

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| Sunday 28th October | 6.00pm (Sat) | <i>George Buhagier RIP</i> | |
| | 9.00am | <i>Charlie Roberts RIP</i> | |
| | 10.15am(HMP) | <i>Terry Free RIP</i> | |
| | 10.45am | <i>Tom Egan RIP</i> | |
| | 6.00pm | <i>People of the Parish</i> | |
| (Preston Hall) | 9.00am | <i>Amanda Tyler RIP</i> | |
| (Wateringbury) | 11.00am | <i>Holy Souls</i> | |
| Monday 29th October | 10.30am | <i>Dominic Sinagogo RIP</i> | |
| Tuesday 30th October | 10.30am | <i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer St.</i> | |
| Wednesday 31st October | 10.30am | <i>Private Intention</i> | |
| | 6.00pm | <i>Charles Doyle RIP</i> | |
| Thursday 1st November | 10.30am | <i>Paul & Desmond Casey RIP</i> | |
| | 6.00pm | <i>Polish Mass</i> | |
| | 8.00pm | <i>Kathleen Smith, Lena Ford, Margaret Devitt RIP</i> | |
| Friday 2nd November | 10.30am | <i>Holy Souls</i> | |
| | 6.00pm | <i>Polish Mass</i> | |
| | 8.00pm | <i>Louise Bockstahler, Wilhelm Bockstahler, Frida Hertension RIP</i> | |
| Saturday 3rd November | 10.00am | <i>Fr John Whebble RIP</i> | |
| Sunday 4th November | 6.00pm (Sat) | <i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer St.</i> | |
| | 9.00am | <i>John Penney RIP</i> | |
| | 10.15am(HMP) | <i>Terry Free RIP</i> | |
| | 10.45am | <i>Irene Stanley RIP</i> | |
| | 6.00pm | <i>Patricia Frost RIP</i> | |
| | (Preston Hall) | 9.00am | <i>People of the Parish</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*

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael Kehoe, Catherine Rush, Edward Pointer, Thomas Egan, Nora Elphee, Michael O’Sullivan, Robert House, Josephine McCormack, John Forde, Mary Akehurst, Charles Mangion, Denis Cremin, Derek Laghaney, Nancy Cochrane, Edward Heeley, Norrie Coady, Tom Raemers, Eugene Lynch, Gerald Chater, Monica Pearce, Vera Skinner, Mgr Wall, Emily O’Connor, Cecilia Cowley, Ann Jarrett, Sara McKenna, Mildred McDermott, John Butt, Anne Edwards, mFrank Tetley, Ann Freeman, Ellen Spice, Charles Miles, Desmond Casey, Gladys Cashman, Michael Mulrooney, Jessie Farnham, Sheila Hemsley, Mary Mackell, Victor Ingrams, Carmine Cascioli, Letitia Edwards, Esther Baines, Francisca La-Torre, Pamela Holdsworth and Anna Galeotalanza.

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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

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Some people can barely see beyond themselves. Their world is limited because of a preoccupation with themselves. Their vision is darkened by a gloomy view they look at things. Others have a wide horizon due to the fact that they are able to see beyond themselves. Their world is brightened by the fact that they see things in a positive light. We have to distinguish between sight and vision. Just because we may have good eyesight doesn’t necessarily mean we have good vision. It’s not just with our eyes that we see but with the minds and the heart and the imagination. A narrow mind, small heart and low imagination will lead to a loss of vision – and therefore we are unable to see the potential of the great things God desires for us. We should remember the words from Saint-Exupery’s Little Prince ‘It is only with the heart that we see rightly.’ For with a pure a loving heart do we see as God sees. Do we want to see ourselves, other people, the world and life itself as with a vision in harmony with God’s plan? What is it that prevents that?

MAIDSTONE HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY: As you may be aware the Parish has a small team of trained volunteers who, along with Deacon Ian, are part of the official Chaplaincy Team at Maidstone Hospital. They regularly visit patients in the hospital and ensure that the sacraments, especially Holy Communion, are made available to those who require them, along with prayer and perhaps someone to chat with. Many patients find themselves in hospital without time to prepare, and find that they have limited access to aids to prayer. For some a stay in hospital gives them the chance to re-connect with the church and may need a little guidance to do this. In conjunction with hospital authorities and the Lead Chaplain, we have put together some patient prayer packs consisting of a prayer book; a rosary in a container (complete with instructions); prayer card/bookmark; and details of St Francis Parish. We aim to give these packs to any patient, relative or member of staff that would benefit from receiving one. These patient prayer packs can be donated to the hospital chaplaincy team by purchasing them through the Church repository/shop. Each pack costs £5, and we are only allowed to use the agreed contents. If you would like to purchase a pack to be donated, please call into the repository where you will find all the details. We thank you for your generosity and help with this important ministry. If you would like to know any further details please have a chat with Deacon Ian.

