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Charles Waites, William Lind, Linda Elston, Alistair Gillan, Joan Woodard, Antonio Risi, William Friday, Reginald Winkworth, Hilda Hymers, Joseph Coen, James Lambert, Connie Currey, Mary Quirk, Dorothy Day, Peter White, Patrick Hill, Maud Higgins, Rosa Aston, Mary White, Kathleen Brown, Agnes Godfrey, Paul Van Dyke, Maud Holness, Alice Gibbons, Bryan Mulholand, Maureen Richmond, Alex Walker, and all whose anniversary occurs about this time. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord .....

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, THE HOUSEBOND, AND HOSPITALISED OF THE PARISH: -**

Mary-Ann Kairis, Rosalin Farrally, Courtney Kyles, Ginny Davis, Eileen & Trevor Aylott, Sean Breslin, Tony Hancock, Danny Finnigan, Mona O'Byrne, May Wise, Rob Anglin, Mrs. Mepstead, Christine Wilson, Ron Ford, Diana Woodward, Wladyslaw Maczek, Janet Johnson, Louis Simpson, Anastasia Williams, Vanessa Kitto, Jan Hubbard, Margaret Atkinson, David Silk, David O'Neill, Peter Sharrock, Mr. Ryan, Patricia Jones, Vincent Barrett, M.M. Glock, 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, Ray Jarvis, Johnny Berllaque and Fr. Frank.

**SHEPPEY CATHOLIC PARISH****STS. HENRY & ELIZABETH, BROADWAY, SHEERNESS****53 Broadway, Sheerness, ME12 1TS, t:01795 485591, e: [sheppey@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sheppey@rcaos.org.uk)****MINSTER ABBEY, MINSTER ON SEA****10th - 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025****Sat. 10th**

10.00 am Sheerness

**Feria**

People of the Parish

12.00 –1.00 pm Sheerness

Confessions/Reconciliation

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C**

5.45 – 6.15pm Sheerness

Confessions/Reconciliation

6:30 pm Sheerness

Tony Kidney (M. Kidney)

**Sun. 11th**

9.00 am M. Abbey

Douglas Hubbard (J. Hubbard)

11.15 am Sheerness

People of the Parish

**Mon. 12th**

9.00 am Sheerness

**Feria**

Holy Souls

**Tues. 13th**

10.00 am Sheerness

**Feria**

Ray Jarvis (P&amp;R Glock)

**Wed. 14th**

10.00 am Sheerness

**Saint Matthias**

Communion Service

**Thurs. 15th**

10.00 am M. Abbey

**Saint John Stone**

Iris &amp; Cyril Crane (C. Crane)

**Fri. 16th**

10:00 am Sheerness

**Saint Simon Stock**

Communion Service

**Sat. 17th**

10.00 am Sheerness

**Feria**

People of the Parish

12.00 –1.00 pm Sheerness

Confessions/Reconciliation

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C**

5.45 – 6.15pm Sheerness

Confessions/Reconciliation

6:30 pm Sheerness

Tony Kidney (M. Kidney)

**Sun. 18th**

9.00 am M. Abbey

Patrick O'Shea (P. Hales)

11.15 am Sheerness

People of the Parish

**HYMNS:** - ENT. 22 OFF S. 699. EXIT. 263.

**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:** - (CCC 590) Only the divine identity of Jesus' person can justify so absolute a claim as "He who is not with me is against me"; and his saying that there was in him "something greater than Jonah, . . . greater than Solomon," something "greater than the Temple"; his reminder that David had called the Messiah his Lord, and his affirmations, "Before Abraham was, I AM," and even "I and the Father are one."

**MARRIAGE BANNS ANNOUNCEMENT:** - With joy and prayer we publish the Banns of Marriage between Matthew King and Robyn Mills, who will be united in Holy Matrimony on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 in Sheerness Parish Church at 2.00pm. If anyone knows of any lawful reason why they should not be united together, please declare it. This is the **second time** of asking. Thank you.

**THE MONTH OF MAY WITH MARY:** - Our devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary in the month of May can be seen as our way to show love, gratitude, and respect to the mother of Jesus and seek intercession and protection. It is a time for us to deepen our spiritual connection to our Blessed Virgin Mary and strengthen our faith through her example of humility, faith, and obedience to God. **The Rosary Prayer, Monday – Sunday, 20 minutes before mass** throughout the month of May. Thank you.

**MASS REQUEST:** - If you have a special date or intention for a Mass, please submit your request using a Mass request envelope, available at the back of the Church. Requests can be made for any time throughout the year. We will do our best to accommodate your request or schedule it as close as possible to your preferred date. Please note that Sunday Mass requests may take longer, as only one individual intention can be offered per Sunday. In accordance with Archdiocesan regulations, the second Mass on Sundays is dedicated to the people of the Parish.

**FOUNDATION MASSES:** - A Foundation Mass is a special arrangement where Holy Mass is offered annually for 25 years in memory of a loved one. The request is submitted by the Parish Priest to the Chancery Office, specifying the beneficiary and a designated date—typically the anniversary of their passing. To establish a Foundation Mass, a fee of £300 is paid to the diocese. Once accepted, the request is recorded with the parish, ensuring that the Mass is celebrated each year as specified.

**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.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A):** - Are you feeling called to deepen your faith or join the Catholic Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a journey of preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion. This program is open to adults who seek to become full members of the Church or to renew their faith. Through prayer, learning, and community, participants are guided towards a deeper relationship with God. For more information or to register, please contact Fr. Aklilu or the Parish Secretary either by phone call or email. We look forward to walking with you on this sacred path. Thank you.

**REPOSITORY:** - Visit our Parish Repository, where you'll find a variety of cards, booklets, religious artefacts, Rosaries, Bibles, and Missals. We can also supply other items upon request. All are welcome!

**PARISH CHURCH BUILDING MAINTENANCE UPDATE:** -Work is progressing well. The crack filling and plastering are nearly complete. Once the repairs around the Dome and Sanctuary are finished, we will seek and inspection from the Archdiocese Property Team to determine the next steps. Thank you for your support and prayers.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** - There will be a second collection on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> May for the Priest Training Fund.

**FOOD BANK 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. Thank you very much.

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**MEETINGS / EVENTS:** -

**THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN:** - On 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025: - **The first Holy Communion Class** will meet in Joe Kairis suit at Sheerness at 10am followed by 11:15am Mass.

**U. C.M:** The UCM will be having **their meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May2025 after 7pm mass at Sheerness.**

**ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION:** - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at The Friars, Aylesford Archdiocese of Southwark. For more details please visit: - [rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025](https://rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025) or [Scan the QR code](#) at the back of the Church.

**LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2025:** - Still open for anyone who wants to join us. The Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage is scheduled for August 22-28, 2025. The Diocesan [WhatsApp group /Southwark Lourdes group 2025/](#)has been established and Contact the Admin. Registration forms are available at the back of the church. Thank you.

**FOR DONATION TO THE PARISH CHURCH:** -

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