



A VERY WARM WELCOME *to Fr. Liam Gallagher, our new Parish Priest, and Fr. Samuel Davey, Assistant Priest, on their first Sunday in our parish. We hope that your time here will be filled with many blessings and God's grace.*

Welcome to St Francis'!





CHURCH & PARISH HALL DEVELOPMENT FUND

FUND Raised to date: £115,786.87
 Total Cost of ROOF: £136,000.00
 Debt to be paid: £21,616.56

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL Raised to date: £7,273.11
 Approximate Cost: £9,000.00

Thanks for the contributions to this project; if you wish to make a donation please put it into a clearly marked envelope and drop it into the collection / Parish Office. Unfortunately our chosen builders & decorators have let us down and are not responding to our communication. We are therefore considering alternative workmen ... Hopefully more news soon.

PARISH CENTRE THINGS ARE HOTTING UP AND MOVING FORWARD. PLEASE KEEP UP THE PRAYERS THAT WORK MAY SOON BEGIN. Planning permission has been granted; the detailed spec is complete, and the final queries are being ironed out, thus enabling the various legal agreements / heads of terms to be completed. Although building costs will be paid by the developer we have to pay for fees, additional works and furnishing of the centre. **Costs paid to date: £3,120.00.** Meanwhile the break-ins continue despite our every effort to prevent these mindless acts of vandalism!

OTHER MAINTENANCE ISSUES:

Further work on the roof (due to an un-reparable internal down pipe): two additional gullies and down pipes to be added and work on the boiler house concrete roof and flashings. **This work is almost complete:** Cost: £4,770.00 + VAT

The Boiler House Chimney stack has now been repaired. Cost: £3,102.00 inc VAT

The wooden panelling on the Sanctuary is rotting and needs removing, defective plaster replacing & redecorating. This work as you will notice as you enter church has begun and should be completed in the next two weeks. Cost: £9,845.00 + VAT

ROOF FUND COLLECTIONS are now called CHURCH & HALL DEVELOPMENT FUND to include all these projects.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: Neil our caretaker has been beaver away on a variety of projects over recent months; all of which have greatly improved the look and fabric of the church. He has decorated the Confessional and the entry porch; fitted a wooden rail to the rear church wall to protect further damage to the wall from the chair backs; rebuilt the cupboards in the basement for the altar servers / flower arrangers; improved the car park security lighting. I would like to express our thanks and give recognition to his always going the extra mile. Neil has also been working with Fr Peter, Michal and Jan to upgrade the CCTV system within and around

BAPTISM PREPARATION

First Thursday of each month 7.00 - 8.30pm
Next Date: THURSDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER 2017
 TO ATTEND, PLEASE APPLY THROUGH THE PARISH EMAIL OR SUBMIT A BAPTISMAL APPLICATION FORM

URGENT APPEAL

If anyone has any spare sleeping bags or tents, please bring them to Grove House as they are urgently needed for the homeless. Thank you.

FEED THE HUNGRY Thank you to all who very generously contributed to the recent appeal. We still need the weekly donations of milk, bread, cereals etc., please.

Gift Aid

Would the holder of Gift Aid envelope no. 88 please contact Dennis Edwardes on 01622 720830. Thank you.

SUMMER COLLECTIONS & LOTTERY WINNERS

30th July

1st Collection: £1,493.89
 2nd Collection: £466.99 — Area Bishops' Fund (to defray cost of levy)

6th August

1st Collection: £1,683.34
 2nd Collection: £774.26 — Church & Hall Development Fund

13th August

1st Collection: £1,347.76
 2nd Collection: £719.28 — Dew Association: Philippines, Leper Colony (Brother Bantilan)

20th August

1st Collection: £1,408.20
 2nd Collection: £563.30 — Church & Hall Development Fund

Lottery Winners:

Wk 4 — No. 12 — Mrs P.L. Arda — £50
 Wk 5 — No 200 — Mrs W. Penney — £10
 Wk 6 — No 72 — Mrs H. Raines — £15
 Wk 7 — 237 — Mrs O.A. Folorunso — £20
 Wk 8 — 92 — Mrs L. Burchall — £60

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 2017 - EVANGELISATION

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

PARISH COLLECTIONS AND LOTTERY

Last Sunday - All Masses:

1st Collection: £1,434.98*
 2nd Collection: £ 417.82 Sick & Retired Priests Fund (to defray cost of levy)

* This figure does not include standing orders etc. which averages £250 a week.

