

**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

<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	9.00am	<i>William Joseph RIP</i>
	10.45am	<i>Antonina's Welfare</i> <i>In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>
	3.00pm	Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite
	6.00pm	<i>Kevin Ruau's Birthday</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>Stuart, Michael, Graham &amp; Judith McLeod &amp; Jane Chittelborough RIP</i>
(Wateringbury)	11.00am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>St Matthias the Apostle</i>	10.30am	<i>Domenico Sinagoga RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.30am	<i>For Sam's GCSE Exams</i>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>St Simon Stock</i>	10.30am	<i>For young people that they will walk with God</i>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> (HMP)	10.30am	<i>Stephen Ryan RIP</i>
	4.30pm	<i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer St</i>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.30am	<i>Michael Broderick RIP</i>
	8.00pm	<i>Marthica Fleming's Intention</i>
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.00am	<i>Margaret Brooks RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>led by Fledglings</i>	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>Ellen Braconnier's Birthday</i>
	9.00am	<i>Waleria Siodlarz</i>
<i>First Holy Communion Mass</i>	10.45am	<i>Bernard, Brian, Peter &amp; Paddy Collins</i>
	4.00pm	Mass in Polish
	6.00pm	<i>De Silva Family in thanksgiving</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
(Wateringbury)	11.00am	<i>Keiron John Hobden RIP</i>

**BAPTISMS:** 13<sup>th</sup> May – 12.30pm – Evan Patrick Gregson

19<sup>th</sup> May – 12.30pm – Fraser, Lucas & Cohen Ward

3.00pm – Kacper Olik

**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

13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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

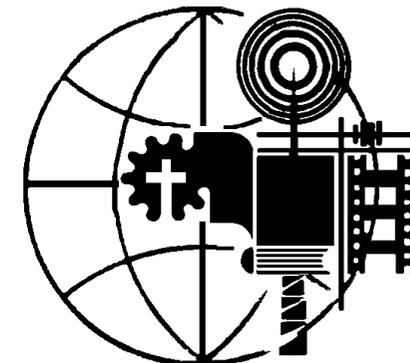
### Catholic Schools

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

St Simon Stock Secondary School: Oakwood Park, Maidstone, ME16 0JP 01622 754551

### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

This Sunday we remember the work of Catholic Media to proclaim and broadcast the Good News of Jesus Christ on what we call World Communications Day. The second collection today is to support this important work that the Truth of Christ may be proclaimed through His Church throughout the world. In his message for World Communications Day 2018 Pope Francis speaks of journalists as 'the protectors of news.' That their task is 'not just a job; it is a mission.' He reminds us that people are at the heart of information, that informing others means forming others. 'That is why ensuring the accuracy of sources and protecting communication are real means of promoting goodness, generating trust and opening the way to communion and peace.' So on this World Communications Day we pray for those who work in the media and also for the valuable work carried out on our behalf by the Communications Office and the Bishop's Conference. Working with journalists across both national and international media outlets, it provides a professional news service to the Church and to the world. Each parish is therefore encouraged by Bishop John Arnold of the Diocese of Salford and Chair of Catholic Communications in England and Wales, to assist this work with being as generous as we can with our collection today. There is also a website to visit [www.catholicnews.org.uk](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk) and if you would like to sign up for the twice daily bulletins there is the email address [ccn@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:ccn@cbcew.org.uk)



## REGINA CAELI

(Hymn No. 616.)

*Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia  
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia  
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia*

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia  
for he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia  
has risen as he said, alleluia  
pray for us to the Lord, alleluia

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To our children who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend: AARON PETER, KAYA MOKONE, ANNA HUNTER, DAISY NOBLE, AMELIE DEVLIN, CHINAZAM MBADIKE, JOHN ROBIN, ARMINAS BAJORINAS, KAMILA SKOWRONKA, CONOR MCCARTHY, LUCA D'SOUZA, DENIESHA KWARTENG YUNG-HOI, GABRIELE SAVICKAITE.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS:** Our final First Holy Communion Mass shall be Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am. Please keep all our children in your prayers.

