

ENGLISH MARTYRS' R.C. CHURCH

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Sat 19th Nov The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30 am (Latin Mass) Holy Souls
6 pm Angela Bentley's welfare

**Sun 20th Nov OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

8.30am Jenny Rogers wellbeing
10.30 am People of the Parish

Mon 21st Nov The presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am In Thanksgiving

Weds 23rd Nov Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr

9.30 am Lola's Birthday intentions

Thurs 24th Nov Saint Andrew Dung-Lac

9.30 am Holy Souls

Fri 25th Nov Saint Catherine of Alexandria

9.30 am Marie Cosbelloe's RIP

Sat 26th Nov FERIA

9.30 am (latin mass) Darren and Dians O'Baer
6 pm People of the Parish

Sun 27th Nov First Sunday of Advent

8.30 am In Thanksgiving
10.30 am Mark Brown RIP

Please note **there will not be** the evening Holy Hour this Friday.

On Thursday 24th November we will offer the funeral mass of Lauren Boxall at 10:30am. Please remember to pray for the repose of her soul, and her friends and family

Please find in the porches blank lists for you to add names to. Please place these names in the box at the front of the lectern- we pray for these Holy Souls every day. Please don't put money into this box - if you'd like to offer mass for a deceased person, or the Holy Souls in general, please do so in the usual way.

On Friday 9th December at 8pm, we will have a parish quiz night – all are welcome to attend. Please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the porches - if you'd like to form a team, or if you'd like us to find you a team, please indicate this. Adults will be charged £2.50 and children £1 – payable on the night. Light refreshments will be provided – please bring your own bottle.

Holy Hour

December 12th is the anniversary of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn. To commemorate this day there will be a holy hour for the sanctity of life at English Martyrs Church at 7pm.

A warm welcome to this holy hour is extended to members of the Rochester & Strood S.P.U.C. group, the St John Fisher Catholic Men's group and parishioners of both churches.

A small programme of prayer, presentations and readings will be offered for all the unborn who have been lost. Prayers will be offered for all pro-life organisations working to uphold the sanctity of life and who offer help and advice. Prayers will also be offered for victims of abortion.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Barbara Borthwick, Judith Streten, Josie Gill, John Paul Stoke, Betty Jones, Cathrin La Page, Lauren Allan, 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 Aynge, Jenson Lambeth, Neo Taylor, Kathy Mogg, Anna Gawlik, Joanna Tidmarsh, Shane McNeelance.

Anniversaries: Margaret Windsor, Helena Monfor, Elizabeth Strable, Henry Stawowski, Joes McDonald, David Beasland, Brian Overton, Thomas Allen, Mary Browning, Catherine Fogarty, Ines Modena, Kathleen French, Robert Sibbons, Violet May, Bogdan Stawowski, Frank Walsh, Masey Rodgers, Harriet Lawson, Catherine Petrie, Rita DaSilva, Penny Modena, Chrissy Gash, Guy Burton, Daniel Reynolds, Millie Treulett, Stephenn Avery, Joan Purtil, Christine Mynott, Thomas Tierney.

	Total	Gift Aid	Non- Gift Aid
Weekly Collection	£852.56	£285	£445.65
Archbishop's Appeal	£121.91		
Attendance	374		

Spiritual Thought

This feast day of Christ the King is a relatively new celebration. It was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. We can reflect deeply on this feast day in our own time because we are asked starkly "who rules you?"

We can answer this politically – and in recent months we have been ruled by a great many people. We might say we are ruled by a democracy – but when did we last vote, when were our leadered most recently elected?

We can ask "who rules us?" morally – who tells us what to do? Who dictates to us right and wrong? Who tells us what to think and how to act? Do we not learn more from the media than anywhere else? Don't our children learn more from the media than from their parents?

We can ask "who rules us?" religiously – do I know and obey the teachings of the church, or do pick and choose at my own whim?

In celebrating this feast we acknowledge Our Lord Jesus as our true ruler – I want him to reign over my rights, over my head and heart, over my whims and inclinations. Because with him as ruler there will be peace.

Did you know? Every week after the Wednesday morning Mass and rosary we have tea and coffee in the St. John Fisher Room – all are welcome.

English Martyrs Christmas Raffle 2022

The draw for the Christmas Raffle will take place in the Community Hall at 12 noon on Sunday the 11th December 2022. We are handing out to all parishioners an envelope containing 4 books of Raffle tickets. Please try to sell these, and as many more as you can, to family, friends and neighbours; especially as we will **not** be holding a Christmas Bazaar again this year. Kindly return the completed stubs and money in the envelope to the Church Office or to Father Tom; **No later than Saturday the 10th December 2022.** Thank you most sincerely for your continued and valued support.