

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 4th November	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer St.</i>
	9.00am	<i>John Penney RIP</i>
	10.15am(HMP)	<i>Terry Free RIP</i>
	10.45am	<i>Irene Stanley RIP</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Patricia Frost RIP</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 5th November	10.30am	<i>Funeral Mass – Fiorina Winch</i>
Tuesday 6th November	10.30am	<i>Peter & Moira McCaffrey RIP</i>
Wednesday 7th November	10.30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Thursday 8th November	10.30am	<i>Marianne Esther Corfe RIP</i>
Friday 9th November	10.30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	8.00pm	<i>Henri Goinden RIP</i>
Saturday 10th November	10.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 11th November	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>Tina D'Silva RIP</i>
	9.00am	<i>Zdzislaw Friede RIP</i>
	10.15am(HMP)	<i>Terry Free RIP</i>
	10.45am	<i>Pat Sexton RIP</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Marie Alex Terriere RIP</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>Private Intention</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

REQUIEM MASS: Monday 5th November 10.30am will be a Requiem Mass for Fiorina Walsh. May she rest in peace.

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Snashall, Richard Jones, Patricia Garrett, Anna Mullen, Andrew Cloughton, Richard Monroe, Joseph Fitzgerald, Catherine Fitzgerald, Catherine Fitzgerald, Bridget Egan Kathleen O'Driscoll, James Atkinson, Moira McCaffrey, Emily O'Connor, Ann Cales, Francis Hugo, David Muller, Harry Sutcliffe, Ian Parlett, Andrew Akehurst, Winifred Mackell, Joseph Capone, Mary Grossmith, Michael Brown and Mary Carmody.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER 4th November 2018 Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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Catholic Schools

St Francis Primary School: Queens Road, Maidstone, ME16 0LB 01622 771540

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WHAT IS THE FIRST OF ALL THE COMMANDMENTS?



Everybody has a great capacity to love but we need to ask how often we reach our full capability? It is so easy to claim our love for God to others but it is demonstrated by our love for other people. How much can we claim to love our neighbour? Life can be filled with regrets of failing to show love until it is too late. Jesus told the scribe he was near to the Kingdom of Heaven because he made the first step of knowing that this was the greatest of all commandments that must not be ignored. He was one step away – which was living

them. The first step is realising that we must love more and that is always the most important.

FATHER PAUL GIBBONS: It is with sadness that we have said farewell to Fr. Paul Gibbons as during last week he moved to his new home in Mayfield, Sussex. Fr. Paul became part of the Ordinariate with a number of his congregation from St. Michael's Church in Maidstone and started the community in Wateringbury. Canon John Clarke, the Parish Priest at the time, made him very welcome to participate at St. Francis and his help has been gratefully received over the past number of years. As the announcement of Fr. Paul's move was at short notice, we were unable to give him the fond farewell that we would have hoped but we still intend to give him a gift from the parish and bring it to him. We will keep you posted of what we decide. We keep Fr. Paul in our prayers.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS: Please note that there is a meeting for this year's First Holy Communion parents this Thursday 8th November 7.30pm in the church (not the children please). Fr. Liam shall be leading the talk on The Sacrament of Reconciliation.

MAIDSTONE HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY: As you may be aware, the Parish has a small team of trained volunteers who, along with Deacon Ian, are part of the official Chaplaincy Team at Maidstone Hospital. They regularly visit patients in the hospital and ensure that the sacraments, especially Holy Communion, are made available to those who require them, along with prayer and perhaps someone to chat with. Many patients find themselves in hospital without time to prepare, and find that they have limited access to aids to prayer. For some a stay in hospital gives them the chance to re-connect with the Church and may need a little guidance to do this. In conjunction with hospital authorities and the Lead Chaplain, we have put together some patient prayer packs consisting of a prayer book; a rosary in a container (complete with instructions); prayer card/bookmark; and details of St Francis Parish. We aim to give these packs to any patient, relative or member of staff that would benefit from receiving one. These patient prayer packs can be donated to the hospital chaplaincy team by purchasing them through the Church repository/shop. Each pack costs £5, and we are only allowed to use the agreed contents. If you would like to purchase a pack to be donated, please call into the repository where you will find all the details. We thank you for your generosity and help with this important ministry. If you would like to know any further details, please have a chat with Deacon Ian.

