

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

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OUT AND ABOUT

DEAL AND WALMER CASTLE

Saturday, 25th September 2010.

Bookings are now being taken for our next Parish Trip to the historic seaside town of Deal and nearby Walmer Castle. You will be free to spend mid morning and lunchtime in Deal, and we will arrive at Walmer Castle in the early afternoon. Prices for return coach trip: Adults - £25 (price includes entry fee to Castle) and £20 (for English Heritage Members). Children: £17. To make a booking please contact the Parish Office or Olga D'Silva (01622) 808486. Email: olga.dsilva@zenlanguages.eu. Please make cheques payable to "St Francis Parish".

The Parish Social Club

Monday, 10.30am 19th July - Kurling in the Parish Hall! A novel game, which promises to be great fun. (No Tenpin Bowling during July and August)

Monday, 10.30am 9th August - Coffee at *Seawave Fish Restaurant*.

Monday, 10.30am 16th August - Kurling in the Parish Hall.

The Social Club is open to all. It's a chance to meet fellow parishioners who attend other Masses. To find out more about it or FFI. contact Mary Adam.

The Catenians

*Strengthening family life
through friendship and Faith*

Summer with the Catenians

Sunday 25 July, President's Sunday: a Family Day with Mass at 10am at Nettlestead followed by BBQ, children's swimming and games for families at West Farleigh, Maidstone.

Parish families are invited to come along.

FFI ring Fergus 01622 814728 evenings.

Thursday 26 August, Summer Dining with wives and guests: 7.00 for 7.30pm at Bearsted Golf Club. Lounge suits.

Parishioners are invited to join us for a pleasant summer's evening in lovely surroundings. Tickets £16 p.p. FFI ring Fergus 01622 814728 evenings.

All our social events are open to parishioners. See: www.stfrancisparish.org.uk click "Our Parish" - "Catenian Association" - "Social Programme"

PARISH TEAM

The Parish Team meets tomorrow **Monday, 19th July (8.00pm)** in the Presbytery. If parishioners wish to raise any matters, please see a member of clergy

THE PARISH WEB SITE:
www.stfrancisparish.org.uk

Petitions to *Our Lady of Lourdes*

John Turner is off to 'Hosanna House' (Lourdes) on the **6th August** with HCPT group and he is willing to take with him YOUR Petitions to 'Our Lady of Lourdes' which he will place in the Grotto. So if anyone has a Petition for John to take please make sure he gets them **no later than Thursday 5th August**. His address is: 10 Flaxman Drive, Allington Park, Maidstone (ME16 0RU). Thank you and God bless you all!

John Turner.

SCHOOL GOVERNOR

St Simon Stock School are looking for someone willing to join them as a governor. For this particular post it is essential that you **DO NOT** have a child currently at the school. If interested please contact the Chair: mike.powis@btinternet.com or (01622) 687326.

Cleaner Wanted

Wanted: a cleaner for St Peter's Catholic Church Hall, Bearsted. It is a small, modern Church Hall. Our present cleaner is retiring and we are looking for a replacement. The job entails cleaning the Hall on Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes, for a total of 3 hours a week at £8.50 per hour. Are you the person we need? If so, please contact Mr Terry Kinsman on (01622) 736100 for more details and to arrange an interview.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011

Southwark Catholic Youth Service are organising a pilgrimage (**Sunday 14th - 22nd August, 2011**) to celebrate *World Youth Day* in Madrid next year. They write: WYD is an opportunity for young people throughout the world to make a pilgrimage of faith, meet with other young people and give witness to the Gospel.

The pilgrimage begins with preparation in our own Diocese and communities, and continues with the journey to Madrid and celebrations with Pope Benedict XV1.

The cost of the pilgrimage, which will last a week, is £500. This covers WYD registration, flights, insurance and basic accommodation.

The accommodation is provided following an invitation from the Cabrini Sisters to use their school in Madrid. Although this will be basic, sleeping on floors (with a sleeping bag and why not bring a blow up bed?) The facilities are excellent including washing facilities, recreation space, chapel and a dining room. The accommodation will be split between leaders and young people according to age and gender. The school will make an excellent base for the group.

Preparation meetings will be organised around the Diocese to give opportunities to meet other young people and explore the main themes for WYD 2011. The whole Diocesan group will meet together for a commissioning service at St George's Cathedral prior to our departure.

They would like to get a good idea of numbers by this **August** in order to book flights. A booking form is available in the Parish Office, and to reserve a place a £100 non-refundable deposit is required. FFI: contact John Toryusen **01227 272900** or info@scys.org.uk

PARISH COLLECTIONS AND LOTTERY

Last Weekend:

All Masses:

1st Collection: £1346.90*

2nd Collection: £ 521.93 Apostleship of the Sea

**This figure does not include standing orders etc. which average £200 a week.*

2nd Collection this weekend: Maintenance Fund

2nd Collection next weekend: Day for Life

Parish Lottery Winner Week 3 :

No.293 — Mr B Burns — £6.50

COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS

These can be collected from either the School or the Parish Office in the Presbytery. Please return photographs or payment as soon as possible.

