

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

Sunday 3rd June <i>Corpus et Sanguis Christi</i>	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>Rita O'Connor RIP</i>
	9.00am	<i>Kevin Maher RIP</i>
<i>With Corpus Christi Procession</i>	10.45am	<i>Horace & Margaret Dracup RIP</i>
	12.30pm	Mass in Latin (Extraordinary Form)
	6.00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>Tom Smith RIP</i>
(Wateringbury)	11.00am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Monday 4th June	10.30am	<i>Ellen Lawton RIP</i>
Tuesday 5th June <i>St Boniface</i>	10.30am	<i>Funeral Mass – Mary Aylward RIP</i>
Wednesday 6th June <i>St Norbert</i>	10.30am	<i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer St</i>
Thursday 7th June	10.30am	<i>Catherine Murphy & Martin Price RIP</i>
(HMP)	4.30pm	<i>John Tansey RIP</i>
Friday 8th June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	10.30am	<i>Private Intention</i>
	8.00pm	<i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday 9th June <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00am	<i>Winifred, Bruce & Anne Farley RIP</i>
	3.00pm	Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite
Sunday 10th June	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>Hilda Flynn RIP</i>
	9.00am	<i>Kevin Maher RIP</i>
	10.45am	<i>Russell Coatsworth RIP</i>
	6.00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>May Fever & Keith Gordon 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

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd June 2018

Corpus et Sanguis Christi

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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

PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the words of the Second Vatican Council, the celebration of the Eucharist is “a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet.” Jesus did indeed love them ‘to the end’ (Jn 13:1), even to offering us his body and his blood. What amazement must the Apostles have felt in witnessing what the Lord did and said during that Supper! When we celebrate the Eucharist the Church is reborn ever anew!

The real celebration of the Eucharist, then, consists not merely in the performance of a ceremonial, a ritual, however devout or prayerful it may be. It must also consist in practising what is ‘proclaimed’ in the Eucharist, that is, our Lord's self-giving sacrifice. We ‘practise’ this sacrifice by actually ‘sacrificing’ ourselves for others, that is, by serving and helping others, without reservation or limits. At the same time, by celebrating the Eucharist liturgically, by communicating with our Lord in the Eucharist, we are ‘proclaiming’ that we are also practising the reality of the Eucharist in our daily lives.

Pope Francis asked the Bishops throughout the world to have a Eucharistic Congress in their own country. In England and Wales this Congress will take place from the 7th to the 9th of September in Liverpool, with delegates from every Diocese. So far we have some 180 delegates from a variety of parishes who will represent our Archdiocese at the Congress. The Congress will be a gathering of God's people in prayer, adoration and reflection. It will be a moment to pause and engage in prayerful dialogue, listen to each

other and use the grace of discernment to determine a way forward together. Discernment, according to Pope Francis is about 'recognising how we can accomplish better the mission entrusted to us at Baptism.' I hope that as many parishes, schools and communities as possible will devote some time to prayer and Adoration in the coming months and especially during the Adoremus weekend in Liverpool, so that our deliberations in Liverpool and our reflections here at home are united together in prayer. We should all take heed to the words of Pope Francis: "Meeting Jesus in the scriptures leads us to the Eucharist. When we receive him in Communion we renew our covenant and allow him to carry out ever more fully his work of transforming our live."

With an assurance of my prayers and good wishes

Archbishop Peter Smith

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: All young people in Year 9 or above are invited to join this year's Confirmation programme which will begin with the 6pm Mass on Sunday 10 June 2018. Application forms (which include the programme timetable) are available from the Parish Office or please speak to one of the clergy. The completed application form should be returned to the Parish Office by no later than the 31 May 2018.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? At the Easter Vigil this year we were delighted to receive six people into the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. In preparation for this special evening, they had been attending the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) who are a group who meet every Tuesday evening and is for non-Catholic adults who are wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith. The meetings will start again at the beginning of September so we wish to take this opportunity to invite anybody who wishes to find out more about the 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, please do come and join us in September for the R.C.I.A 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. We invite you to take time and consider if this is something you are interested to try. In the near future an inquiry form will be available for you to take away.

REQUIEM MASS: The Requiem Mass for Mary Aylward shall take place this Tuesday 5th June 10.30am. May she rest in peace.

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 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 10th June and 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.

LOOKING FOR STILLNESS AND SILENCE? Then why not come to Lectio Divina? This is a monthly invitation to come to the Church and sit in silent adoration before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with moments of reflection on the Gospel for the following Sunday. The next gathering is Wednesday 2nd May 7.30pm.

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS: You are invited to join us at the next prayer vigil on Friday 8th June 2018 following the 10.30am Mass at St Francis Catholic Church, Week Street, Maidstone. Rosary and prayer outside the Marie Stopes abortion clinic, Brewer St. Return for refreshments at approximately 12.30pm. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11.00 to 12noon. If you are unable to join the vigil please be an intercessor in the church.

ST JOHN'S SEMINARY – CAN YOU HELP OUR FUTURE PRIESTS?

The Seminary, near Guildford, Surrey, where Canon Luke Smith is now Spiritual Director, has been involved in the formation of priests for over 125 years. It is now looking for some help with the cost of redecoration and refurbishment of 30 of its bedrooms, which have received little or no upgrading for nearly 50 years. The Seminary operates on a very tight budget, and there are no funds available for this much needed work, which would cost in the region of £2,000 per room. If you can help in any way, 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

HEART OF KENT HOSPICE VOLUNTEER OPEN MORNINGS: Could you spare a few hours a week or on an occasional basis and want to do something rewarding while supporting an important local cause? The Heart of Kent Hospice offers a range of volunteering opportunities from waitressing at one of our two cafes, a shift in one of our 14 shops, to patient support, complementary therapies or gardening. If you do not have a particular interest but want to help us why not join our flexible team who assist with marshalling, car parking or refreshments at weekend events. To find out more why not attend one of our volunteer open mornings at the Hospice (Preston Hall, Aylesford ME20 7PU). The next open mornings take place on 9th June and 14th July from 10.00 am – 1 pm.

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Lily Carr, Delia Morgan, Edward Toome, Adelaide Capon, Jean Moyce, Catherine Skinner, Fred Highsted, Catherine Rihardson, Mary Pantony, Joseph O'Hare, Michael Cannon, Doris Phipps, Jack Craggs, Pasqua Ranaldi, Kevin Carr, Reginald Green, John Meehan, Thomas Power, Katherine Boozer, Mary Snepp, Rita Cunningham, Wayne Plant, Elizabeth Crouch, Brigid Attwood, Maureen Coleman, Bridget Salava, Jean Hayes and Sheila Johnston.

Last weekend:	2nd Collection today:
1st Collection: £1390.92	Church & Hall Development Fund
2nd Collection - Area Bishop's Fund	
(to defray cost of levy):	Next Week:
£615.66	Catholic Trust for England & Wales
plus an average of £275 Standing Orders	
Thank you for your generosity	
Congratulations to our Lottery Winner: Week 22 – No. 105 – £15	