

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 10th February	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>Ellen and Eric Braconnier RIP</i>
	9.00am	<i>Pablo and Lola Navarro RIP</i>
(HMP)	10.15am	<i>Private Intention</i>
	10.45am	<i>Carolina Denicola RIP</i>
	6.00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	9.00am	<i>Keith Gordon RIP</i>
Monday 11th February	10.30am	<i>Guy and Elizabeth Knight RIP</i>
Tuesday 12th February	10.30am	<i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer St.</i>
Wednesday 13th February	10.30am	<i>Bernard Burns RIP</i>
Thursday 14th February	10.30am	<i>Ann Parker RIP</i>
Friday 15th February	10.30am	<i>Private Intention</i>
	8.00pm	<i>Wanda Lapham RIP</i>
Saturday 16th February	10.00am	<i>Canon Thomas Ryan RIP</i>
Sunday 17th February	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>William Healy RIP</i>
	9.00am	<i>John Corfe and Rachel Taylor RIP</i>
(HMP)	10.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.45am	<i>Private Intention</i>
	4pm (Polish)	<i>Private</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Richard and Lydia Bennett RIP</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>Wanda Lapham 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

LECTIO DIVINA: Please note that, due to Adoration taking place every Friday, we will no longer be holding Lectio Divina on Wednesday evenings.

DOWRY TOUR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM: St George's Cathedral, Southwark 21st-23rd February 2019. Full Tour schedule at www.dowrytour.org.uk

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

Violet Marozzi, George Moscicki, Harriett Stanley, Teresa Leonard, Marie Temple, James Rafferty, Dorothy Heseltine, Mary Bailey, Sidney Ocock, Jean Hinds, John Ruddy, Samuel Dickson, Billy Long, Bernard Attwell, Steven Coward, Edna Dickenson, Winifred Harfield, Florence Jukes, John Lockyer, Francis Parsons, Mary Brown, Bridget Consatine, Margaret O'Kill, Patrick Clarke, Isobel Bartley, Harold Mendes, Lois Hockney, Margaret Kershaw and James Thompson.

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

10th February 2019 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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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 0JP 01622 754551

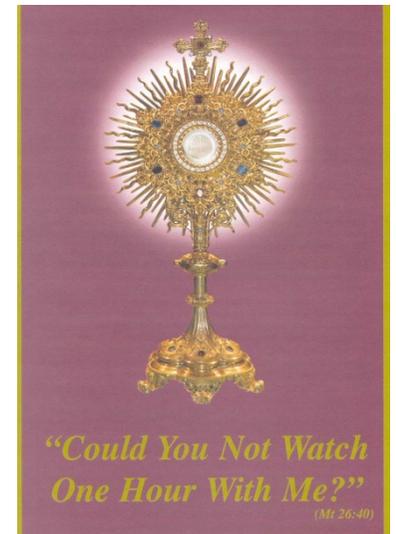
24 hours for the Lord

As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. (Psalm 103:13)

Pope Francis referred to the annual initiative he began in 2014 - "24 Hours for the Lord" as: *One such moment of grace will be, again this year, the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. In 2019, inspired by the words of Psalm 103:13, "As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him", this will take place from Friday 29th March to Saturday 30th March.*

Our church of St Francis will remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental confession.

Don't miss this annual event enabling us to spend 24Hrs or part of with Our Lord. Put the date in your diary now and sign your name on the list which will be available from the beginning of March.



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, and 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.



FLAME 2019: In conjunction with St. Simon Stock School, the Parish will be taking a group of young people to Flame 2019 at Wembley Arena on Saturday 2nd March. They will be joining with over 10,000 other young people from all over England and Wales. It will be a day of praise, music and celebration of our faith, led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. If you are aged over 15 and would like to join us please contact Deacon Ian via the Presbytery (note or email). We only have a very small number of places so it will be on a first come basis.