WE HAVE BEGUN: We launched our practise of adoration last Friday at the 8pm Mass. The Mass was preceded by a talk given by George and Barbara Salamonczyk who gave us feedback on their experience at the Adoremus Conference that took place in September in Liverpool. We extend our appreciation to them both for their time and work and thank you to everybody who came. Posters from the Adoremus Conference can be seen around the church, each with reflections on our belief in the Eucharist. Please do take the time to look at these. We will have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday 7am – 10pm. Adorers who have offered to spend an hour in the church are asked to tick the register against their initials when they arrive.

Many people wanted to participate in our Adoration but were unable to promise to commit to the same hour every week or could not commit to a Friday but offered another day. We are truly grateful for your willingness so please do come in and be with the Lord and use the opportunity well every Friday, whatever time you can give.

HOLY SOULS: During the month of November we always remember to pray for the souls of all who have died. If you have any person or people that you especially like to remember during this month of Holy Souls then you will be invited to write their names down and they will be placed in the box that will be on the sanctuary. Their names will be placed at the altar for every Mass during November.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: We will be holding our annual blessing of the graves on Sunday 4th November 3pm at Maidstone Cemetery Sutton Road. Everybody is welcome to come and remember the souls of all the faithful departed in this simple yet special ceremony but we of course especially invite anybody who has a loved one who is laid to rest there. If you know anybody who has a family or relative buried at the cemetery then please do invite them.

ST FRANCIS QUIZ NIGHT: This popular event is on the 10th November so please book a table for a team of 6 if you have not already done so. Forms are at the back of the church. If there are fewer than 6 book anyway and we will find you a place. Entry is £6 per person payable on the night. Bring your own drinks/nibbles/etc. A raffle will also be held and donations of prizes would be much appreciated.

DEANERY REQUIEM MASS: Every year, the clergy of Maidstone Deanery gather to celebrate Mass especially to remember all the clergy who have served our Deanery who have died. As well as the clergy we encourage all people of the Maidstone Deanery to attend this Mass. This year it shall take place at St. Theodore's, Cranbrook, TN17 3DT, Tuesday 12th November at 12pm. Fr. Liam Gallagher has been invited to preach this year.

FEED THE HUNGRY: The particular needs this week, along with the usual, are still twin blade disposable razors, men's boxer shorts and crisps. Many thanks.

HEART OF KENT HOSPICE EVENTS: *Light Up a Life:* When you have lost a loved one, even a long time ago, Christmas can be a particularly difficult time. Whether you have a previous connection to the Hospice, whether you are on your own or with family and friends please take a moment to remember someone who brought light and joy to your life, by taking part in one of our annual Light up a Life events. All are welcome to attend either of this year's events which take place on Sunday 25th November at Heart of Kent Hospice Aylesford (ME20 7PU) at 4.30 pm or Sunday 2nd December at Aylesford Priory (ME20 7BX) at 4.30 pm. For full details of the events or to dedicate a star in your loved one's memory please visit www.hokh.org or contact fundraising on 01622 790195.

Christmas Fayre: Preston Hall, Aylesford, ME20 7PU, Saturday 8th December. 10am–2pm. Entry by donation of £2.00 per adult – children free.

Christmas Carol Concert featuring Peter Brice and his Christmas Choir: Wednesday 12th December, St Mary's Church, West Malling ME19 6NE. The concert will start at 7 pm (doors open at 6.30 pm) and will finish at 9 pm with a twenty minute interval when drinks and canapés will be served. Entrance and refreshments are free – all we ask is that you make a donation to Heart of Kent Hospice either on the night or in advance by visiting www.hokh.org. FFI please email fundraising@hokh.co.uk or contact us on 01622 790195.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ROAD CLOSURES

The following roads will be closed between 09.45am and 12.30pm on the 11th November for the Remembrance Day Parade: Earl Street, Week Street, Wyke Manor Road, Pudding Lane Junctions, Gabriel's Hill, Mill Street, Lower High Street, Bridge Gyatory, Barker Road, St Peter's Street, Broadway, Rocky Hill, Vine Mews, London Road (Junction-Buckland Hill) and Tonbridge Road.

Last weekend: 1st Collection: £1832.67	2nd Collection today: Church and Hall Development Fund
2nd Collection – Dew Association, St Joseph's Orphanage, Vellamadam, India:	Next Week: Archbishop's Administration Fund
£1673.23	
<i>plus an average of £275 Standing Orders</i>	
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	
<i>Parish Lottery winner – Week 18 – number 178 – prize £15</i>	