

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

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PAPAL VISIT

Reproduced below is an extract of some of the information we have received from the Diocesan Papal Visit Co-ordinator:

It is intended to use the term PILGRIM for all the public participants who will receive a Pilgrim Pass and a Pilgrim Pack for the journey, to avoid the use of such terms as tickets, visitors or attendees given the congregational nature of the liturgical gatherings. Pilgrim spaces will be allocated to Deaneries and Parishes, as the local point of coordination, known as Pilgrim Points.

There are two separate Pilgrim Pass allocations; one for the Hyde Park Prayer Vigil (beginning during the **afternoon of Saturday, 18th September**; one for the Beatification Mass in Birmingham (which is due to begin at **9.30am on Sunday, 19th September**).

Each Parish needs to identify a named individual for local coordination of the Pilgrim Point; this person will be referred to as the **Pilgrim Leader**. The Pilgrim Leader will need to know that they will be responsible for collecting the details of those wishing to attend the gatherings, and that they will need to be able to verify that those requesting places are valid and known participants in the local Parish. Pilgrim Leaders will need to collect the following key personal information before the Visit: **name, title, address including postcode, best contact number, mobile number and email**. The Pilgrim Leaders will also need to gather information on those people with special needs who require particular access arrangements (i.e. wheelchair users) and these will be allocated separately.

Pilgrim Leaders will need to know that they will travel with the group, acting as group leaders to the events. They will be required to present to site security two forms of identity for themselves, one of which must be photographic, which will be matched to the Diocesan list. It will be the responsibility of the Diocesan Coordinator to provide the Pilgrim Leader database for security screening.

Pilgrim Leaders will be needed for both public events even if the group is very small and even where people are travelling separately to the venue. (They will need to arrange to meet before entering the venue.) In the interests of safety, no unaccompanied minors (under 18 year of age) can take part in the Pilgrim Journey.

All Pilgrims will be asked to make a contribution to the Pilgrim Journey to the Mass of Beatification in Cofton Park. This includes return coach transport from the Pilgrim Point and a Pilgrim Pack with what is needed for the Mass. The contribution is £25.

For the Hyde Park Vigil the Pilgrim Pack will include a London central zone Travelcard, as all Pilgrims will need to use public transport to reach Hyde Park from wherever they choose to arrive in London. The contribution for this is £10. These contributions should be collected at the time places are allocated. These monies, which can be 'gift aided' are to be forwarded to the Diocesan Finance Office.

It is anticipated that Cofton Park will be open from about 3.00am on the morning of the Mass of Beatification, so that everyone is in place by around 8.30am. Inevitably this will mean either an overnight journey or an early start for many people. As yet we cannot give exact times. We anticipate that Hyde Park will open in the late morning on Saturday 18th September and that the Vigil will end around 9.00pm.

St Francis has been allocated **43 Pilgrim Passes** for Cofton Park, Birmingham and **68 Pilgrim Passes** for Hyde Park, London. There is a list at the back of the Church, for Pilgrims wishing to attend. Places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. Please note that, because of the time factor, it will not be possible for Pilgrims to attend both Cofton Park and Hyde Park. A Pilgrim Leader (one for each venue) will be chosen from amongst Pilgrims attending. It is vital that we know numbers wishing to attend asap, as unallocated Pilgrim Passes will be reallocated to other parishes etc. **Further information will be issued to Pilgrims in due course.**

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.

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS

The feast of our patronal saint will be celebrated as a parish event on **Sunday, 3rd October** at the **10.30am Mass in St Francis Church**. Mass will be followed by a BBQ. Any offers of help with setting up cleaning up, cooking, music, art etc. will be gratefully received, and names may be added to the list in the Church Porch. Similarly donations of food will be very much appreciated.

