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SUNDAY COLLECTION: - £294.14 Thank you very much for your generosity and donations.

MASS ATTENDANCE: - 132

SANCTUARY LIGHT: - The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Sheerness in memory of Ian Morris and in Minster Abbey in memory of Anne Coleman.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURES ABOUT THIS TIME:-
Angela Soave, Ian Morris, Douglas Devlin, Basil Lobo, Michael Quirk, Margaret Gaynor, Belinda Skinner, Anne Coleman, Catherine Smith, Yvonne McDermott, Victor Dobson, Anne Petley, Allen Brady, Francis Ledwith, Maureen Allen, Paul Ingham, Michael Campbell, Anne Christie, John Murray, Pat Walls, Philip Evans, Netta Priestly, Mary Snowden, - Jacqueline Louise Lee who recently passed away, and all whose anniversary occurs about this time. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, THE HOUSEBOUND, AND HOSPITALISED OF THE PARISH: -
Mary-Ann Kairis, Rosalin Farrally, Courtney Kyles, Ginny Davis, Eileen & Trevor Aylott, Sean Breslin, Tony Hancock, Danny Finnigan, Rob Anglin, Mrs. Mepstead, Christine Wilson, Ron Ford, Diana Woodward, Wladyslaw Maczek, Janet Johnson, Louis Simpson, Anastasia Williams, Vanessa Kitto, Jan Hubbard, David Silk, David O'Neill, Peter Sharrock, Mr. Ryan, Patricia Jones, Vincent Barrett, Cheryl Crane, Monica Kidney, John Griffiths, Pat Sheehan, Betty Ainsworth, Linda Wright, Marion McHugo, Margaret Dan, Joe and Sally Moorehead, Michelle Partington, Cassandra Clark, John Reid, Samuel Stewart, Margaret Van Dyke, Mary Van Dyke, Cath Skinner, Johnny Berllaque, Fr. Frank, John Considine, Moira Sharpe, Jennifer Hill, Rocco Brum, Dorothy Trower, Ivor Watts, and Ann McGloyne.

PARISHIONERS: - Parishioners with sick or housebound members, not on the visitation list, please call the parish secretary if they wish to receive visits from Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and Fr. Aklilu.

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE: - **NOTICE** - Please check the Parish noticeboard, website and weekly newsletter for the latest updates and upcoming events.

SHEPPEY CATHOLIC PARISH
STS. HENRY & ELIZABETH, BROADWAY, SHEERNESS
MINSTER ABBEY, MINSTER ON SEA

21st – 29th November 2026

Sat 21st November		
10.00 am	Sheerness	People of the Parish
12.00 –1.00 pm	Sheerness	Confessions/Holy Hour
5.45 – 6.15pm	Sheerness	Confessions/Reconciliation
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A)		
6:30 pm	Sheerness	David Crane and Ray Jarvis (C. Crane)
Sun. 22nd		
09.00 am	M. Abbey	People of the Parish
11.15 am	Sheerness	Jan, Josefa and Zbigniew Rojek (Ostrowscy family)
Mon. 23rd		Feria
		No Mass
Tues. 24th		Saints Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
11:30 am	Sheerness	Deceased Clergy of Chatham Deanery
Wed. 25th		Feria
10:00 am	Sheerness	Physically/Emotionally/Mentally sick of the parish (D. Cripps)
Thurs 26th		Feria
10:00 am	M. Abbey	Holy Souls
Fri. 27th		Feria
10:00 am	Sheerness	Anne Petley (FM)
Sat. 28th		Feria
10.00 am	Sheerness	People of the Parish
12.00 –1.00 pm	Sheerness	Confessions/Holy Hour
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B		
6:30 pm	Sheerness	Deceased members of Fr. Aklilu's family (D. Cripps)
Sun. 29th		
9.00 am	M. Abbey	Johnny Berllaque (T. Luckhurst)
11.15 am		People of the Parish

HYMNS: - ENT: 477 OFF: 72 EXIT: 388

PARISH MASS BOOK: - **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR A on page 158.** Profession of Faith on page 11; Preface: Christ King of the universe, on page 68.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: - (CCC 2448) "In its various forms - material deprivation, unjust oppression, physical and psychological illness and death - *human misery* is the obvious sign of the inherited condition of frailty and need for salvation in which man finds himself as a consequence of original sin. This misery elicited the compassion of Christ the Saviour, who willingly took it upon himself and identified himself with the least of his brethren. Hence, those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of *a preferential love* on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defence, and liberation through numerous works of charity which remain indispensable always and everywhere."

