INFORMATION

MONTH OF REMEMBERANCE: November is the month we pray for the souls of the departed. Please write the name of those you wish to be remembered using Mass Intention envelopes at the back of the church & place it in the basket on the altar.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection next week for **The Catholic Youth Services**.

CHRIST THE KING: We invite everyone to join us for Vespers on the Solemnity of Christ the King, next Sunday **22nd November at 6:00pm** in our parish, together with members of ECC, followed by refreshments in St Andrew's

SVP AFTERNOON COFFEE on 25th November at 2;00pm.

ST ANDREW'S FRIENDS GROUP: Thank you to all the adults who attended our previous friendly gathering last month. Once again, we warmly invite all adults to join us on Saturday the **28th at 7:00pm in St Andrew's room** for another friendly gathering filled with fun games, friendly chat, food, and drinks. Don't miss it…

BONFIRE NIGHT: Thank you to everyone that attended, it was a lovely evening. A special 'Thank You' to all our chefs for the delicious food that was prepared and served.

CHILDRENS LITURGY: Kindly bring your children for Sunday mass and encourage them to join the children's liturgy every Sunday. Especially if you would like your child fulfil the sacrament of their First Holy Communion next year.

PARKINSON'S SINGING GROUP: Important information, the next session, **will be at Ricards Hall** and not in St Andrew's Room, next Wednesday **25th November** between 3pm – 4.30pm.

PRAYER GROUP: This **Monday 16th November** at 7pm in St Andrews Room

CHRISTMAS AID FOR CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY: To help families, we are requesting donations of presents, preferably wrapped, and labelled boy/girl. This can be reading or colouring books, pens, pencils, games, puzzles etc. This will be until Monday 14th Dec. Thank you in advance for your ongoing, kind and generous support.

FOOD BANK: Please can you help us to support this much needed project? There is a list of items (non-perishable) at the back of the church. Any donations would be very much appreciated, especially now, with Christmas fast approaching us. Thank you in advance.

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

Luigi Manns, Kay Anderson, Edward Tolley, Doris winter, Joan Rogers, Barbara Moth, Norman Thomas Hughes, Alice Herde, Henry John Owen, Ollie Posey, Philip O'Driscoll, Andrew Hendrick, Monica Cantwell.

'ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD'

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sun: 22nd Nov: Christ the King.@ 6pm

Sat: 28th Nov. St Andrew Friends Group

Sat: 28th Nov. Edenbridge Community Christmas Fair 1pm-6pm

Sun: 29th Nov. First Sunday of Advent

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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: £274.20 (loose cash)
Gift Aid: £90.00 (loose cash, envelopes)
St Andrew's Fund: £35.00
Standing Orders: Average weekly contributions: £ 337
2ND COLLECTION: last week £140.00 was raised for the Archbishops Appeal
BONFIRE NIGHT: £136.50 raised for St Andrew Room.

2nd COLLECTION: Next week is for The Catholic Youth Services

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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15th November 2026

33rd Sunday in OT, Year A

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the Church invites us to pause and reflect on the journey of our lives. We look back with gratitude for God's gifts, and forward with hope, asking how we are preparing to meet the Lord. The readings do not invite us to fear or speculate about the future, but to live faithfully and attentively in the present.

In the first reading, the woman of worth is praised as "far more precious than jewels." Her goodness is seen not merely in what she says, but in the faithful care and generous work of her daily life. Her example reminds us that holiness often grows through ordinary acts of love, carried out with patience and generosity.

Saint Paul calls us to live as "children of the light." We do not know when the Lord will come, so we are called to remain awake and attentive—not anxiously, but by choosing each day to live the Gospel. Pope John Paul II reminds us that preparing for the Lord's coming is not passive waiting: we prepare "today," by remaining faithful and putting the gifts entrusted to us to good use.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the talents. The talents entrusted to the servants remind us that all we have—our abilities, time, faith, and opportunities to serve—is a gift from God. The parable asks us not to bury those gifts through fear or indifference, but to use them generously for the good of others and the mission of Christ. Pope Francis puts the challenge plainly: "Do I take a risk through the power of my faith?" As we reflect this Sunday, we might ask ourselves: Am I offering my best in the things I do? Am I afraid to take a step forward in serving Christ and my parish community? How might I help our parish share the love of God more generously?

We do not need to wait for a perfect moment or a grand opportunity. The Lord entrusts us with gifts to be used here and now—in our families, our parish, and the lives of our neighbours. May we use them faithfully, so that when the Lord comes, we may hear his words: "Well done, good and trustworthy servant … enter into the joy of your master."

Fr Vipin

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat 14th Vigil	05.15pm 06.00pm	Confession Jennifer Fortune RIP
Sun 15th	10.00am	Siobhan Gray INT (Healing)
Mon 16th	10.00am	Desmond John Moreton RIP (P)
Tues 17th		NO MASS
Wed 18th	10.00am	Deceased members of Braybrook Family RIP
Thu 19th	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri 20th	09.00am 10.00am	Adoration Monica Cantwell RIP
Sat 21st Vigil	05.15pm 06.00pm	Confession John Gibson RIP
Sun 22nd	10.00am 06.00pm	**CHRIST THE KING** Sarah Ross RIP (Solemn Vespers)

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.