting

Catholic men of the parish are invited to the next gathering of the Medway Catholic Men's Group on this **Friday 4th October, St Michael's parish, Chatham.** 7.30-8.30pm Eucharistic adoration, holy rosary, silent prayer, Confession, Benediction. 8.30-9.30pm social in the parish house. Grow your prayer life, meet fellow Catholic men, and help build a Christ-centered network.

A Day with Mary

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 12th October (9.45am to 5.00pm).** Further information is available at: <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventscatholic.com/>