(R.C.I.A.) RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS 2026/27: - As we continue our RCIA journey, our next session will take place on **Tuesday, 24th November 2026 at 6.00pm in the Joe Kairis Suite.** If you are thinking about becoming Catholic, completing your Sacraments, or simply exploring the faith, you are warmly welcome**.** For further information, please contact the parish office by email or telephone and leave a message, or speak to Fr Aklilu after mass.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026/27: - Our next session will take place on **Saturday, 28th November 2026 at 5.30pm in the Joe Kairis Suite**, followed by the 6.30pm Mass. We encourage all candidates to attend both the session and mass as part of their preparation. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact the parish office by email or telephone and leave a message. You are also very welcome to speak to Fr Aklilu after mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: - The First Holy Communion Group will be meeting at **10 am on Sunday 6th December in the Joe Kairis Suite.** The Mass afterwards at 11.15am will be our Family Service. The Family Services will be held on the first Sunday of every month, all children and those who are interested are invited to come and practice songs on Wednesday 25th November at 6.30 pm in the Church Hall, please note that First Holy Communion children will need to be at the Church Hall at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF CHATHAM DEANERY: - Tuesday 24th November at 11.30am in our Parish: - Many of us can recall a Clergy who touched our lives through their kindness, guidance, prayers and faithful ministry. Each year, the Clergy and people of the Chatham Deanery gather as one family in faith to remember and pray for the Clergy who have served our communities and who have now been called home to the Lord. As we give thanks for their devoted service to our parishes and families, we must entrust them once more to God's loving mercy, praying that they may share in the fullness of eternal life. Please do consider joining us for this special deanery Mass in our Parish. Thank you.

WEEKLY MESSAGE: - "The Good man is like a tree planted by the water-side that will bring its fruit in due season, because when a soul is watered by Charity, it brings forth good works seasonably and with discretion." **Saint Francis de Sales (1567 – 1622).**

WELCOME TO ST. HENRY AND ST. ELIZABETH PARISH: - A warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers. We're delighted to have you with us. Please do feel at home and introduce yourself to our parish well-comers before or after Mass, or for further information or to register, please contact Fr. Aklilu or the Parish Secretary.

NATIONAL YOUTH DAY SECOND COLLECTION SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER: - This Sunday there will be a second collection for National Youth Day. Your generous contribution will help fund youth ministry initiatives, faith formation programmes, and opportunities for young people to grow in their relationship with Christ and the Church. Thank you.

DAILY REFLECTION FOR ADVENT: - As an aid to personal prayer during Advent, the Spirituality Commission have produced a helpful daily reflection based on the reading for the day. Each is a short, practical and calls us to action. All who register will receive an email each morning directly to their inbox! To sign up – use link http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv or you can take a look at their website www.southwarkdsc.org.uk. and click on the box marked ADVENT REFLECTIONS. Rt. Rev. Paul Hendricks, Auxiliary Bishop, Kent Area.

BAPTISM CELEBRATION: - Congratulations to **Lenora Chimhurumnanya Ifeanyi-Igwe and Michaela Chigozirim Ifeanyi-Igwe, who were baptized on 15th November 2026.** We rejoice with their family on this special day and warmly welcome Lenora and Michaela into the family of God and our parish community. Please keep them in your prayers.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (U.C.M): - During the 7.00pm Mass on Tuesday, 17th November, three new members were enrolled into the Union of Catholic Mothers, and existing members renewed their commitment. We thank the U.C.M for their dedicated service and ministry in our parish and assure them of our prayers

REPOSITORY: - Visit our Parish Repository, where you'll find a variety of cards, booklets, religious artefacts, Rosaries, Bibles, and Missals. My Day to Day: - Advent 2026 edition for Infant, Junior and Adult are now available. We can also supply other items upon request. All are welcome.

FOOD PANTRY DONATION APPEAL: - If you can donate from your shopping, please put it at the back of the church in the box provided. Your generosity will help nourish those in need and bring hope and joy to their lives, every donation counts. Opening times **2.30 pm–4pm on 26th November**. Thank you very much for your continued support by donating either cash or food items

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MEETINGS & EVENTS: -

U.C.M: - The next U.C.M meetings will be on 1st December 2026 after 7pm mass in the Parish Church Hall.

P.F.C: - The next P.F.C meeting will be on 22nd January 2026 in the Presbytery

P.P.C: - The next P.P.C meeting will be held at 6.00pm on 27th January 2027 in the Parish Church Hall

DONATIONS: - Thank you very much for those who have been donating to our Parish church either in the cash collection, collect-tin or standing order. For further information on how to donate contact the Parish Office. *** Registered Charity Number: - 1173050**