

INFORMATION

RCIA ENROLEMENT MASS: We would like to welcome and pray for the candidates who are starting their faith journey this year, their welcome mass will be next Saturday at 6:00pm, please keep the candidates in your prayers.

RCIA: (Right of Christian initiation of Adult) The Journey in Faith Group welcomes new enquirers to start a period of preparation and discernment. If you would like further information please email: Mary Watson, mbwatson@hotmail.co.uk. Meetings continue every Friday @ 7pm in St Andrew's room.

RIDE + STRIDE FOR CHURCHES 2026: was held this Saturday Thank you to Teresa & Mark for their commitment to this much needed cause.

PARKINSON'S UK: Join us in St Andrews Room on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month between 3pm – 4.30pm. which will start on September.23rd. Please see noticeboard for further dates.

SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HARMED BY ABUSE. Led by Archbishop John Wilson on Wednesday 30th September at 6.30pm in St. George's Cathedral SE1 7HY. An evening of hope and healing. All welcome. See poster in foyer

SOCIAL COMMITTEE LEADER: We are looking for a much-needed volunteer, to organise our social committee, which is a vital role in our parish.

Let us pray for the Sick

Alan Tilanus, Kimberley Kelly, Cillian Madden. Clare Cameron, Siobhan Gray. And for all who are sick and in need of our prayers.

Let us pray for the Dead

Mary Harding, Pat Ball, Margaret Strudwick, Yvonne Tonnet, Arthur Ball, Michael Murphy, Barbara Hawkins, Daniel Hamilton, Thomas Grove, Miss Cunningham, Dorothy Hay, Sister Margaret Ireland, Carmela Gibson, Keith Hempstead, Thomas Crudden, Pietro Rebecchi, Nelly Hennessey, Maureen Muldoon.

<u>Contacts</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>
All Sacraments	Fr Vipin, vipinjames@rcaos.org.uk
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Family Prayer	Susan Terry, susanmmterry@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS - A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO PRAY. We have available spaces for Mass intentions in the coming weeks. Offering a Mass for a loved one, whether living or deceased, is a profound act of love and faith. Please contact the parish office to reserve a date.

CATHECHISTS. The Day for Catechists will be on Saturday 3rd October at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral. This Day is for all the catechists including the Liturgy of the Word for Children and RCIA. The theme is Truth and Beauty in Catechesis in the Age of AI. 10am finishing with Mass at 4pm Attendance Fee: £10 (parishes are encouraged to pay)

EDENBRIDGE CHURCHES IN COVENANT PARISH REP (ECC): We would like to congratulate & thank June Kelly for volunteering to take on this much-needed position. Thank you to Simon for his much-valued commitment over the years.

CHILDRENS LITURGY: we invite every child who has not yet received First Holy Communion to join in the children's mass every Sunday to pray, to understand more about the Eucharist, & to help them to grow in faith. **If your child would like to receive communion in the future they need to attend liturgy for this coming year.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 13th Children's Liturgy continues every Sunday.

Monday 14th Sept: Prayer Group Session.

Sat/Sunday 19th / 20th: First National Mass Count.

SUPPORTING THE PARISH

We are grateful for all you do to support our parish & thank you for your ongoing kindness and generosity.

Offertory last week: £156.81 (loose cash)
Gift Aid: £30.00 (loose cash, envelopes)
St Andrew's Fund: £51.57

Standing Orders: Average monthly contributions: £ 337

2nd COLLECTION: This week is for **The Catholic Education Services.** (CES)

2nd COLLECTION. Next week is for **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (Home Mission).**

Gift Aid and Standing Order Enquiries: Please email the Gift Aid Co-Ordinator at: edenbridge@rcaos.org.uk or call the Parish Office on. 01732862256

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13th September 2026

24th SUNDAY IN OT

The book of Ecclesiasticus reminds us not to hold on to anger, resentment or hurt. Instead, we are encouraged to forgive those who have wronged us and to let go of ill-feeling. It is a reminder that if we want to experience God's mercy, we must also be willing to show mercy to others.

The Psalm gives us a beautiful picture of God's love: *"The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy."* God does not treat us according to our faults but continually offers us forgiveness and healing. What a wonderful example of the mercy we are called to share with others.

The Second Reading St Paul reminds us that our lives are connected and that what we do can affect those around us. Forgiveness can have a powerful effect too. It brings freedom to the person who is forgiven and healing to the person who forgives.

In the Gospel, Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive someone who keeps hurting him. Peter probably thinks that seven times is more than enough! But Jesus responds, *"Not seven, but seventy times seven."* Jesus is reminding us that forgiveness should have no limit.

Forgiving is not always easy, especially when we have been deeply hurt. But this Sunday's readings invite us to let go of resentment, choose mercy and allow God's healing love to work in our hearts.



DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat 12th	05.15pm 06.00pm	Confession John Gibson RIP
Sun 13th	10.00am	Sonia & Vido Parker RIP
Mon 14th	10.00am	Exaltation of the Holy Cross People of the Parish
Tues 15th		NO MASS
Wed 16th	10.00am	Sts Cornelius & Cyprian, Bishops & Martyrs Wladislaw Sabota RIP
Thu 17th	10.00am	Holy Souls
Fri 18th	09.00am 10.00am	Adoration & Divine Mercy Prayer Pat Ball RIP
Sat 19th Vigil	05.15pm 06.00pm	Confession Rev Edward Rider INT (25 years of Ordination to the Diaconate)
Sun 20th	10.00am	Ian & Louisa Faulkner INT

Prayer for the Vocations

Gracious and loving God, we thank You for the gift of our priests, help them to be strong in their vocation and become instruments of Your love and grace. Send Your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to all You are calling to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life in our Archdiocese. May those called, hear Your voice, and respond wholeheartedly to become the person You have created them to be. Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of Your Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully. We ask this through Christ the Eternal High Priest. Amen.