

Mass Intentions and General Data Protection Regulation: On Friday 25th May the legislation of GDPR was enforced. This means we need to uphold the right of privacy for everyone and cannot publicise any information about any individual. This affects Mass Intentions – so if you have requested a Mass Intention for another individual, whether it is for health, wellbeing, thanksgiving etc. we cannot display the individual's name. If it is for the repose of the soul of somebody then we can include their name. We understand that many of you have already put forward a Mass Intention mentioning people's names long before the issue with GDPR arose with best intentions but we apologise that we cannot publicise their names anymore. When you put the request forward you would have been informed of the date and time of Mass and the Mass intention will be the same; however on our newsletter and announcement at Mass we can only say 'Private Intention'. A lot of changes have had to take place to be consistent with the new GDPR law and we are working hard to carry out appropriate measures. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| Sunday 1st July | 6.00pm (Sat) | <i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer St</i> |
| | 9.00am | <i>Deceased members of St Francis Parish</i> |
| | 10.45am | <i>People of the Parish</i> |
| | 12.30pm | <i>Mass of Extraordinary Rite</i> |
| (Preston Hall) | 6.00pm | <i>Alan Porter RIP</i> |
| | 9.00am | <i>Terry Free RIP</i> |
| (Wateringbury) | 11.00am | <i>Holy Souls</i> |
| Monday 2nd July | 10.30am | <i>Phyllis Coatsworth RIP</i> |
| Tuesday 3rd July | 10.30am | <i>Funeral Mass – Thomas Porter RIP</i> |
| Wednesday 4th July | 10.30am | <i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer St</i> |
| Thursday 5th July | 10.30am | <i>Phyllis Coatsworth RIP</i> |
| | (HMP) 4.30pm | <i>Norah Thompson RIP</i> |
| Friday 6th July | 10.30am | <i>Phyllis Coatsworth RIP</i> |
| | 8.00pm | <i>Terry Free RIP</i> |
| Saturday 7th July | 10.00am | <i>Richard Blackman RIP</i> |
| Sunday 8th July | 6.00pm (Sat) | <i>Private Intention</i> |
| | 9.00am | <i>Sarah & Archie Grant RIP</i> |
| | 10.45am | <i>Ernie, Renee & Ken Hughes RIP</i> |
| | 6.00pm | <i>Phyllis Coatsworth RIP</i> |
| (Preston Hall) | 9.00am | <i>People of the Parish</i> |
| (Wateringbury) | 11.00am | <i>Holy Souls</i> |

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

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: Friday 11am followed by 12pm Benediction

Rosary: Monday – Saturday after morning Mass

Morning Prayer: Every Saturday 9.30am

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st July 2018 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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Parish Priest: Fr. Liam Gallagher

Assistant Priests: Fr. Samuel Davey; Fr. Pawel Sobol

Ordinate Priest: Fr. Paul Gibbons (Wateringbury)

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

Talitha Kum



'Little girl, I tell you to get up'

HOLIDAY: Fr. Liam will be away for his Summer break until Friday 13th July. Fr Sam shall be on holiday until the end of July.

REQUIEM MASS: Please note that Tuesday 3rd July 10.30am is a Requiem Mass for Thomas Porter. May he rest in peace.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Have you been thinking about becoming a Catholic? Do you wish just to find out more because you attend with your family every week? Whatever your reason, We invite you to join us on Tuesday evenings 7.30pm in the priest house from September for the R.C.I.A group where we share and learn more about the Faith and explore our relationship with Jesus Christ. There is no commitment once you have started and no pressure to become a Catholic. If this is something you would like to consider then please ask for an Inquiry form at the end of Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: If your child will be 8 years old by 31st August 2019 (Year 3 or above at school) and you wish them to celebrate their First Holy Communion next June 2019 then please receive an application form at the end of Mass. Please remember that you can only receive a form for your own child. Once you have filled in the form then please return then to the Parish Office.

PARISH LOTTERY SERIES 38: This starts in July with the collection of subscriptions. Collectors will be in the porch in between the two Sunday morning Masses and before the evening Masses of Saturday and Sunday on the weekends of 7th/8th; 14th/15th and 21st/22nd July. Please note that due to Data Protection regulations the collection will be done differently. B/O payers need only pick up their new cards. Cash and cheque payers should collect and envelope from the collectors showing their name, lottery numbers and amount owing. Please place payment – correct money please – in the envelope, complete the label and hand it in and in return receive your receipted cards. Thank you and good luck.