Fiona, the photographer, apologises that the group photograph from the **13th June** was not retrievable from the camera's memory card. If any parent has a good print/or electronic photo Fiona will print for others. Please leave a message for Mary Insall (with contact no.) in the Parish Office if you are able to help and she will contact you.

FRIARS' NEWS COMING EVENTS

10th - 18th July - Woodturners' Exhibition in the North Barn

25th July - *Pop Goes The Picnic*, organised by the Social Group

30th July - 1st August - Heart of Kent Hospice Quilting Exhibition.

4th August - *Merry Wives of Windsor*

8th August - Vintage Motor Cycle Club Public Day

14th August - Day Trip to Eastbourne to view Free Air Show from the promenade or beach: organised by Social Group

5th September - Social Group Walk.

The Big Fun Run

CAFOD are teaming up with other charities to arrange a 5K Big Fun Run in Mote Park, Maidstone on **Sunday 10th October**. This is one of a series of 5K runs, which will be held throughout the country in an effort to raise funds for their work. To enter online, go to www.bigfunrun.com.

HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI COMMEMORATION

This will be at Aylesford Priory on **Friday 6th August**, for an hour from 8.20pm. Organised by *Kent Diocesan Area Justice and Peace Group*, all are welcome. Refreshments available after the Service. FFI call John Caruana (01634 864179).

You are warmly invited to an evening of prayer and praise with Father Paul Johnston, a Missionary Priest of the *Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity* (SOLT) and Assistant Priest of *Our Lady of Good Counsel*, Hythe. On **Tuesday, 27th July (8.00pm in the church)** he will be speaking on "The meaning of surrender to Christ" (when we surrender to Christ in conflicts we cannot change, they can become forces for healing). There will be Music Ministry and Prayers for Healing. Refreshments served. FFI contact Paul on (01303) 542245 or email pauldono-van@talktalk.net. Maybe Google "solt" for more details.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For all who have been bereaved and for the sick of our parish:

Archbishop Kevin, Leonard Church, Cliff Boyce, Andy Cripps, Allen Durling, Stuart McLeod, John Finn, Mark Pearson, Enid Swan, John Ratcliffe, Trevor Adams, Lance Hoskins-Davies, Cody Barker, Jean Carly, Brenda Holdway, Sara Sime, Lars Fare, Jessie Beasley, Luke Collins, Carmel Hart, Bruce Farley, Alan Everett, Dolly Thompson and all those in our local hospitals, hospice and nursing homes.

For recently dead: James Hurson, Rachel Martin and Mike McGuire.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dorothy Hammond, Julia George, Michael Fitzpatrick, Gary Phillips, Addolorata di Marco, Elsie Fitzgerald, William Elliott, Claire Turner, David Finn, Aureen Bartley, Sheila Clark, Louisa Price, Bert Hand, Maria Emerson, Bobby Cooper Elsie Wickens, Elizabeth Kitney, Mary Ashurst, Patrick Corridan, John Hales, Rosemarie Jayaraj, Pamela Blackley, Kathleen Fisher, Hugh Brannigan, James Tolan, John Barry and Isabel Howard.

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Sunday 18th July 2010

St Francis'

6.00pm (Sat) Wendy O'Hara RIP
9.00am Sheila Le Fort RIP
10.30am Ernest Coram RIP
6.00pm Bridie Turver RIP

Preston Hall

8.30am Donor's Intention
11.30am Baby Collins RIP

Nettlestead Donor's Intention

Monday 19th July

10.00am Kay McCarty RIP
12.30pm Terence Coghlan RIP

Tuesday 20th July

10.00am Terence Coghlan RIP
12.30pm Ken Cheesman RIP

Wednesday 21st July

10.00am Sheila Le Fort RIP
12.30pm Kathleen & Finbarr Moran — good health

Thursday 22nd July

10.00am Marianne & Ester Corfe RIP
12.30pm Funeral Mass — James Hursor

Friday 23rd July

10.00am Grahame Budd RIP
12.30pm In reparation for abortions carried out in Maidstone

Saturday 24th July

10.00am Ethna McCready RIP

Sunday 25th July

St Francis'

6.00pm (Sat) Maria Emerson RIP
9.00am George Lawton RIP
10.30am Mr & Mrs Turner RIP
6.00pm Terry Coghlan RIP

Preston Hall

8.30am
11.30am

Nettlestead

10.00am Catenian Association

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Confessions are heard: **Monday - Friday: 12 noon.**
Saturday: 10.30 — 11.15am; 5.00 — 5.30pm

There will be **EXPOSITION** of the **BLESSED SACRAMENT** this Friday: **until 5.00pm**

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Parish Priest: Canon John Clark M.A.

Assisting Priests: Fr Anthony and Fr Tadeusz Dec

Parish Sister: Sr. Kathleen Dalton: Telephone: (01622) 676033

Schools

St Francis' Catholic Primary School. Headteacher: Mr David Bray

Queens Road, Maidstone, ME16 0LB. Telephone: (01622) 771540

St Simon Stock Catholic Secondary School. Acting Headteacher: Mr John Malone

Oakwood Park, Maidstone ME16 OJP Telephone: (01622) 754551