

**Mass Intentions and General Data Protection Regulation:** On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>Private Intention</i>
	9.00am	<i>Sarah &amp; Archie Grant RIP</i>
	10.45am	<i>Ernie, Renee &amp; Ken Hughes RIP</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Phyllis Coatsworth RIP</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
(Wateringbury)	11.00am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	10.30am	<i>Jim Kelly RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	10.30am	<i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>St Benedict</i>	10.30am	<i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> (HMP)	10.30am	<i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer St.</i>
	4.30pm	<i>Terry Free RIP</i>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>St Mildred</i>	10.30am	<i>Private Intention</i>
	8.00pm	<i>Tolu Akintonde RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>St Camillus de Lellis</i>	10.00am	<i>Elisabeth Vasantha Sinnou Peters RIP</i>
	3.00pm	Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>Phyllis Coatsworth RIP</i>
	9.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.45am	<i>Phyllis Coatsworth RIP</i>
	4.00pm	Mass in Polish
	6.00pm	<i>Phyllis Coatsworth RIP</i>
(Preston Hall)	9.00am	<i>Mary Tyler 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

8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 Fourteenth Sunday in 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

### HOSTILE HOME CROWD

What do you think is the reason that the people of Nazareth had such little faith in Jesus and all he was saying? Why wouldn't his home crowd accept him? The problem is they knew him too well in his earlier days. As a priest we are sent from one parish to another but what never happens (or very rarely) is that we are sent to our home parish. Often they have their family still living there, they have friends and there may be many people who have seen him grow up. There is already a relationship established with the people long before he was a priest so it is best to keep him away in his ministry from his home crowd. After all, there can be things that a priest says or a decision that is made that may not be well received by everybody and that can bring real complications with his family and friends. Hence, a prophet, a preacher of truth which is so often challenging, will not so easily be accepted in his hometown. When Jesus spoke to his own community they did not see or hear the Messiah, the chosen one; they saw him as a carpenter who fixed their table – what arrogance to come and preach to us. It may be an insecurity in people to believe they can pigeon hole a person for life and unable to believe that a person has a greater potential than we give credit for. Is there anybody in our life or any people in our world whose success we deny or whose potential we wish to suppress?



**HOLIDAY:** Fr. Liam will be away for his Summer break until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Fr Sam will be on holiday until the end of July.

**TODAY IS SEA SUNDAY.** The Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare and mission agency of the Catholic Church of Great Britain. We support more than one million seafarers arriving in our ports each year. It is a vitally important mission to a hidden group of people, many of whom are Catholic. The second collection today supports and contributes towards their work.

**WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC 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, We invite you to join us on Tuesday evenings 7.30pm in the priest house from September for the R.C.I.A group 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. If this is something you would like to consider then please ask for an Inquiry form at the end of Mass.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** If your child will be 8 years old by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 (Year 3 or above at school) and you wish them to celebrate their First Holy Communion next June 2019 then please receive an application form at the end of Mass. Please remember that you can only receive a form for your own child. Once you have filled in the form then please return then to the Parish Office.

**PARISH LOTTERY SERIES 38:** This starts in July with the collection of subscriptions. Collectors will be in the porch in between the two Sunday morning Masses on the 8<sup>th</sup> and at all Masses on the weekends of 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> July. Please note that due to Data Protection regulations the collection will be done differently. B/O payers need only pick up their new cards. Cash and cheque payers should collect an envelope from the collectors showing their name, lottery numbers and amount owing. Please place payment – correct money please – in the envelope, complete the label and hand it in and in return receive your receipted cards. Thank you and good luck.

**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

**HEART OF KENT HOSPICE** has been selected as the chosen charity of the Raft Race which forms part of the Maidstone Boat gathering on the River Medway in Maidstone on Saturday 28th July. The event is open to all with a maximum crew number of 6 per raft. All rafts must be homemade and propelled by paddles only. The entry cost for each raft is £50.00 with all proceeds going to Heart of Kent Hospice. There are a limited number of rafts allowed on the river therefore book your place a.s.a.p. FFI please contact Karen Newton in fundraising on 01622 790195 email fundraising@hokh.co.uk or visit our website www.hokh.org. Prizes will be awarded for first past the post and best dressed!

**ST MICHAEL'S GARDENS AND GRASSLAND PATHS:** Open to all on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE:** From time to time people meet to discuss progress upon issues such as reducing poverty, persecution, conflict, discrimination and environmental degradation - all dear to the heart of Pope Francis. The next such meeting will be from 2.00 to 4.00 pm on Sunday July 8th at the Area Bishop's house ("The Hermitage", More Park, West Malling ME19 6HN - near the Catholic Church and school). All are welcome!

**HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS:** You are invited to join us at the next prayer vigil on Friday 20th July 2018 following the 10.30am mass at St Francis Catholic Church, Week Street, Maidstone. Rosary and prayer outside the Marie Stopes abortion clinic, Brewer St. Return for refreshments at approximately 12.30pm. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11.00 to 12noon. If you are unable to join the vigil please be an intercessor in the church.

**CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES COURSES:** The Centre for Catholic Formation will be running the following courses: An Introduction to Canon Law (29<sup>th</sup> September and 13<sup>th</sup> October) and An Introduction to Liturgy (13<sup>th</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> November). The course fee is £25 for each course. FFI or to register, please email [office@ccfootingbec.org.uk](mailto:office@ccfootingbec.org.uk) or call 020 8672 7684.

**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 JOHN'S SEMINARY – CAN YOU HELP OUR FUTURE PRIESTS?** If you would like to help the vast work that needs doing at our Seminary then please send a cheque payable to St John's Seminary to: Mgr Gerry Ewing (Vice Rector), St John's Seminary, Wonerish, Guildford, Surrey GU5 0QX. We very much appreciate your support.

**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: £125,035.05  
Total cost of roof: £136,000.00  
Debt to be paid: £10,964.95

**We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Anthony Crabree, Peter Chapman, Kathleen Oliver, Jim Kelly, Kathleen O'Malley, Peter Mooney, Michael Ellard, Kathleen Howatt, Irene Rogers, Edward O'Neill, Douglas Froud, Roy Dennis, Constance Cabbage, Edward Broom, Mary Tyler, Mary Kirby, Ivy Stone, Violet Abnett, Adelheid Selcon, Joan Muriel Barber, Bernard Dillon, Elsie Mudd, Giovanni Roberto, Emile Kuznica, Gwen Simmons, Ben Maquire, Elizabeth Norman, Alice Brown, Elizabeth Sinnou, Eileen O'Neill, Patrick Deasy and Winifred Norman.

<b>Last weekend:</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection:</b> £ 1703.93	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today:</b>  Apostleship of the Sea
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Church &amp; Hall Development Fund:</b> £ 409.62	<b>Next Week:</b> Dew Association
<i>plus an average of £275 Standing Orders</i>	
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	
<i>The next Parish Lottery winner will be announced for Week 5.</i>	