2ND COLLECTIONS

This Sunday: Church & Hall Development Fund
 Next Sunday: Catholic Education Services

Parish Lottery Winner: Wk 9—258—Mr D. Casey—£10

Many thanks for your generous support...

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

PRAYER & PRAISE

We invite you all to come to a Day of Renewal on Saturday, 9th September in the Relic Chapel, Aylesford Priory starting with Rosary at 9.30 am and including Mass, Praise and Worship and Healing Ministry. The Day will be led by a group from Cor et Lumen Christi. All are welcome.

FFI call Jose Smallcombe on 01634 307 312 or Palmyra Willis on 01580 211 204.

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS

You are invited to join us at the next prayer vigil on Friday 8th September, following the 10.30am Mass at St Francis. Rosary and prayer outside the Marie Stopes abortion clinic, Brewer St. Return to church for refreshments at about 12.30pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11.00 to 12noon. If you are unable to join the vigil please be an intercessor in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

DOWRY OF MARY WALSHINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

This day pilgrimage will take place on 10th September. Coaches from Westminster Cathedral, Victoria (depart 7:30am prompt), and from Golders Green. Pre-paid tickets preferred but there may be stand-by on the day (subject to availability). £20 adults, £10 children. To book, please contact The Society of Our Lady of Lourdes by telephone on 020 8848 9833 or via e-mail: enquiries@soll-lourdes.com

PHOENIX YOUTH CLUB

We have been selected as one of the charities in the Community Matters Scheme for September at Waitrose, Allington. If you shop there, please support us, we are raising funds so that we can take the young people on an activity holiday. Thank you - Lydia Burchell

CAFOD Autumn Workshops

CAFOD Essentials – Saturday 9th September 9:30am-3:15pm – Romero House, Waterloo: **Opportunities to hear about CAFOD's work** in Latin America, the upcoming Harvest Appeal, receive the latest updates about campaigning and our Live Simply Award, meet others and find out more about different ways of volunteering through CAFOD. CAFOD Fast Day briefing – Wednesday 6 September, 7-8:30pm - St Joseph's, 2 Ashley Avenue, Cheriton, Folkestone CT19 4PX: Hear CAFOD Director Chris Bain speak about our work in El Salvador, meet CAFOD volunteers from your area, and discover how you can make a difference this Harvest and beyond. For more info and to book, contact: southwark@cafod.org.uk or 020 8466 9901

The FRIENDSHIP GROUP

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

First Monday (11am) of every month:

Tenpin Bowling at Lockmeadow

Second Monday (11.00am) every month:

Coffee morning in *Society Rooms*

Every Monday (1.30pm - 3.30pm):

Scrabble in *Leah's Bistro*, High St.

Every Wednesday (10am - 12noon),

Line Dancing in URC Dunning Hall (Fremlin Walk)

Having coffee on your own?

Why not join us on **Wednesdays (10 am – 12 noon)**

URC Hall, Week Street for coffee and a chat.

It's good to talk!

FFI Mary Adam 677448



PARISH GROUPS

FLEDGLINGS CHILDREN GROUP will meet on Saturday 16th Sept. 10am-3pm in St Francis School

FLAME YOUTH GROUP The junior youth group will meet on 9th Sept. 6pm-8.15pm in Grove House.

PHOENIX YOUTH CLUB for 15+ will continue to meet with the Baptist Church Youth Club in Knightrider Street, Maidstone, this Friday, 8pm - 9.30pm.

KU POGŁĘBIONEJ WIERZE / EVANGELISATION GROUP will recommence after the Summer holiday.

LIFE ASCENDING The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 6th September, after the 10.30am mass.

FFI please contact Keith Hunter on 01622 746792.

Donate 8

1) Volunteers are required to clean, prepare and paint the railings around the church car park. Saturday is preferred but weekdays will be considered. If you have a spare hour or two, let us know please.

2) Many thanks to the volunteers who came forward to help with flowers over the last few months.

3) Our church still needs cleaners to volunteer! Fridays at 4:30pm is not the only time cleaning happens! Please get in touch with us if you can help. Many thanks to all those who have given their time over the past year.

