

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

9th June 2019 Pentecost Sunday (C)

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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 0JP

01622 754551

BREATHE ON US BREATH OF GOD



Pray that we may use the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, received at Confirmation, to continue the Mission of the Church began this day of Pentecost: Wisdom, Counsel, Understanding, Piety, Fear of the Lord, Fortitude and Knowledge.

**God the Holy Spirit, comforter and sanctifier,
Melt our hearts that we may accept your love,
Renew our minds that we may know your truth,
Strengthen our wills that we may faithfully serve you
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

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 31st 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 25th 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 23rd June, a day when we especially celebrate the Eucharist. Following the 10:45am Mass, there will be a procession, when the priest will carry a Monstrance which holds the Body of Jesus. At the end of the procession, there will be Benediction. 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. 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. **If anyone is able to provide finger food for the party, please contact one of the clergy or the musicians.**

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES: Congratulations and thanksgiving for the faithful ministries of our priests of St Francis Parish. Fr Liam celebrates 20 years of priesthood on 12th June and Fr Pawel celebrates 8 years on 11th June. Please keep them in your prayers.

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 3rd 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 22nd June.**

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.

PARISH FILM NIGHT: The evening of the 2nd May was enjoyed by all who attended and all monies plus donations have now been received, amounting to £340. Thank you for your support.

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.

ITS 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, or anything suitable for packed meals. Your generosity is really appreciated. Thank you.

CALLING ALL CRAFT WORKERS: We are planning a Craft sale towards the end of the year, on a date to be decided, to raise money for the Church Hall Development Fund. If you have a skill such as knitting, sewing, crocheting, making Christmas decorations and pom-poms, would you consider making something we can sell? If you require materials we have a small supply. Please leave your name and contact details in the Parish Office. Nearer the time we will be appealing to you to bake cakes and make preserves. Thank you for your support

LOTTERY NEW SERIES: Thank you to everyone who has supported the Parish Lottery this past series. We will be collecting the payments and issuing Lottery Cards at the beginning of July (dates to follow). Please consider paying by Banker's Order, if this is not possible cheques are very welcome. If neither of these options is feasible please bring the correct money on the designated day. Thank you.

USED STAMPS: The Kent Association for the Blind, Maidstone, collects stamps which are then sold to collectors which in turn raises money for their charitable organisation.. There is a box marked 'Used Stamps' with the 'KAB' logo in the porch on the shelf on top of the hymn books. Please leave your used stamps there, making sure the perforations are not damaged. Thank you.

Last weekend: 1st Collection: £1,873.06 <i>plus an average of £295 Standing Orders</i> 2nd Collection: £439.06	2nd Collection today: Church & Hall Development Fund 2nd Collection next week Day for Life
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i> <i>Parish Lottery winner – Week 23 – Number 314 – Prize £20</i>	

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Please note the change of Mass time on Saturday 15th

Sunday 9th June Pentecost Sunday	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>
	6.00pm	<i>Lisseth Josefina Belisario Fenech RIP</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>Tom Smith RIP</i>
Monday 10th June Mary Mother of the Church	10.30am	<i>Russell Coatsworth RIP</i>
Tuesday 11th June St. Barnabas	10.30am	<i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer St</i>
Wednesday 12th June	10.30am	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
Thursday 13th June Christ, Eternal High Priest	10.30am	<i>Pauline Campbell RIP</i>
Friday 14th June	10.30am	<i>Private Intention</i>
	8.00pm	<i>Ann Upton RIP</i>
Saturday 15th June	10.00am	<i>NO MASS</i>
First Communion Mass	12 noon	<i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer St</i>
Sunday 16th June Trinity Sunday	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>Imelda Marshall RIP</i>
	9.00am	<i>Maria and Adam Kolber RIP</i>
(HMP)	10.15am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	10.45am	<i>Tom Egan RIP</i>
<i>First Holy Communion</i>	4.00pm Polish	<i>Private Intention</i>
	6.00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>John Penney 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:

Maureen Coleman, Bridget Blaney, Marnie Salava, Jean Hayes, Sheila Johnston, Susan Bates, Norah Delay, Rose Gamble, Sylvia Bannon, Diana Kiefer, John McArdle, Mary Mulligan, Mary Neale, Terence Coghlan, Maurice Longhurst, Patrick Hennessy, Leo Gobel, Pauline Campbell, Bishop James Danell, Nadine Tester, Kathleen James, Simeon Browne, Tom Bachrach, and Michael Kehily.