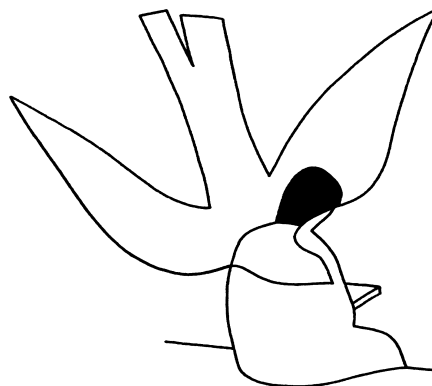


SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)	
Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Ps. 66; Apoc. 21: 10-14, 22-23; John 14: 23-29	
Saturday 24th May 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Luigina Guala	Sunday 25th May 2025 8:30am: Valery Coward (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish <i>including the First Reception of Our Lord in Holy Communion by Emmanuel Ngwoke</i> 12:30: Baptism Penelope Coward
ST. PHILIP NERI, PRIEST Monday 26th May 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls	ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP, APOSTLE OF ENGLAND Tuesday 27th May 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 8:30am: Kitty Milburn RIP 10am: Requiem Mass Catherine "Kitty" Milburn RIP
Weds. 28th May 2025 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Maria Fransica and Family RIP 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Thursday 29th May 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Joseph Selvaratnam RIP 7:30pm: sick and retired priests
Friday 30th May 2025 (Feria) NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT BEGINS TODAY 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Allan Moore RIP (Joyce Moore)	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Saturday 31st May 2025 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)	
Acts 7: 55-60; Ps. 96; Apoc. 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17: 20-26	
Saturday 31st May 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Joe Staunton RIP (Staunton)	Sunday 1st June 2025 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Irene Fernandes RIP <i>including the First Reception of Our Lord in Holy Communion by Roxanne Gera</i>
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Helen Manley, John Gohery, Austin McGann, Mary Richards, Lillian Donovan, Phyllis Bastone, Lianne Dwyer, George Galibardy, Michael Hogan, Margaret Lucas, Holly Sharp, Margaret Connolly, Albert Callen, Lawrie Nobbs, Elizabeth Mitchell, Patrick Joseph "Joe" Staunton, Gladys Bigwne, Kathleen Margaret Day, Marion Gillespie, Reginald Cox, Freda Weston.	
PEACE I GIVE YOU.	
The Holy Spirit is sent by the Father in the name of Christ to teach us a new life. We are not to obey rules and regulations as something external but rather we keep God's law through a real conversion of heart. Then the peace of Christ which the world cannot give will come to us as Christ's gift.	

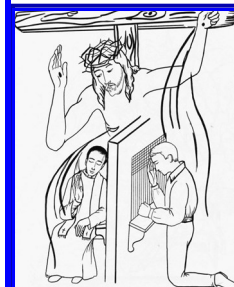


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*Jesus said to His disciples:
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*and We shall come to him
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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 17TH/18TH MAY 2025:

Gift Aid: £327.50; Card: £35; Loose Plate: £258.34 ATTENDANCE: 227

Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, **Fr. David.**

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Next weekend: for **WORLD COMMUNICATIONS.**

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN) the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

7th/8th June: for **THE BUILDING FUND.**

Gift Aiders: please use one of the envelopes from the back of your box/bundle.

14th/15th June: for **DAY FOR LIFE.**

This is the Day in the Church's Life dedicated to celebrating the Sacredness of Life.

28th/29th June: for **PETER'S PENCE.**

By reason of the bond and unity and charity, the Bishops of the Church with their people join together to produce those means which the Holy Father and the Apostolic See needs to exercise works of mercy and charity, and its Services of the Universal Church.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

The peace Jesus was offering was the confidence of being loved, the assurance of knowing that God can be relied upon and trusted in hard times. It flows into our lives when we open our hearts and allow God's healing presence to work within us. His strength is a powerful help to ease the tension and restlessness of life's difficulties which afflict our minds and souls.

The peace which is proclaimed is achieved by victory over sin due to the power of God, and Christ could speak of it on the night before He died. To obtain it means shutting out of our lives all that is selfish and greedy, all hatred and bitterness, and putting in their place forgiveness and the desire to help others and share with them the good things of life. The basis of peace is God. The secret of peace is trust, but the soul of peace is love which comes from the love of God and expresses itself in our love for people.

CONFIRMATION 2025

On Friday 24th October 2025

Canon Victor Darlington will visit our Parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you have a child who you wish to be included in the programme, which will start on **Monday 7th July**, the relevant forms will be available to collect from Fr. David after Mass from this weekend.

Please collect a pack as soon as possible, and note that the **closing date for the return** of the Enrolment Form is **Sunday 15th June**. Thank you.

**Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Day at
The Friars, Aylesford:**

7th June 2025

Please sign up for the coach in the reception area: **£15** each and **£30** for families.

**CAN ALL PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE SIGNED
UP TO GO TO AYLESFORD
PLEASE ARRANGE THEIR PAYMENTS
BEFORE THE 7TH JUNE.**

**A DAY WITH MARY
St. Mary of the Crays, Crayford:
Saturday 21st June**

Full information at
www adaywithmary.org
or **www.eventcatholic.com**

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Souls of

CATHERINE "KITTY" MILBURN, who died on the 1st May 2025.

FUNERAL: Tuesday 27th May 2025 at 10am followed by

COMMITTAL: Eltham Crematorium at 11:45am

PATRICIA HANRAHAN, who died on the 7th May 2025.

FUNERAL: Tuesday 3rd June 2025 at 10:30am followed by

BURIAL at St. Paulinus/Russell Stoneham Churchyard.

PAULINE CORNELL, who died on the 20th May 2025.

FUNERAL: Details to be advised.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE
UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. MAY THEIR SOULS, AND THE SOULS OF ALL
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**

RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS VISITING

St GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL: 26-29 JUNE 2025

St George's Cathedral will be visited by a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. On **Thursday 26 June**, an evening of adoration and veneration of the relic for young adults is taking place. On **Friday 27 June**, Archbishop John will preside at the 6pm Solemn Mass of the Sacred Heart, which will include the veneration of the relic. On **Saturday 28 June**, there will be a "morning with Carlo Acutis", which will include Mass, adoration, rosary and a talk on the relic. An exhibition will also be on display at the Cathedral from 19 June to 7 July. Visit: stgeorgescathedral.org.uk for more information.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE JUBILEE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF HARTLEY
ON SATURDAY 31ST MAY 2025**

at St Francis de Sales RC Church, Church Rd, Hartley, Kent, DA3 8DW beginning at 10am, concluding with Mass at 5:30pm. Please join us for a day of Marian prayer and hymn. Light refreshments will be served. Please feel free to bring your own packed lunch. Enquiries to hartley@rcaos.org.uk / 01474-705 361

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

Please add to your diaries the following event to be held
in June:

The next **BINGO SESSION** is on
SUNDAY 1ST JUNE at 12.15PM.

Come and enjoy a drink or coffee with some with friends
and family, and other Parishioners supporting the Parish.
£1 a card with cash winnings and the rollover is still rolling
over and presently stands at £68.
We look forward to seeing you there.

**DONATION TO THE
CTiC FOOD BANK**

A big **Thank You** on
behalf of the CTiC Food
Bank to the **Sunday
8.30am Tea Club** for
their donation of **£200**,
which is greatly appreciated.
Thank you, Alex.

Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Clare Gummett, Erin, Fr. John Ryan, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Maria Hanks, Marie Rogerston, Mick Buttifant, Pat Goodwin, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden, Rita Pearce and Sean Tansey.
**PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION,
OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?**