

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 25th November	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer St.</i>
<i>led by St Francis School</i>	9.00am	<i>John Corfe & Rachel Taylor RIP</i>
	10.15am(HMP)	<i>Terry Free RIP</i>
	10.45am	<i>Sirpa Edwardes RIP</i>
	6.00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>David Conaghan RIP</i>
Monday 26th November	10.30am	<i>Winifred Prendergast RIP</i>
Tuesday 27th November	10.30am	<i>Sirpa Edwardes RIP</i>
Wednesday 28th November	10.30am	<i>James and Mary Hurson RIP</i>
Thursday 29th November	10.30am	<i>Bernard Burns RIP</i>
Friday 30th November <i>St Andrew</i>	10.30am	<i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer St.</i>
	8.00pm	<i>Vincent Kelly RIP</i>
Saturday 1st December	10.00am	<i>Brian Johnson & Peter Capon RIP</i>
Sunday 2nd December	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>Tina D'Silva RIP</i>
	9.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.15am(HMP)	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	10.45am	<i>Nigel Lapham RIP</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Private Intention</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>John Penney RIP</i>

Confessions: *Monday – Friday 10am – 10.15am*
Saturday 10.30am – 11.15am; 5.30pm – 5.45pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: *Friday 7am – 10pm*

Rosary: *Monday – Saturday after morning Mass*

Morning Prayer: *Every Saturday 9.30am*

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.

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

George Scott, Richard Power, Lucy Ireland, Elinor Nightingale, Dennis Coatsworth, Berthe Bacharach, Marjorie Mescall, Yvonne Webber, Cordelia White, Frederick Franks, Margaret Moorkite, Nora Blunden, Mary Hurson, Charles Butler, Alfonso Finelli, Francis Percy, Herbert Paine, Albert Clark, Mary Harkin, Roland Philp, Charles Hamilton, Roger Hill, Andrew Kwiatkowski, Ellen Startup, Mary Kenward, John Booth, Elizabeth Cott and Briony Morling.

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th November 2018

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (B)

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Catholic Schools

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

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HAIL REDEEMER, KING DIVINE!



‘Yes, I am a king. I came into the world to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.(John 18:35-37)

A GIFT AND CARD FOR FATHER PAUL GIBBONS: As we have mentioned in previous weeks, we wish to express our thanks and good wishes to Fr. Paul Gibbons as he leaves Maidstone and retires to Sussex. We have bought a gift for Fr. Paul from all of us here at St. Francis – a stole with an icon of St. Paul and St. Peter on it. A picture of the stole can be seen in the church porch. It is the intention of Fr. Liam to visit Fr. Paul in the very near future with this gift and a card on everyone's behalf. There will be some slips of paper available at the back of the church for you to write personal message to Fr. Paul if you wish and to drop it in the box provided. They will be assembled, gathered together and put in the card that we will give to Fr. Paul. As we wish to visit him in the near future the opportunity to write something will only be there until Monday 3rd December.

WELCOME ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL: We welcome pupils and staff of St. Francis School who are joining and leading us for our 9am Mass this Sunday.

CHILDREN'S ADVENT CALENDER: All children are invited to take an Advent journey calendar from the back of the church. As well as a calendar these give helpful guidance for each day of Advent with things they can do to grow in holiness and preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

MAIDSTONE HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY: Deacon Ian and the hospital chaplaincy team are very pleased and grateful for the generous response that people have showed in donating a prayer pack for the sick in hospital. It is a huge spiritual aid to them all.

EXPOSITION & ADORATION: We are having 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.



LIVING ROSARY: The new rota sheets for members of the Living Rosary are available from the sacristy. Please collect this as soon as possible. New members are always welcome.

ADVENT WREATHS: These very popular candle wreaths are made by the Fledglings children and will be available this year on Sunday 25th November and Sat/Sunday 1st and 2nd December. Last year they sold out very quickly so please pre-order if possible. The wreaths have 5 candles to be lit each Sunday of Advent and then Christmas Day and come with a prayer sheet and cost £5. Please give your order and payment to one of the clergy or musicians as soon as possible.



FEED THE HUNGRY – CHRISTMAS APPEAL: The Christmas collection for Feed the Hungry will be on the weekend of 8/9 December. A limited number of collection bags will be available in the porch and at St Luke's for those who need them on Sunday 25th November. We are collecting Christmas food, small toys, and gifts to make Christmas special for those who are not as fortunate as ourselves. Please, **NO** mince pies as we get these from the manufacturers. Hampers will be put together for local families and for the homeless. There is still a need for the usual items especially disposable razors, toilet rolls, bio washing capsules and crisps.

REPOSITORY New stock of Advent resources including Advent calendars and 'Walk with me' and "Day by Day" booklets. 2019 Catholic diaries now also available.

WANT TO MEET UP? First Monday of the month - 11.00am Bowling at Lockmeadow
 Second Monday of the Month - after 10.30am Mass there is coffee in The Society Rooms
 Every Monday 1.30pm – 3.30pm there is Scrabble at Leah's Bistro in the High Street.
 Every Wednesday 10am -12pm - Line Dancing in the URC Hall down Week Street.
 All are very welcome to come, meet new people and have some fun.
 Please contact the parish office for more details

FLEDGLINGS GROUP: If you have a child who is at primary school then they are very welcome to come and join our parish Fledglings Group which takes place every month on a Saturday 10am – 3pm at St. Francis School. They will meet up with other children of our parish to learn about their faith, make new friends and have lots of fun.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: At this busy time of year, please note the following dates and put aside the time to attend:

CRAFT SALE – SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER: This will take place in the Church Porch after the 10am Mass and possibly some of the other Masses over the weekend. On sale will be knitted items, soft toys, blankets, clothing and novelty items. Cakes, marmalade and jam will also be on sale. Many items suitable as Christmas presents. Come along and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea while you browse. Donations of cakes would be very much appreciated.

LIGHT FEVER EVENING – FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER: Come and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament while passers-by are invited into the church.

CHRISTMAS CAROL & NATIVITY PLAY – 2:30pm on SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER. Presented by the Fledglings.

MAIDSTONE CHORAL UNION - SATURDAY 8th DECEMBER 7.30pm Christmas Carols for choir and audience and Part 1 of the Messiah by Handel at All Saints Church, Maidstone. Tickets - £12. Details on website - www.maidstonechoralunion.org.uk.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MAIDSTONE - SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER 6pm Advent Worship 'Serving our Town'. – St Paul's, Boxley Road.

HEART OF KENT HOSPICE – WEST MALLING CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: HOKH are delighted to be taking over the management of the West Malling Christmas Festival event which has been a long standing tradition in the village. The West Malling Christmas Festival takes place on Sunday 2nd December from 12 pm – 5.30 pm with the light switch on taking place at 5pm. Entry is free. Enjoy a great day out for all the family including live entertainment on stage all afternoon, Santa's Grotto, face painting, bungee trampolines, teacup and carousel rides, shopping, stalls, crafts and specialist food and drink. For any queries regarding the event, please contact erica.snow@hokh.co.uk or telephone 01622 790195.

Last weekend:	2nd Collection today: Catholic Youth Work
1st Collection: £1,465.05	
<i>plus an average of £275 Standing Orders</i>	
2nd Collection: £578.12 Sick and Retired Priests	Next Week: Church and Hall Development Fund

*Thank you for your generosity
 Parish Lottery winner – Week 21 – Number 251 – Prize £90*