

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>Bill Gibbs RIP</i>
	9.00am	<i>Tina D'Silva RIP</i>
	10.45am	<i>James MacLellan RIP</i>
	6.00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>Stuart McLeod RIP</i>
(Wateringbury)	11.00am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	10.30am	<i>Joseph &amp; Margaret Brooks RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10.30am	<i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10.30am	<i>Bernard Burns RIP</i>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10.30am	<i>James &amp; Jane Bowen RIP</i>
(HMP)	4.30pm	<i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10.30am	<i>John Whooley RIP</i>
	8.00pm	<i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10.00am	<i>Henry &amp; Susan Simmons RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>Mary Aylward RIP</i>
	9.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.45am	<i>Mary Lester RIP</i>
	6.00pm	<i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer St</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>Cormac Reynolds RIP</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*

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

Rose Larkin, Sheila Humphrey, Joseph Byrne, Ellen McDonnell, Patricia Gorse, Angela Angiolini, Adele Hardinham, 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 Difranco, Frances Blackeby, Philomena O'Hare and Harry Taylor.

## ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

**2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Liam Gallagher

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

**Ordinariate 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

*For it is the things that come from out of a man  
that make him unclean...*



*...For it is from within, from men's hearts,  
that evil intentions emerge. (Mark 7:21)*

**FAREWELL AND THANK YOU FR. SAMUEL.** By now we have all probably heard the news that Fr. Sam will be sadly leaving us and moving up to Birmingham. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September will be his final Sunday with us so we plan to have a function with food, drink and friendship after the 10.45am Mass to say farewell to Fr. Sam – details shall follow. As a sign of our appreciation to Fr. Sam we also wish to hold a collection for a farewell gift from the parish so please collect an envelope from the back of the church at the end of Mass. I know we are very grateful to Fr. Sam for his service to our parish of St. Francis and we wish to give him thanks and ask for every blessing in his future.

**THE BIG WEEKEND** What are you doing next weekend of Friday 7<sup>th</sup>–Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September? Is there any amount of time you can give to the Lord? A huge Eucharistic Conference will be taking place in Liverpool for the Catholic Church of England and Wales where clergy and laity will be gathering from all over the country. During which, talks and ceremonies of worship will be taking place all focused upon the importance of The Eucharist and how we can encourage more Eucharistic Adoration in our lives. Parishes throughout the country are invited to hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout this weekend in unison with the Conference. Therefore, on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding ‘Lightfever’, which involves Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from after 8pm Mass until 11pm, during which all people who walk past the church are invited to come in and light a candle. It is especially encouraging if we could have people already in the church in prayer for any period of time they can give during those three hours. On Saturday we will have Adoration from 10.30am after morning Mass until 2.30pm when the preparations for the Syro Malabar Mass begins. Please make the most of the opportunity, especially if you’re in the town, to come and spend some time with Jesus for as long as you can. We will need at least two people at a time to be present in the church so if you can give half an hour then please initial (not full name) on the list at the back of the church. Aylesford Priory are also holding Adoration through the Sunday with various speakers throughout the day – please see the poster at the back of the church for details. It will be our hope that from this weekend we will be able to hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day for one day a week so please give this initiative your support.

**IS THAT IT?** After what hopefully will be a very fruitful weekend of prayer and adoration, we shall be welcoming speakers to the parish in the near future to talk about organising all day adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish. We will all be invited to see if we can give one hour every week to make this possible. But let’s just start with next weekend and make this a powerful three days of worship and allow the Eucharistic Conference to affect us all.

**PARISH FUNDRAISING LUNCH** at Mu Mu’s on 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 1pm. The price is £20 a head. Please make cheques payable to St Francis Parish. Names and cheques must be handed in to the parish office by the 17<sup>th</sup> September please. A raffle will also be held. Please inform us of any dietary requirements.

**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? 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 enquiry form at the end of Mass.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** There shall be **no Lectio Divina** this coming Wednesday. We hope it can restart in October.

**CONFIRMATION MASS:** As Bishop Paul Mason is moving to a new position he is unable to celebrate the Confirmation Mass here at St. Francis on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Instead we welcome Archbishop Peter Smith that day for what is possibly his last in our Diocese of Southwark as Archbishop. Please note that the Mass time has now been moved to **4.00pm**, therefore **there will be no Sunday 6.00pm Mass that day.**

**DATE FOR THE DIARY:** Parish Quiz Night will take place at URC Hall Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

**HEART OF KENT HOSPICE MOONLIT WALK 2018** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October starting at 8.00 pm. This 8 mile circular walk starts from Heart of Kent Hospice, and walkers will travel through Aylesford, Larkfield & Leybourne stopping for refreshments at our West Malling Charity Shop. Entry fee includes a special edition Moonlit Walk 2018 t-shirt, pre-walk entertainment, fun warm up, all refreshments and medal. Book by 13<sup>th</sup> September and get discount Adult over 16 - £18.00 Teams of 8 - £126. Children under 16 (must be accompanied by an adult) - £8.00. Full prices after that date will be Adult over 16 - £20.00 Team of 8 - £140.00 Children under 16 (must be accompanied by an adult) - £10.00

**FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES:** Kent Catholic Schools Partnership is looking for Foundation Governors to join governing bodies across a number of our academies in Kent. Foundation Governors are committed to supporting education in a Catholic context and help the Trust to deliver outstanding spiritual, moral and learning outcomes for children and young people. For further information please see the KCSP website at <http://www.kcsp.org.uk/recruitment/> or contact the Trust on [office@kcsp.org.uk](mailto:office@kcsp.org.uk).

**RIDE & STRIDE FOR CHURCHES:** Last year, the Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride raised £130,397. The next Ride & Stride will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018. By cycling, walking or running around Kent churches you can raise money to be divided equally between the Friends of Kent Churches and the church or chapel of your choice. FFI: Tel. Carolyn Miller 01622 843383 email: [rideandstride@friendsofkentchurches.co.uk](mailto:rideandstride@friendsofkentchurches.co.uk).

**THANK YOU LETTER:** We recently received a letter from Homeless Care at Maidstone Day Centre to express their delight and gratitude for all the provisions we regularly donate to them. They also give their assurance that every single item collected is received by those who need it most. Please continue to send in your very generous donations.

**SUMMER COLLECTIONS & LOTTERY WINNERS:** The collections and lottery winners for the month of August were as follows:

**5<sup>th</sup> August:** 1<sup>st</sup> Collection – £1,574.76; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Church & Hall Development Fund) – £594.13  
Lottery winner: Week 6 – No. 217 – £20

**12<sup>th</sup> August:** 1<sup>st</sup> Collection – £1,459.25; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Dew Association) – £473.29  
Lottery winner: Week 7 – No. 232 – £25

**19<sup>th</sup> August:** 1<sup>st</sup> Collection – £1,318.36; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Diocesan Dev. Fund (to defray cost of levy)) – £1,779.01  
Lottery winner: Week 8 – No. 125 – £60

**26<sup>th</sup> August:** 1<sup>st</sup> Collection – £1,165.69; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Sick & Retired Priests Fund (to defray cost of levy)) – £439.63  
Lottery winner: Week 9 – No. 71 – £15

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this week:** Church & Hall Development Fund.  
*Thank you for your generosity.*