CONGRATULATIONS: Our warmest congratulations go to Anna and Peter who last week celebrated their wedding here at St. Francis. We wish Mr and Mrs Rodgers every health, happiness and blessing this day and always.

ADORATION: We shall Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday starting from 2nd November. Adorers who have offered to spend an hour in the church are asked to tick the register against their initials when they arrive. Please note there is a Polish Mass on 2nd November for All Souls at 6pm plus the church being cleaned at 4pm. Therefore, no Exposition will take place from 4pm -7pm.

ALL SAINTS: We celebrate the feast of All Saints this Thursday 1st November, a Holyday of Obligation. Please see the Mass times for this day on the back of the newsletter, taking note that a vigil Mass is 6pm Wednesday 31st October and 6pm Thursday 1st November is a Polish Mass.

ALL SOULS: We observe the month of November as the month of Holy Souls, starting Friday 2nd November with the feast of All Souls. Please see the Mass times for this day on the back of the newsletter, taking note that 6pm on Friday is a Polish Mass.

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 placed in the box that will be on the sanctuary. Their names will be placed at the altar for every Mass during November.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: We will be holding our annual blessing of the graves on Sunday 4th November 3pm at Maidstone Cemetery Sutton Road. Everybody is welcome to come and remember the souls of all the faithful departed in this simple yet special ceremony but we of course especially invite anybody who has a loved one who is laid to rest there. If you know anybody who has a family or relative buried at the cemetery then please do invite them.

ST FRANCIS QUIZ NIGHT This popular event is only 2 weeks away so please book a table for a team of 6 if you have not already done so. Forms are at the back of the church. If there are fewer than 6 book anyway and we will find you a place. Entry is £6 per person payable on the night. Bring your own drinks/nibbles/etc. A raffle will also be held and donations of prizes would be much appreciated.

DEANERY REQUIEM MASS: Every year, the clergy of Maidstone Deanery gather to celebrate Mass especially to remember all the clergy who have served our Deanery who have died. As well as the clergy we encourage all people of the Maidstone Deanery to attend this Mass. This year it shall take place at St. Theodore's, Cranbrook Tuesday 12th November at 12pm. Fr. Liam Gallagher has been invited to preach this year.

ROSARY: The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, an important devotion in honour of Mary but focusing on the life of Jesus Christ. All people, and particularly families, are encouraged to pray the Rosary. Please take a few minutes to look at the Rosary display in the church porch which follows on from the Fledglings day last week. Also, many of our parishioners are praying a decade of the rosary everyday as part of the living rosary. The current rota will end November 2018 and a new one will be available from the sacristy Saturday 3rd November. If anybody is no longer able to commit to this then please let a member of the clergy know, thank you

HARVEST AND FEED THE HUNGRY. Many thanks to all who very generously donated to our Harvest collection. A number of families are now enjoying some extra food and the Day Centre for the Homeless are very thankful for the donations. The particular needs this week, along with the usual, are still twin blade disposable razors, men's boxer shorts and crisps. St Francis is certainly a very generous parish.

HEART OF KENT HOSPICE EVENTS: *Light Up a Life:* When you have lost a loved one, even a long time ago, Christmas can be a particularly difficult time. Whether you have a previous connection to the Hospice, whether you are on your own or with family and friends please take a moment to remember someone who brought light and joy to your life by taking part in one of our annual Light up a Life events. All are welcome to attend either of this year's events which take place on Sunday 25th November at Heart of Kent Hospice Aylesford (ME20 7PU) at 4.30 pm or Sunday 2nd December at Aylesford Priory (ME20 7BX) at 4.30 pm. For full details of the events or to dedicate a star in your loved one's memory please visit www.hokh.org or contact fundraising on 01622 790195.

DEW ASSOCIATION: The 2nd Collection today is for the DEW ACCOCIATION supporting St Joseph's Orphanage Vallamadam, India. Thank you for your support.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN: *Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

Priest : Pray for us O Holy Mother of God,

All: *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Last weekend:

1st Collection: £1,526.07

2nd Collection –£1,183.98 MISSIO

plus an average of £275 Standing Orders

2nd Collection today: DEW Association

Next Week: Church and Hall Development

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Lottery winner – Week 17 - number 218 – prize £80