

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 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>
	4.00pm	Mass in Polish
	6.00pm	<i>Pablo & Lola Navarro RIP</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
(Wateringbury)	10.30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Monday 16th April	10.30am	<i>Funeral Mass – Phyllis Coatsworth</i>
Tuesday 17th April	10.30am	<i>Funeral Mass – Bridget Delaney</i>
Wednesday 18th April	10.30am	<i>Peggy Ashton</i>
Thursday 19th April	10.30am	<i>Anne Roberts RIP</i>
(HMP)	4.30pm	<i>Terry Free RIP</i>
Friday 20th April	10.30am	<i>Susan G. Simmons RIP</i>
	8.00pm	<i>Rachel & Sarah Mauriange's Birthday</i>
Saturday 21st April	10.00am	<i>Catherine McKie RIP</i>
Sunday 22nd April	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>Maidstone Catenians for vocations</i>
	9.00am	<i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer St</i>
	10.45am	<i>Waleria Siodlarz</i>
	6.00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>Gerald Shepherd RIP</i>
(Wateringbury)	11.00am	<i>Holy Souls</i>

BAPTISMS: 21st April – 12.30pm – Esme Orla Pease

22nd April – 12.30pm – Theo Palmer

WEDDING: We congratulate Alan Collins & Amy Cargill who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage Monday 16th 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*

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER

15th April 2018

Third 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

KEEPING IT SAFE AND SECURE

As you may all be aware there is some new data protection legislation coming into force on 25th May 2018, which is going to impact on all of us. Personal data is something that we do not want freely shared around and I am sure you have been aware of the recent news items of people's personal data being obtained via the internet for statistical research but without the consent of the millions of individuals. This legislation, therefore, demands quite a thorough change in systems of controlling data but with a positive outcome. One of the responsibilities we will now have to undertake is to know who has access to the vast amount of personal information we hold in the parish. I know that a great number of you currently volunteer for the parish or may have done so in the past and may have some personal information at your home in a file and/or on a PC or laptop. Please could you contact the Parish Office (opening hours above) and let them know if this applied to you so we can let you know what actions you will need to take going forward. It is important to realise that this is not an action of distrust and it is with full appreciation of the voluntary work that so many of you have carried out for many years. We thank you for your full understanding and cooperation with this.

It shall also mean that a change in the accessibility of the parish office may be put in place where so much data is stored or received. It has always been the practise of the parish to be as discreet with personal information and to respect the confidentiality of people's personal details; however, this may be a suitable opportunity to remind everybody that we at the parish office can never give anybody's contact details (home address, mobile, email address etc.) to anybody else. This applies to everybody and is simply good practise.

Thank you again for your understanding and we shall inform you of any further changes.

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.

FAREWELL TO DEACON TOM & LYN COYLE: We were very sad to say farewell to Deacon Tom & Lyn Coyle last Sunday but I know we wish them every happiness and blessing as they move up to Chester. We presented them with a cheque for £1,000 as raised by the parishioners, so thank you for giving such a generous gift.

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 6 pm 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.

REQUIEM MASSES

PHYLLIS COATSWORTH: Reception of body on Sunday 15th April at 7:45pm. Funeral Mass at 10.30am on Monday 16th April at St. Francis. Please wear something yellow. Family flowers only please but donations welcomed for Heart of Kent Hospice.

BRIDGET DELANEY: 10.30am Tuesday 17th April.

We keep in our prayers the families of Phyllis and Bridget at this time of bereavement.

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.

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.

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.

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

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'

EVANGELIST: There are copies available to take from the back of the church of 'The Evangelist' – a magazine from St John's Seminary where young men train for the priesthood (and of course where Canon Luke Smith is now Spiritual Director). There various articles written by students and staff giving an insight to life within seminary and their own personal journeys.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH OF SOUTHWARK: There are prayer cards for the Diocese of Southwark available from the back of the church Please take a prayer card home with you.

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

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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.

CATENIAN SUPPER: All Parishioners may like to join the Catenians for supper at Café Bruges Maidstone on Saturday 21st April after the 6pm Mass, when they host our clergy & deacons. There are a limited number of places available. Please give Dennis Edwardes a ring on 01622 720 830 or 07747838, should you like to join us.

PARISH LOTTERY – UNCLAIMED PRIZES: No. 324 – Mrs. D. T. Durling – £15; No. 51 – Mr. A. L. Cuthbert – £70; No. 21 – Mrs. S. Elcombe – £250. Would these winners please collect their prizes from the Parish Office. Thank 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.

THANK YOU: Missio thank St Francis Parish for their generous donations to Missio for 2017 through the Red Box collection, private donations and World Mission Sunday. Total: £1381.46.

CAFOD FAST DAY: Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent.

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: £123,190.04

Total cost of roof: £136,000.00

Debt to be paid: £12,809.96

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Norman Bell, Richard Freeman, Margaret Przyjemski, Syd Powell, Ted Shannon, Cissie Glew, Elsie Fitzgerald, Raymond Decker, Basil Hinds, John Edgeworth, Gregory Shepherd, Yvonne Scott, Krysztof Wrona, Michael Moran, William Larkin, Nelson Bowles, Leda Carter, Thomas Duffy, Sybil Collie, Thelma Burke, Maria Martignetti, John Janur, Terence Baldock, Father George Le Bosquet, Peter Pugliese, Teresa Crawford, Kathleen Rowe, Alan Everett, Peggy Norfolk, Martin Cody, Margaret O'Malley Ward, Clara Collins and Derek Hopkins

Last weekend:	2nd Collection today:
1st Collection: £1223.09	Dew Association. Zambia.
2nd Collection	Orphan Children, Kiltegan Missions
Church & Hall Development Fund: £654.91	
<i>plus an average of £275 Standing Orders</i>	Next Week: Ecclesiastical Education
	<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>
	<i>Lottery Winners: Week 15 – No. 154 – Mrs. N. Southwell – £20</i>