

ENGLISH MARTYRS' R.C. CHURCH

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Mass Times and Intentions**Sat 18th Mar Saint Cyril of Jerusalem**

9.30 am (Latin Mass) Hannah Morris and family

6.00 pm Arthur and Kathleen Pearl RIP

Sun 19th Mar Fourth Sunday of Lent

8.30 am People of the Parish

10.30 am Leon family

Mon 20th Mar Saint Joseph

9.30 am Conor Lenihan RIP

Weds 22nd Mar Feria

9.30 am Sylvie Liscoe RIP

Thurs 23rd Mar Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

9.30 am Tony Costelloe's health and wellbeing

Fri 24th Mar Feria

9.30 am Monica O'Brien's Birthday intentions

6 pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 25th Mar Annunciation of the Lord

9.30 am (Latin Mass) James Kiernan RIP

6.00 pm Edie Coveroy

Sun 26th Mar Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.30 am People of the Parish

10.30 am Mike, Di and Lydia Cannavina

Growing in Faith Course

We continue this **Wednesday at 7pm in the church**, looking this week at Jesus – who He really is. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross

On **Fridays from 6pm until 7 pm** during the lent we have **Stations of the Cross and devotions**. All are welcome.

The Funeral of Sam Modena will take place at **St. John's Higham at 12noon on Tuesday 28th March**. As this is not a Catholic church please remember not to receive holy communion at this service.

SPUC Rochester and Strood

Our local SPUC chapter are showing the film "Unplanned" on **Saturday 25th March at 7:30pm, in the St. John Fisher Parish, Rochester**. Please be aware this film is rated 15. Admission is **free** and refreshments will be served.

Strood Lourdes Pilgrimage 1st – 8th September 2023

Join us for our pilgrimage to Lourdes where the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus and our mother also, appeared to St Bernadette over 150 years ago. During our week we will have many opportunities to visit the Grotto, the site of the apparitions, the Rosary Basilica, with its magnificent mosaics and the other wonderful chapels in the Domain of Lourdes. We will also join the Torchlight Procession and the Blessing of the Sick.

The cost of the week is £812 which includes return flights, transfers and all transport in France, fully comprehensive insurance and 7 nights full board accommodation. For more details and an application form please contact Rod on 01634 221881 or Angela on 07810 406546 Please also see the posters in the porches.

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, Barbara Ongley, Marie Fassioms, 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, Shane McNeelance, Pat Harte.

Anniversaries: Eliza Griffin, Joseph Gallagher, Mary Bourke, Hannah Lawlor, Stephen Griffin, Karl Varnham, Maureen Nutley, Stephen McCutcheon, Reginald Simmonds, Silvana Bollen, Moya Day, Noreen Rodgers, Arthur Carwardine, Thomas Cooney, Marjorie Patmore, Joan Burden, Owen Mendes, Teresa Caulfield, Betty Whattler, Dennis McCarthy, Edward Holmes, Eily Briggs

	Total	Gift Aid	Non- Gift Aid
Weekly Collections	£ 683.12	£319.55	£363.57
Attendance	387		

Spiritual Thought

Today in the church we would usually celebrate the feast of St. Joseph – but because it's a Sunday he is 'trumped' and left until next year.

Sundays are the spiritual highlight of the week. If we judge our life by our work/free time then Sundays become a time for doing other things, a free day. If we judge our time by our family, Sunday becomes a time to be together, particularly in the evening. If we judge our time by the TV Sundays can be quite dull.

But if we judge our life by God, by the spiritual life, by the divine life then Sundays become full of grace, full of rest. From the moment we get up, to our morning prayers, to Sunday mass, to time relaxing and with family – the whole of Sunday is shared with God, bathed in his divine light.

As we celebrate this mothering Sunday, we can ask God the Father to draw us into his glorious light, which we can keep for the rest of the week.

Easter Choir Practise

Choir practises for Easter services will be held **every Tuesday** during lent at **7pm** in the church. All welcome to join and give glory to God.

Children's Stations of the Cross

There will be a practise of the Children's Station on Saturday **25th March at 2pm**. All children are welcome to attend.

Legion of Mary

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs praesidium of the Legion of Mary meets every **Tuesday, at 7 p.m., in the John Fisher room**. All are invited to 'come and see'.

The Legion, under the loving heavenly patronage of Our Lady, seeks to draw all persons to Christ, the redeemer of mankind. It does so by means of prayer and action.

Beginning Experience Weekend

If you have suffered a **divorce, separation or the death of your spouse**, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from **21st to 23rd April 2023 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex**. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

Sunday School

Our next **Sunday School** will be on next **Sunday, 26th March** in the Parish Hall from 9.30am – 10.20am. This is open to all children regardless of age or school, Primary and Secondary children are taught separately.