

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Please note the change of Mass time on Saturday 8th

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>William and Margaret Pointer RIP</i>
	9.00am	<i>Wladyslaw Siodlarz RIP</i>
(HMP)	10.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.45am	<i>Daniel Attubato RIP</i>
(Preston Hall)	6.00pm	<i>John McArdle RIP</i>
	9.00am	<i>Deceased of the Murphy family</i>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b> St Charles Lwanga	10.30am	<i>Simon Evans RIP</i>
	10.30am	<i>Sr. Mary Catherine Lenton RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.30am	<i>Deceased of Murphy &amp; Saunders families</i>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b> St. Boniface	10.30am	<i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer St</i>
	10.30am	<i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.00pm	<i>Winifred, Bruce &amp; Anne Farley RIP</i>
	10.30am	<i>NO MASS</i>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.00am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	12 noon	<i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>Jessie Rieck RIP</i>
	9.00am	<i>David Walsh RIP</i>
(HMP)	10.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.45am	<i>Francis Risch RIP</i>
(Preston Hall)	6.00pm	<i>Liseth Josefina Belisario Fenech RIP</i>
	9.00am	<i>Tom Smith RIP</i>

**Confessions:** Monday – Friday 10am – 10.15am  
Saturday 10.30am – 11.15am, 5.30pm – 5.45pm

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:** Friday 7am – 10pm

**Rosary:** Monday – Saturday after morning Mass

**Morning Prayer:** Every Saturday 9.30am

### We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Peter Craven, Catherine Murphy, Martin Price, Mary Coffey, William Murphy, Eleanor Geering, Ronald Fuller, William Sullivan, Josephine Jackson, Margaret Ritchie, Lily Carr, Delia Morgan, Edward Toome, Adelaide Capon, Jean Moyce, Robin Gorse, Catherine Skinner, Fred Highsted, Catherine Richardson, Mary Pantony, Joseph O'Hare, Michael Cannon, Doris Phipps, Jack Craggs, Pasqua Ronaldi, Kevin Carr, Reginald Green, John Meehan, Thomas Power, Katherine Boozer, Mary Snepp, Rita Cunningham, Wayne Plant, Elizabeth Crouch and Brigid Attwood

*Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;*  
*Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,*

*Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia;*  
*Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.*

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
The Son you merited to bear, alleluia

Has risen as he said, alleluia.  
Pray to God for us, alleluia

## ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

**2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 Seventh Sunday of Easter (C)**

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Liam Gallagher

**Assistant Priest:** Fr. Pawel Sobol

**Deacon:** Rev. Ian Black

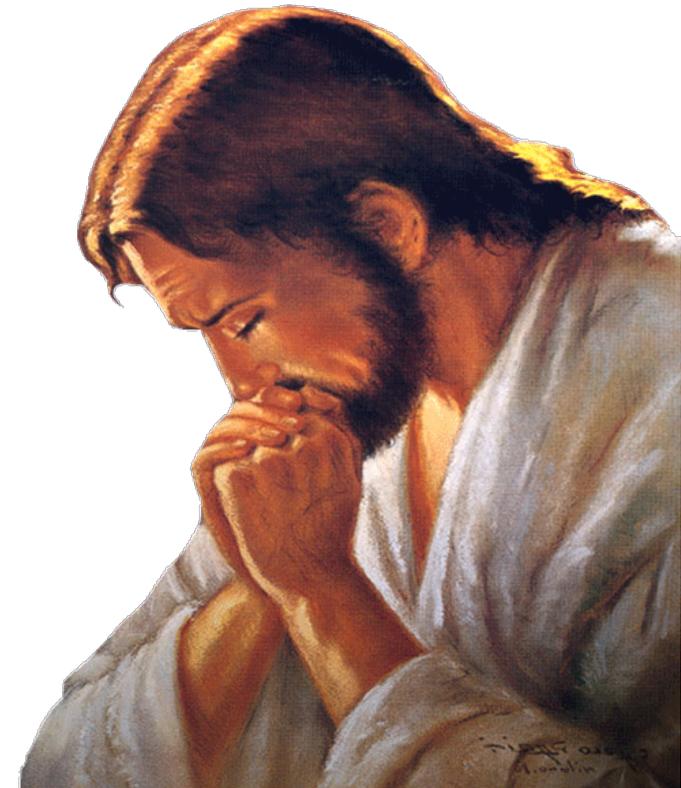
**Parish Office hours:** 9.00am – 12.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

### Catholic Schools

St Francis Primary School: Queens Road, Maidstone, ME16 0LB 01622 771540

St Simon Stock Secondary School: Oakwood Park, Maidstone, ME16 0J 01622 754551

Father, may they be one in us as you are in me and I am in you.  
(John17:20)



Jesus' one prayer and desire is for the unity of all people. It is only found with hearts and minds in communion with the will of God. We are constantly calling upon the Lord to answer our prayers – but are we listening to his prayer to the Father for us?