JUST IMAGINE: if you entered a church that was dirty and untidy – what would you think? That this building is not important to the people who attend here and work here to leave it in such a state? That is not the message we wish to give our community – a clean and tidy church is a very welcoming sight. We are, therefore, truly grateful to all who volunteer their time to clean the church, but they always welcome more help. If you think that you can give some time to help our church continue looking so clean and pleasant, then please come to the church 4pm-6pm on Friday. Even if you cannot make every Friday, I am sure the times you can make will be gratefully accepted. If you think this is a way you can serve your parish then please speak to one of the clergy. Many thanks

PARISH FILM NIGHT: We are delighted to announce that we will be holding one of our popular film nights. We are planning to hold this on a Thursday evening late April/early May at the upper cinema room in MUMUs. Len Watson shall be showing a selection of clips from some great films and then giving a commentary on them. Before we book this event we need an indication of the how many people would be interested in attending. A form will be available in the Church porch which we ask you to complete and hand it into the Parish Office ASAP – if you like cinema you will definitely enjoy this particular event. Entrance £7pp – All proceeds to Church and Hall Development Fund.

FEED THE HUNGRY: There is still a need for the usual items especially toilet rolls, bio washing capsules and crisps. Thank you.

ADORATION: Our continued thanks to everybody who have committed to one hour every week to come and be with the Lord every Friday. Please consider what extra time of prayer you wish to give- Adoration provides us with a wonderful opportunity to be with the Lord. If ever you wish to come to Adoration but feel you need guidance or direction in prayer, then there is a booklet that you are welcome to use as you enter the church with certain prayers and meditations that may be useful.



GIFT AID: Please inform Dennis Edwards (Gift Aid Coordinator) if your tax situation has changed (i.e. 'I have stopped paying tax on my income'). Please make contact through the office or via the office email. Thank you.

A WONDERFUL ST. VALENTINE'S GIFT: Dear married couples. You can give each other a gift for St. Valentine's Day by exploring your relationship more deeply to gain valuable insights into your communication. Couples who have attended the course have noted the positive changes it made to their marriage. There is no group sharing and this is not marriage counselling or guidance but a chance to make your marriage even better. Please contact 07983524727 or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

HOSPITAL VISITS: Sometimes a parishioner may have been in hospital for a certain amount of time as a patient but we haven't been aware. May we ask that if you are going to be in hospital and you would like a visit, then please let the clergy know. Never think, 'Oh they are too busy and they don't want to worry about me.' Ministry to the sick was frequent in the Mission of Christ and we, as the Church, carry that on. Thank you for your help.

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS: The next prayer vigil is on Friday 15th February 2019 following the 10.30am mass at St Francis- rosary & prayer outside the Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic, Brewer St. Return for refreshments at about 12.30pm. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at the end of mass and during the afternoon. If you are unable to join the vigil please be an intercessor in the church. Thank you for your prayers and support.

DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: We are looking for an office administrator to join our Safeguarding team in SE1. This is a full time job (0900 – 1700 Monday to Friday) and is offered initially on a 12 month fixed term contract. The key areas of work are administration of the DBS Disclosure application process, maintenance of national and local databases, administrative support to the Safeguarding training programmes and assistance in delivery of training as necessary, maintaining and updating of policy documents, forms and procedures and taking notes at safeguarding meetings. The ideal candidate will have a strong commitment to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and will preferably have experience of working in this area. Excellent IT and communication skills coupled with evidenced understanding of confidentiality are also essential. Salary: £23,000pa - £25,000pa depending on skills and experience. If you would like to apply for this job please email your CV to sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk by 22nd February 2019.

Last weekend:
1st Collection: £1,560.54
plus an average of £275 Standing Orders
2nd Collection: £618.90

2nd Collection today:
 DEW Association
2nd Collection next week
 Racial Justice Sunday

Thank you for your generosity
 Parish Lottery winner – Week 6 – Number 11 – Prize £20