FFI contact: donate8@stfrancisparish.org.uk

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the sick & housebound of our parish: Rachel Allen, Liam Archer, Cody Barker, Donald Batty, Sarah Boylan, Eric Braconnier, Pauline Brown, Kathleen Buckman, Pat Cassidy, Judy Collins, Luke Collins, Marcin Czubik, Jean Farrell, Joanna Frazer, Louise Gill, Victor Giovanelli, Judy Henstone, Mary Holliday, Kathleen Homewood, Aneta Jankowska, Teresa Jankowska, Brian Johnson, Bridget Kearney, Patrick McKee, Perry Kemp, Xavier Lazell, Patricia Maher, Antonina Makowicz, Dorothy Marne, Margarie Morgan, Michael Munikwa, Clare Myler, Violet Nadarajah, Marcus Nicklin, Mark Pearson, Deidre Pennell, John Penney, Claudia Quantrill, Margaret Ruax, Peter Ruddy, Nick Ryan, Coleen Sargeant, Rebecca Sharp, Chika Uzowulu, Mary Wallace, Claire Watts, Rosemary West and all in our local hospice, hospitals and nursing homes.

For those who have recently died: Joseph Sheehan, Liam Archer

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patricia Gorse, Angela Angiolini, Adele Hardingham, Timothy Buckley, Joseph Hoy, Denis Freeman, William Gilliard, Tony Fosberry, Andrew Delaney, Michael Senatore, Alice Pound, Marjorie O'Leary, Shaun Hilliard, Isobel Hargreaves, Eileen O'Neill, Loftus Jackson, Rimantas Balciunas, William Grigsby, Violet Honey, Helen Thomas, Alice Harkin, Mary Sancto, Antoni Jankowski, Lydia Stone, Tom Horsom, Tony King, Filippo Defranco, Frances Blackeby, Philomena O'Hare, Harry Taylor, Albert Driver, William Donovan, John Simmonds and Bernard Willis

SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (A)

ST FRANCIS

- 6.00pm(Sat) Betty MacInnes RIP
- 9.00am People of the Parish
- 10.45am Mary Lucas RIP
- 4.00pm(Polish)
- 6.00pm Deceased Parishioners of St Francis

THE HEART OF KENT HOSPICE, PRESTON HALL

- 9.00am In reparation of abortions in Brewer Street

WATERINGBURY, CHAPEL OF OUR LADY

- 10.30am Ordinariate Mass: Holy Souls

MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

- 10.30am Bernard Burns RIP

TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

- 10.30am Mary Lester RIP

WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

- 10.30am 1. James and Jane Bowen RIP
- 2. Elizabeth Sinnou Peter RIP

THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

- 10.30am John Whooley RIP
- 4.30pm Mass HMP Maidstone: Terry Free RIP

WATERINGBURY, CHAPEL OF OUR LADY

- 10.30am Ordinariate Mass: Holy Souls

FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 10.30am Agnes Houghton's 90th Birthday
- 8.00pm Micheline Goinden –Wellbeing

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

SAINT PETER CLAVER

- 10.00am Mary Tansey RIP
- 3.00pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (A)

ST FRANCIS

- 6.00pm(Sat) Suzanne and Alison East RIP
- 9.00am Bernard Burns RIP
- 10.45am People of the Parish
- 6.00pm Deceased members of Cox & Mabbott families

THE HEART OF KENT HOSPICE, PRESTON HALL

- 9.00am Jim Casey RIP

WATERINGBURY, CHAPEL OF OUR LADY

- 10.30am Ordinariate Mass: Holy Souls



SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

ST FRANCIS, MAIDSTONE

MONDAY - FRIDAY 10.00AM & FRIDAY 7.30PM (FOR 15MIN)

SATURDAY 10.30 - 11.15AM; 5.30 - 5.50PM

SUNDAY 5.30 - 5.50PM

ST LUKE'S, PRESTON HALL

BY REQUEST UNTIL THE CHAPEL IS BACK IN USE

MORNING PRAYER

SATURDAY AT 9.30AM

EVENING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

USUALLY THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 5.15PM

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY EVENING 7.30PM - 8.30PM

FRIDAY 11.00-12.00PM & FIRST FRIDAYS 8.30PM UNTIL 10.00PM

HOLY ROSARY

PRAYED AFTER THE 10.30AM WEEKDAY MASSES



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Fr Samuel Davey

ORDINARIATE PRIEST
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday only 9.00am-12noon

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