HOW CLEAN IS YOUR CHURCH? We all enjoy coming to church and seeing it clean and tidy – and I am sure we all give strong appreciation to all who give their time every week to clean the church. Could you give some time – any time – from about 4.30pm on Friday afternoon to join our cleaning team. The more we can get to help the less time it needs to take. Please come and see the team at work and I know you will all be made to feel very welcome and your help will be gratefully received.

FEED THE HUNGRY: Please continue to send in your very generous donations of milk, bread and cereal. In addition, families in the parish are supported and the current particular need is for washing powder/capsules, toilet rolls, biscuits and crisps for pack-ups. Please do not leave any parcels or bags in the church porch, even if they contain food for the homeless - any donations may be given to a member of the clergy or taken to Grove House, to the right of the church. **If anyone sees a bag or package left in the porch, or on the church steps etc, please DO NOT TOUCH, but instead report it to the clergy or staff at Grove House. If nobody answers the door, put a note through the letterbox. Thanks for your kind co-operation.**

ST MICHAEL'S GARDENS AND GRASSLAND PATHS: Open to all on Sunday 8th July, between 2pm and 5pm. Come and discover a remote rural corner of St Francis' Parish,

enjoy the gardens, the meadows, and visit the Mediaeval Church of St Michael. Free of charge. Voluntary donations invited to Aid to the Church in Need in the Middle East. Address – Roydon Hall Road, East Peckham TN12 5NH.

REPOSITORY: New stock of cards, books and gifts for First Holy Communion.

ST JOHN'S SEMINARY – CAN YOU HELP OUR FUTURE PRIESTS? If you would like to help the vast work that needs doing at our Seminary then please send a cheque payable to St John's Seminary to: Mgr Gerry Ewing (Vice Rector), St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey GU5 0QX. We very much appreciate your support.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Led by Archbishop Peter Smith, the pilgrimage will take place 24th-31st August. Pastoral theme: *Do whatever He tells you* (Jn 2:5). Parish groups, informal groups and individuals welcome. For full details and booking forms, contact Southwark Lourdes Pilgrimage Director, Canon Edward Perera on 0208 399 9550 / info@olionline.co.uk. Young helpers (17-25), please contact John Toryunsen on 01227 272900 / info@scys.org.uk

FROM BISHOP PAUL

Vacancy: Foundation Director on the Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership (KCSP) Board

We are currently seeking nominations/volunteers for the role of Foundation Director on the Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership (KCSP) Board. Individuals who currently serve as Foundation Governors within KCSP are invited to apply. This is an opportunity for a forward-thinking individual to offer their skills and experience to contribute to the education of our young people in our successful Multi-Academy Trust. The term of office is 4 years. As a minimum, the Foundation Director would be required to attend 4 Board Meetings per year plus additional committee meetings where applicable. Contact Michelle Boniface, Company Secretary, boniface@kcsp.org.uk (01622 232670) to request additional information or application details.

HEART OF KENT HOSPICE has been selected as the chosen charity of the Raft Race which forms part of the Maidstone Boat Gathering on the River Medway in Maidstone on Saturday 28th July. The event is open to all with a maximum crew number of 6 per raft. All rafts must be homemade and propelled by paddles only. The entry cost for each raft is £50.00 with all proceeds going to Heart of Kent Hospice. There are a limited number of rafts allowed on the river therefore book your place a.s.a.p. FFI please contact Karen Newton in fundraising on 01622 790195 email fundraising@hokh.co.uk or visit our website www.hokh.org. Prizes will be awarded for first past the post and best dressed!

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ann Chapman, Gennaro Rapa, Ivor Chapman, William Bevan, Irene Lovell, Nora Cleak, Gladys Oswald, Lucienne Neuhaus, Ernest Schubert, Kevin James, William Chiles, Grahame Budd, Leo Avery, Susanna Pointer, Maude House, Michael Foley, Dorothy Dickenson, Wendy Cresswell, Peter Gallagher, James Thornton, Winifred Forbes-Amer, Rose Butler-Inkpen, Lucy Emery, Edward Emery, Molly Seymour, Antonia Brown, Lillian Ruler, Deborah Howell, Bridie Butler, John Linnane and James Hurson.

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| Last weekend: 1st Collection: £1,422.94 | 2nd Collection today: Church and Hall Development Fund |
| 2nd Collection £511.26 <i>plus an average of £275 Standing Orders</i> | Next Week: Apostleship of the Sea |
| <i>Thank you for your generosity</i> <i>Congratulations to our Lottery Winner: Week 26 No.2 wins £1,000</i> | |