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**SUNDAY COLLECTION: - £440.51** Thank you very much for your generosity and donations.

**MASS ATTENDANCE: - 130**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT: -** The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in **Sheerness** in memory of **William Lind** and in **Minster Abbey** in memory of **Dorothy Day**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURES ABOUT THIS TIME:-**

Cornelius Hayes, Timothy O'Connor, Charles Waites, William Lind, Linda Elston, Alistair Gillan, Joan Woodward, 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 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, Mona O'Byrne, 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 and Dorothy Trower.

**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.

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

**9th – 17th May 2026**

<b>Sat 9th May</b>			<b>Feria</b>
10.00 am	Sheerness	People of the Parish	
12.00 – 1.00 pm	Sheerness	Confessions/Holy Hour	
5.45 – 6.15pm	Sheerness	Confessions/Reconciliation	
<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER –YEAR A</b>			
6:30 pm	Sheerness	Alexander's 7th Birthday (Febin and Finrose)	
<b>Sun. 10th</b>			
9.00 am	M. Abbey	People of the parish	
11.15 am	Sheerness	Ivy Van Dyke (Margaret Van Dyke)	
<b>Mon. 11th</b>			<b>Feria</b>
			No Mass
<b>Tues. 12th</b>			<b>Feria</b>
10:00 am	Sheerness	Holy Souls	
<b>Wed. 13th</b>			<b>Feria</b>
10:00 am	Sheerness	Phil and Ashley Power (Cheryl Crane)	
<b>Thurs 14th THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>			
12 noon	M. Abbey	Marc Summers (Marie Summers)	
6:00pm	Sheerness	People of the Parish	
<b>Fri. 15th</b>			<b>Saint John Stone</b>
10:00 am	Sheerness	Holy Souls	
<b>Sat. 16th</b>			<b>Saint Simon Stock</b>
10.00 am	Sheerness	People of the Parish	
12.00 – 1.00 pm	Sheerness	Confessions/Holy Hour	
5.45 – 6.15pm	Sheerness	Confessions/Reconciliation	
<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER –YEAR A</b>			
6:30 pm	Sheerness	Fr. Thomas Moynihan (Michael Allan)	
<b>Sun. 17th</b>			
9.00 am	M. Abbey	Michael Craen (Patricia Hales)	
11.15 am	Sheerness	People of the parish	

**HYMNS MINSTER ABBEY:** ENT: 175 OFF: 72 EXT: 101

**HYMNS SHEERNESS:** ENT: 914 GLORI: (408) 1012 OFF: 40 LORDS PRAYER: 584  
COM: 285 & 568 FIN: 249 HYMN TO MARY: 859

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD:** ENT: 246 OFF: 59 EXT 238

**PARISH MASS BOOK:** - **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** on page 268. Preface: - on page 74-75  
Creed: - on page 11-12. **ASCENSION OF THE LORD** on page 272 Preface: - on page 75 Creed  
on page 11

**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:** - CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: (CCC  
788) When his visible presence was taken from them, Jesus did not leave his disciples  
orphans. He promised to remain with them until the end of time; he sent them his Spirit. As a  
result communion with Jesus has become, in a way, more intense: "By communicating his  
Spirit, Christ mystically constitutes as his body those brothers of his who are called together  
from every nation."

**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, Tuesday – Sunday, **20 minutes before mass** throughout  
the month of May. Thank you.

**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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SESSION:** - The children will be receiving their **First Holy  
Communion** on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May during the 11.15am Mass**. We do hope that you will come  
and support the children on their special days and please note that the service may be a little  
longer than normal.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION SESSION:** - Our confirmation candidates will make their  
confession on **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 5:30pm** in the Church followed by **6:30pm** mass.  
Parents, Sponsors, and parishioners are warmly welcome to make confession as well.

**HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSION:** - **Every Saturday 12 Noon to 1pm** Join us for a quite Hour  
of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, with our lord Jesus Exposed in the Monstrance.  
Confession will be available during this sacred time. We usually end with Solemn  
Benediction. All are warmly welcome.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** - Parents wishing to have their child baptized can contact Fr.  
Aklilu or the Parish secretary, either in person, Email or phone call.

**WEEKLY MESSAGE:** - "Do not follow any road but that which Crist trod. This road seems hard  
but it is safe". **Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430)**.

**ROSARY FOR LIFE:** - **Archbishop John Wilson** is calling on all of us to join him in praying the  
Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful,  
Glorious and Luminous Mysteries: -

- **Joyful Mysteries (1<sup>st</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> May):** Pray for unborn children and an end to abortion
- **Sorrowful Mysteries (10<sup>th</sup> May – 16<sup>th</sup> May):** Pray for peace and for victims of war
- **Luminous Mysteries (17<sup>th</sup> May – 23<sup>rd</sup> May):** Pray for people with disabilities
- **Glorious Mysteries (24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May):** Pray for the elderly and vulnerable.

For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit [rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife](https://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife).  
**Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.**

**MARRIAGE BANNES:** - Dear Parishioners and Visitors, we announce with joy the forthcoming  
marriage of **Mr. Arfat John Paul Ullah** and **Miss Chloe Jane McDine**, to be celebrated on  
30th May 2026 at 2pm in St Henry and St Elizabeth RC Church, Sheerness. Let us keep them in  
our prayers as they prepare for this sacred union. Anyone with observations in accordance with  
the Church's practice is welcome to come forward. Thank you.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** - **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026** there will be a second collection for World  
Communications Day, this collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications  
Network, The media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

**REPOSITORY:** - **New Arrival My Day by Day: - May, June and July 2026.** 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!

**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  
Thursday 14th May 2026**. Thank you very much.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

**U.C.M:** - We will be holding the next meeting on **19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7pm** in the JKS

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** - **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** - The children's 'Going Forth' mass will be celebrated on **Sunday  
17<sup>th</sup> May 11.25 Mass**.

**LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE:** - The Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage is scheduled for **21 to 28  
August 2026** Details for booking travel and accommodation can be found at  
<https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>. We also ask pilgrims to  
complete a form with details, including medical requirements (if any) at  
<https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join2026>.

**THE SYCAMORE GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT) FOR MARRIED AND ENGAGED  
COUPLES.:** -Online course (**8.30pm – 9.30pm**), which has been developed in collaboration with  
the Southwark Marriage and Family Life team, the Agency for Evangelisation and Sycamore. Book  
via Carole [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk). The 2026 dates are: - **May: 12, 19, 26 & Sept: 8, 15, 22, 29**.

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