

ENGLISH MARTYRS' R.C. CHURCH

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Mass Intentions**Sat 30th July**

6.00pm Algy Fassioms RIP

Sun 31st July Eighteenth Sunday

8.30am People of the Parish

10.30am Deacon John & Judith Letley

Mon 1st August Saint Alphonsus Ligouri

9.30am Chris & Bill Hamill RIP

Thurs 4th August Saint John Vianney

9.30am Brian & Ann Vine RIP

Fri 5th August Feria

9.30am William Bolger RIP

7.00pm Lily Farrell's wellbeing

Sat 6th August The Transfiguration of The Lord

9.30am Patrick & Cecilia Jordan RIP

6.00pm People of the Parish

Sun 7th August Nineteenth Sunday

8.30am Kiato Carr

10.30am Paddy Gallagher RIP

Mass times this week

On Wednesday there is no morning Mass.

Save the date.On Sunday 7th August, we will have tea and coffee after the 10.30am Mass in the Hall.On Sunday 4th September we will have a parish BBQ, after the 10.30am Mass on the school playing field. More details, including how to help, will follow.**Food Bank**

We will all struggle financially over the coming months – please remember those who will struggle most. We have our food bank collection in the porches to help our giving.

If you know of anyone, or any family who may be in particular need, please let Fr Tom know as the church may be able to help.

Parish Secretary Vacancy.

With our parish secretary retiring, we are looking to recruit a replacement to assist in the administration of our busy parish. (This will initially be on a 12 month fixed term contract). The role is to provide support to the Parish Priest in all administrative matters within the Parish and will cover secretarial, financial and office management work. Previous experience of bookkeeping/financial work is essential. The successful candidate will be fully conversant with current office software such as Outlook, Word and Excel and be generally comfortable with IT and office equipment and will have excellent telephone skills and a good understanding of the workings of a Roman Catholic Parish. Hours would be 12 hours per week which would be mostly working from home Salary £10 to £13.50 per hour depending on experience. If you would like to apply for this position, please send your CV to English Martyrs Church, 37 Frindsbury Road, Strood ME2 4JA by 25th August 2022.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Barbara Borthwick, Judith Streten, Josie Gill, John Paul Stoke, Betty Jones, Cathrin La Page, Lauren Allan, Mary Ring, Tony Carroll, Sylvia Kemp, Billy Thomas, Barbara Ongley, Marie Fassioms, Lily Farrell, Samantha Candeggi-D'Alonzo, Joe-Joe Dockrell, Judith Letley, John Letley, Karen Hill, Carol Masey, Eileen Wells. Mr Pat Ayngge, Jenson Lambeth, Neo Taylor, Kathy Mogg, Anna Gawlik, Joanna Tidmarsh.

Anniversaries:- Harry Bailey, Freda Destiney, Mary McMahon, Persis Hine, Patrick Morris, Maureen Drake, Christine Hamill, Ellena Smith, Honora Mahoney, Robin Grogan, Mike Knowlden, Leo Stanley, Nancy Griffin, Bertram Brackin, Gerrard Irwin, Dorothy McGrath, Tom Ennis, Michael Conroy, Francis Kenny, Ernest King, Elizabeth Sharkey, Michael Baker, John Rooney, Patricia Livermore.

	Total	Gift Aid	Non- Gift Aid
Weekly Collection	£648.08	£352.15	£295.93
Attendance	358		

Spiritual Thought

On Saturday (6th August) we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, when the divinity of Our Lord was revealed, and he was found with the great prophets Moses and Elijah.

We hear this Gospel during Lent – during the fast, with the predictions of the Passion all around us we hear this Gospel of glory and joy – and like the disciples, we are consoled by it.

Many of the great mysteries of the church are celebrated during Lent and Passiontide – the Eucharist, the Cross, the Transfiguration – and they are tinged with sorrow and suffering. The Transfiguration for example, was meant to prepare the disciples for the cross.

Many of these mysteries are repeated for us outside of lent, so we can rejoice in them without sorrow, without the shadow of the cross, for example we celebrate Corpus Christ not as the preparation for the Passion but in joy of the gift.

This Saturday as we celebrate this glorious feast of the Transfiguration, we do so not in feast, and preparation for the scandal of the cross – but in joyful preparation for the glory of heaven.

Confession Times

Confessions are available after every Sunday and weekday Mass – please wait in the Sacred Heart chapel and the priest will be with you shortly.