**ADORATION:** We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday from 7am–10pm. If you wish to give one hour every week to the Lord in silent prayer then please give your name to one of the clergy and the hour you are able to commit to. Thank you all again.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION APPLICATIONS:** If your child is in Year 2 at school (will be at least 8 years old by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020) and you would like them to receive their First Holy Communion next year, then applications forms will only be available from Fr. Liam on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 4pm-7pm in the Church. Both parent and child must attend (no other adult relative will be allowed to collect the form). This will give Fr. Liam an opportunity to meet you all. Please read the section on our parish website for fuller details especially regarding what the child is expected to know by then. This will be the only opportunity to receive an application form. As there is plenty of time to prepare until then, latecomers will not be able to be seen at a later date.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** The Solemnity of Corpus Christi will be celebrated on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, a day when we especially celebrate the Eucharist. Following the 10:45am Mass, there will be a procession to honour and give glory to Jesus Christ, who is really present in the bread of the Eucharist. During the procession, the priest will carry a Monstrance which holds the Body of Jesus. The singing and incense help us to glorify God and to let others know what he does for his faithful people. At the end of the procession, there will be Benediction, in which we will ask Jesus to bless not only us, but all the people of Maidstone and our world. Following Benediction, there will be a food and drinks served in Grove House. All parishioners are very warmly invited to join in the proceedings, especially the First Communicants and their families. It is our way of giving thanks for them joining more fully in the celebration of the Eucharist. Also, we wish to give thanks for our priests who make it possible for the Eucharist to be celebrated in our parish and who are going to celebrate their anniversaries of ordination – Fr Liam, 20 years and Fr Pawel, 8 years. Please do come and join the celebration.

**LIGHT FEVER:** The next Light Fever will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019, following the 8pm Mass, until 11pm. Everyone is urged to come and pray in the church with the Blessed Sacrament for at least some of the time. For anyone who doesn't know what happens, hymns and meditations are being sung/read while people pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Passersby are invited into the church to light a candle and sit and pray or talk to someone/a priest in the porch. It is an incredibly powerful experience and all you have to do is be there! Please do come.

**YOU CAN COUNT ON US:** Every Monday morning we are very grateful for the team of volunteers who come and count the weekly offering that you all give on Sunday. We would very welcome anybody else who is free on a Monday morning and is willing to give 2-3 hours a month (it is a rota) and help us in this important role. If you feel this is a way you can serve the parish then please contact the Parish Office.

**FLEDGLINGS:** We are a group of children, aged 4 to 11, who attend a variety of primary schools and are united by being part of St Francis' parish community. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month, sometimes in between, for games, crafts, activities and to learn about our faith, with a team of leaders and our priests. We meet at St Francis Primary School, Queen's Road, Maidstone, ME16 0LB. Children may be left at 10 am and collected

at 3 pm, but can generally fit around another Saturday activity. All that is required is a smile and something for a shared lunch. For further details please ask a member of the Clergy Team or one of the musicians at Mass. **The next meeting is on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.**

**MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** July 13<sup>th</sup> at St George's Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year, please apply as soon as possible. Get in touch with the parish office and provide your names, the anniversary you are celebrating, your home address, email address and telephone, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. **Closing date for applications – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

**ARE YOU SEEKING AN ANSWER TO YOUR MANY QUESTIONS? R.C.I.A WILL HELP YOU.** The group meet on Tuesday evenings. It is for any non-Catholic who wishes to ask questions or find out more about the Catholic faith or if anybody is thinking about the possibility of becoming a Catholic. We are very grateful to our Catechists who give their time and share their faith with others and guide our enquirers through their own personal journey. Thank you to them. We will be starting our sessions again from September so if you think that this is something you would like to do then please approach one of the clergy at the end of Mass and they will be happy to help you.

**IT'S A GREAT HELP:** Gift Aid envelopes for the new coming year are ready so please take your envelopes home with you. We wish to thank everybody who are part of this scheme to help with our parish income every year. If you are a tax payer, but not yet part of our gift aid scheme, then please ask about being included for this coming year.

**REPOSITORY:** New stock of First Holy Communion cards, books and gifts now available.

**FEED THE HUNGRY:** Please continue to send regular donations of crisps, toilet rolls, milk and bread. Your generosity is really appreciated. Thank you.

**HEART OF KENT HOSPICE:** Cyclo Sportive 2019 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September East Malling Research Centre ME19 6BJ. Starting at East Malling Research Centre, either a 104km, 65km or 36km circular route. All routes include Refreshment Stations, comprehensive signage, Marshals, first aid and vehicle support and professional chip timings. Please note that under 18s are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and all participants under 18 will need to complete a parental consent form. Early bird prices of £32.00 for 104km, £27.00 for 65km and £22.00 for 36km by booking before 15<sup>th</sup> August. FFI, registration times, and route maps or to book please visit [www.hokh.org](http://www.hokh.org)

<b>Last weekend:</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection:</b> £1,548.13 <i>plus an average of £295 Standing Orders</i> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:</b> £492.28	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today:</b> Communications <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next week</b> Church & Hall Development Fund
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i> <b>Parish Lottery winner – Week 22 – Number 226 – Prize £15</b>	