

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 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>
Monday 11th June	10.30am	<i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer St</i>
Tuesday 12th June	10.30am	<i>Private Intention</i> <i>In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>
Wednesday 13th June	10.30am	<i>Pauline Campbell RIP</i>
Thursday 14th June	10.30am	<i>Funeral Mass – Arthur McGinn RIP</i>
(HMP)	4.30pm	<i>Leonard Tansey RIP</i>
Friday 15th June	10.30am	<i>Kathleen Martin RIP</i>
	8.00pm	<i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday 16th June	10.00am	<i>Tom Egan RIP</i>
Sunday 17th June	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>Bernard Burns RIP</i>
	9.00am	<i>Private Intention</i>
	10.45am	<i>Reg & Win Cox RIP</i>
	4.00pm	<i>Polish Mass</i>
	6.00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>Maureen Dooley 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

10th June 2018

10th Sunday of 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

Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?
Anyone who does the will of God. (Mark 3:34)

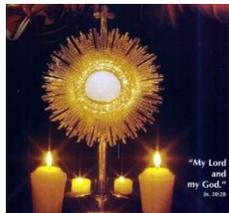


WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? At the Easter Vigil this year we were delighted to receive six people into the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. In preparation for this special evening, they had been attending the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation 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 funeral for Arthur McGinn will take place this week. On Wednesday 13th June 6pm we shall have the reception into the church. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 14th June 10.30am.

ANNIVERSERIES: Congratulations to Fr. Pawel who will be celebrating 7 years of priesthood on Monday 11th June and to Fr. Liam who will be celebrating 19 years of priesthood on Tuesday 12th June.

OUR PUBLIC WITNESS: Well done and thank you for all who organised and took part in our 'Lightfever' last Friday. It clearly has a very powerful effect on people who enter into our church and some clearly do have an actual encounter with Christ. That is what evangelisation is all about. We were also blessed with a beautiful day last Sunday giving us a wonderful opportunity to carry out our Corpus Christi procession at the end of the 10.45am Mass. We gathered in good number and I thank you for taking part, but special thanks



and congratulations to all our First Communion children who attended – they were a real credit to our parish.

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 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.

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, Womersley, 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 CYCLO SPORTIVE - Sunday 23rd September. Get pedalling in support of Heart of Kent Hospice. Starting at East Malling Research Centre (ME19 6BJ) join one of our circular cycle routes taking you through the heart of the Kent countryside. A choice of three chip timed routes:

- 104km – Registration from 7.30 am – start 8.30 am - Entry £35.00
- 65km - Registration from 8.30 am – start 9.00 am - Entry £30.00
- 36km - Registration from 9.00 am - start 9.30 am - Entry £25.00

Over 18s only. Each route includes – refreshment stations, comprehensive signage, marshals, first aid and vehicle support, professional chip timings, special finisher's medal. To register visit www.hokh.org/events or call 01622 790195.

ST SIMON STOCK SECONDARY SCHOOL is looking for a Clerk to the governors: this is a paid part time position requiring good organisational and minuting skills. Foundation governors are voluntary roles for people who want to help in the education of the next generation within the catholic ethos. Further information from the Chair of Governors mike.powis@btinternet.com

LIFE ASCENDING GROUP will spend a day at St. Thomas Church, Headcorn on Wednesday 4th July. Would you like to join us for a spiritual engagement? Please contact the Parish Office.

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Susan Bates, Norah Delay, Rose Gamble, Sylvia Bannon, Diana Kiefer, John McArdle, Mary Mulligan, Mary Heale, Terence Coghlan, Maurice Longhurst, Patrick Hennessy, Leo Gobel, Pauline Campbell, Bishop James Danell, Nadine Tester, Kathleen James, Simeon Browne, Tom Bachrach, Michael Kehily, Rebecca Thompson, Angela Filmer, Rose Tucker, Henriette Taylor, James Arnold and Arthur Fleming.

Last weekend:	2nd Collection today: Catholic Trust for England and Wales
1st Collection: £1,466.82	
2nd Collection: £584.26	
<i>plus an average of £275 Standing Orders</i>	Next Week: Day for Life
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	
<i>Congratulations to our Lottery Winner: Week 23 Number 302 wins £20</i>	