*Please Note that there is no Morning Prayer on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May*

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** On the feast of Corpus Christi Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, the 10.45am Mass shall be a special celebration for all our First Communion Children followed by a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to outside County Hall which all are of course very much encouraged to come and be part of.

**THANK YOU:** Many thanks to the bakers and donors who have raised £90.85 from the Tearoom collection.

**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.

**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. 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.**

**REPOSITORY:** New stock of cards, books and gifts for First Holy Communion.

**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 15th, 22nd and 29th of May (11am – 1pm). Please book through Southwark Diocese Office for Marriage & Family Life, Kent. Email: carolemflkent@gmail.com. Please state the age of your oldest grandchild, and the parish you attend.

**GIFT AID BOXES:** The new set of Gift Aid boxes will be available soon. Thank you to all who are already part of our scheme. It is a huge help to the parish funds.

**DO YOU PAY TAX?** Then please do join our Parish Gift Aid scheme where we can claim back the tax on what you have put into the parish collection. All you need to do is fill in a form from the back of the church. It does not cost a thing. May we use this opportunity to thank the whole Finance Committee of our parish who deal with the whole financial and structural aspects of parish life (Accounts, Gift Aid, Maintenance etc.). They are very generous with their time and willing to share their skills for our benefit and we are truly grateful for all they do.

**SAFE AND SECURE:** Thank you ever so much to all who have responded to our request to let us know if you have any personal data of parishioners at home either with hardcopy or on IT. For

those who have let us know you should have received a letter by now giving instructions of what needs to be done. If you know you have received information of parishioners in the past due to carrying out parish ministries then please let the parish know so you can receive a letter. We continue to assure you that this is not an expression of distrust or even just a Diocesan Policy but it is a new law that shall be enforced from 25<sup>th</sup> May onto all organisations to ensure security of people's details.

### 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. Many rooms have threadbare or no carpets, and curtains which are close to disintegration. Some of the beds and other furniture started their life in the Junior Seminary at Mark Cross, Sussex – which closed in 1970. 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.

**ST JUDE'S, FAVERSHAM:** On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May at the National Shrine of St Jude, Faversham, all are invited to join in their summer celebrations. This will include: 11.00am Devotions with Anointing; 12.00pm Picnic in the grounds (bring your own food); 1.00pm Open Mass followed by St Jude processions. The Shrine is at 34 Tanners Street, Faversham, ME13 7JW

**LOSE ANYTHING?** About three weeks ago we found something in the church that may be of strong sentimental value yet nobody has yet put a claim forward. Please check that all your possessions are present and correct. If you notice a gap in what you own then please come to see Fr. Liam.

**SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** Led by Archbishop Peter Smith, the pilgrimage will take place 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> 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

**CHURCH AND HALL DEVELOPMENT:** We thank you for your continual support and prayers in this matter. The current figures for the Roof Fund are as follows:

Raised to date: £123,997.56

Total cost of roof: £136,000.00

Debt to be paid: £12,002.44

**We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Mrs Chater, Peter Floyd, Basil West, Honora Malivs, James & Rebecca Hiew, Gerald Eotes, Betty Biggins, Barbara Biggins, Ciara-Jane Cutting, Elizabeth Ellard, Mieczysława Kaminska, Kevin Bell, Marie Lembo, Paul Topping, Mercedes Kemp, Owain Couchman, Ian Carolan, Filippo Policelli Margaret Brooks, Hilda Shepherd, Anne Farrell, James Dowling, Florence Klus, Kate O'Neill, Christine Whittall, George Enfield, John Purdie, Jane Ford, Michael Keoh, Christel Warner, Patrick Power and Douglas Tozer

#### Last weekend:

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: £1469.70

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Church & Hall Development Fund:

£807.52

*plus an average of £275 Standing Orders*

*Thank you for your generosity*

*Congratulations to our Lottery Winner: Week 19 – No. 49 – Mrs K. Smith – £20*

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today:

Communications

#### Next Week:

Dew Association