

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER

8th April 2018

Second Sunday of Easter

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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

Mass Intentions: When people would like a particular intention offered at Mass they contact our parish office and book a Mass. These are the names and intentions you see beside the times of Masses on the list below. When doing so they will also give an offering for the priest who is celebrating the Mass. The usual is £10 per Mass but people must feel free to offer what they can or wish to give. **If you wish to make a request for a Mass Intention then please take a green envelope from the back of the church, fill it in and then return to the parish office stating clearly if you wish a particular date or time or no preference.**

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 8th April	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>Michael Faherty RIP</i>
	9.00am	<i>Wladyslaw Palkowski</i>
	10.45am	<i>Kath Topping RIP</i>
	6.00pm	<i>West & Jankowski families</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
(Wateringbury)	10.30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Monday 9th April	10.30am	<i>Michael Molloy RIP</i>
Tuesday 10th April	10.30am	<i>Deceased members of family</i>
Wednesday 11th April	10.30am	<i>Pauline Gilman RIP</i>
Thursday 12th April	10.30am	
(HMP)	4.30pm	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 13th April	10.30am	<i>Antonina's welfare</i> <i>In honour of the immaculate heart of Mary</i>
	8.00pm	<i>Emilie O'Sullivan RIP</i>
Saturday 14th April	10.00am	<i>Liam Heary RIP</i>
Sunday 15th April	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	9.00am	<i>Frank Edward Joseph Parsons RIP</i>
	10.45am	<i>Stanislaw Siodlarz</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Pablo & Lola Navarro RIP</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
(Wateringbury)	10.30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>

BAPTISM: 8th April – 12.30pm – Rosie-Louise Delalli Nutsugah

WEDDING: We Congratulate Emily Parvin & Peter Harris who have celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage Saturday 7th April.

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



“HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET BELIEVE”

A VERY HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL. Our celebration of the Holy Triduum went beautifully and a huge amount of thanks go to all who played a special part that allowed it to go so well. Thank you to our cleaners, the flower arrangers and all who assisted to make the church so welcoming and warm. Thank you to all who ministered during our services, readers, ministers of communion, music and servers to allow our services run so smoothly and prayerfully. We give thanks too for all who helped prepare and produce the booklets. Thank you for all being there and being part of our most holy and precious time of the year. Also thank you for your generous Easter Offering for the priests which was around £6,500. All very much appreciated. May the Light and Joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and your homes this Eastertide.

DEACON TOM AND LYN COYLE would like to thank everyone for their very good wishes and their gift on their protracted departure from the parish. After many bumps along the road, we are finally moving this Tuesday 10th April. We leave with mixed feelings after 29 years in the parish and shall miss friendships we have built up here. We hope to find as warm a welcome at St. Columba's in Chester as we did here.

GODINTON HOUSE AND GARDENS, ASHFORD: Help funding towards our Parish Hall Development and have a splendid afternoon! Thursday 10th May we are planning a trip to Godinton House and Gardens, Ashford. Cost will be £22 per person which includes exclusive house tour, afternoon cream tea and walk around gardens. People will also be asked to drive their own car and possibly car share. Arrival at 1.45pm. Gardens close 6pm. Please book by marked envelopes stating 'Godinton House Trip', handed in to the parish office.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PHYLLIS COATSWORTH: Reception of body on Sunday 15th April at 19:45, Funeral Mass at 10.30 on Monday 16th April at St. Francis. Please wear something yellow. Family flowers only please but donations welcomed for Heart of Kent Hospice.

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 tinned meat, tuna, soup and crisps for pack-ups.

ST FRANCIS QUIZ NIGHT: This popular event will take place on Saturday, 14th April at 7.30pm. Please note the venue is now the URC Main Hall, not Dunning Hall. Maximum number of team members is 8. To book your table, complete the short form in the porch. Book early as tables are limited. Come along and pit your wits against each other! It costs £6 per person and all proceeds will go to the Church Development Fund. Any donations for the raffle prizes will be much appreciated. Thank you.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: This will take place at St George's Cathedral 3.00pm 16th June 2018. If you are celebrating your 1st /10th/ 25th/ 40th/ 50th/ 60th

+wedding anniversary this year, please give your details (both names, full contact details and anniversary year) into the parish office by Friday 27th April.

DIVINE MERCY SERVICE: As the second Sunday of Easter, 8th April, is celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday, we shall be holding a service that day, 2.30pm until 3.30pm, which will include Exposition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany and Benediction.

PASSING ON THE FAITH: A course for grandparents who wish to transmit the faith to their children and grandchildren. 4 sessions will take place at St Teresa's Church hall, Maidstone Road, Ashford TN24 8TX on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of May (11am – 1pm). Please book through Southwark Diocese Office for Marriage & Family Life, Kent.

Email: carolemfikent@gmail.com. Please state the age of your oldest grandchild, and the parish you attend.

REGINA CAELI: During the Season of Easter during the Sunday Mass instead of praying the Hail Mary, we shall sing the Regina Caeli (pronounced: Ray Jeena Chay Lee) Hymn No. 616. It is an appropriate prayer to Mary at Easter. Translated it means, 'Queen of Heaven rejoice; for he whom you were worthy to bear; has risen as he said; pray for us to the Lord'.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS: Apologies for the meeting in March being cancelled due to bad weather. We would like to reschedule the meeting for Thursday 19th April 7.30pm in the church. We shall be looking at The Eucharist and also discussing arrangements for the day.

DEW ASSOCIATION – 2nd COLLECTION: The Second Collection on 15th April is for Zambia, Orphan Children, Kiltegan Missions. May we thank you for your continued help in these difficult times, where all monies collected go directly to helping others in great need. May God bless you.

LIFE ASCENDING: The next meeting of the Life Ascending group will be on Wednesday, 6th May after the 10.30am Mass. We will discuss Mary, Mother of God.

ORTHODOX EASTER: Happy Easter to our Orthodox Brothers & Sisters who celebrate Easter this Sunday.

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time: William Nightingale, Barbara Akehurst, Jack Harrington, Adrian Cunliffe, Bernard Kel, Ellen Ryan, Henry Price, Sarah McDonald, Margaret Lynch, James Powell, Mary Dunne, Maria Roberto, Clive Rugman, James Clements, John Reynolds, Elizabeth Rawlingson, Cecelia Philp, Ronald Gorman, Horace Primavesa, Lily O'Cock, Ellen Carter, Joseph Sargar, John Fenn, Thomas O'Connor, Patrick O'Neill, Fred Brennan, Agnes Urmson, Thomas Fitzgerald, Genevieve Collins and William McKee.

Last weekend:

Collection – Easter Offering: £6581.39
plus an average of £275 Standing Orders

2nd Collection today:

Church & Hall Development Fund
Next Week: Dew Association. Zambia.
Orphan Children, Kiltegan Missions.

Thank you for your generosity

Lottery Winners: Week 13 – No. 21 – Mrs. S. Elcombe – £250; Week 14 – No. 293 – Mrs. S. M. Lovatt – £15