CORRECTION

In last weeks Newsletter, news of Father Paul Johnston's talk on the "Meaning of surrender to Christ" was published. Unfortunately, the venue **St Augustine's Church, Tunbridge Wells** was not printed.. So the talk will be next **Tuesday, 27th July (8.00pm in the Church)** and the amended phone contact is Paul (01892) 542245. St Augustine's Church is in Crescent Road and post code is TN1 2LY . St Augustine's Church send their apologies.

Prayer & Praise

There is no meeting in August. The next meeting will be **7.30pm Thursday, 2nd September** at St Joseph's Chapel, Aylesford Priory. Mass at 8.15pm will be followed by Prayer Ministry. All welcome.

SPONSORED TRIATHLON

Patrick Cusworth, a St Francis' parishioner, is taking part in the *Dextro Energy Triathlon* in order to raise funds for the homeless shelter **The Passage**, which is run by Westminster Cathedral.

The Passage provides homeless people with both immediate basic care, plus its 48 bed hostel is filled every night.

If you would like to sponsor Patrick in aid of this worthy charity, please go to his website at <http://www.justgiving.com/Patrick-Cusworth>.

St Francis' Bereavement Ministry

This is a new Ministry which will offer friendship, support and practical advice to those who have been bereaved. It is not a counselling service but a friendship group able to listen and hopefully offer some support at this sad time. Anniversaries and family events often bring sadness and the Ministry will be there for everyone.

We will be meeting on the **first Wednesday of every month**, starting on **1st September** in Grove House from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The next meeting of the Children's Choir will be on **Saturday, 31st July** ready for the **9.00am Mass on Sunday 1st August**. There will also be a practice on **29th August** for Mass on the **30th August**. If any children would like to sing or read at these Masses, please see Geraldine or one of the clergy.

DEW ASSOCIATION

We are forwarding your generous gift of **£516.95** to Sr Nicanora Cantaros in the Philippines. This will be a great help in her work with severely disadvantaged children and the local community generally. Our thanks to you all.

PARISH COLLECTIONS AND LOTTERY

Last Weekend:

All Masses:

1st Collection: **£1,212.50***

2nd Collection: **438.18** Maintenance Fund

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

2nd Collection this weekend: **Day For Life** (see Gift Aid Envelopes at back of Church)

2nd Collection next weekend: **DEW Association Help the Sick & Homeless, Mother Teresa's Roses, Mumbai, India**

Parish Lottery Winner Week 4 :

No.101—Mrs E Banbury — £50.00

The Parish Social Club

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.

HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL

Nettlestead Church will be holding this event on **8th, 9th and 10th October**. At 7.00pm on **Friday** evening, there will be a performance by Wateringbury School Choir with light refreshments afterwards. Tickets £3 for Adults, Children Free. On **Saturday** the Church will be open 10.00am - 5.00pm. Ploughman's lunches, afternoon teas & bar available along with other stalls. In the evening Tom Hart Dyke (of Lullingstone World Gardens and BBC TV documentary fame) will give a talk with slides. This will be 6.30pm for 7.00pm start, and will be followed by Supper with Wine. Tickets £10. On **Sunday** Roman Catholic Mass will be at 10.00am, Ploughman's lunches will be served from noon with a Bar available and Teas will be served until 5.00pm. The Evening Harvest Festival Service is at 6.00pm and will be followed by Supper with wine and soft drinks available. Tickets for Supper £5.50. All tickets will be on sale from **Wednesday 18th September, 2010**, from (01622) 676476

Terence Coglan RIP

Maírin and family would like to thank the clergy, parishioners and pilgrims for their support, cards, letters and donations to SVP in memory of Terence. Mass will be offered for their intentions.

The Catenians

*Strengthening family life
through friendship and Faith*

Summer with the Catenians

This **Sunday, 25 July**, is 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"

NEWS IN BRIEF

- **This issue of the Newsletter will be the last until the end of August.**
- **Mass Intentions will be posted in the Church Porch.**
- **Those wishing to make their First Holy Communion next year should apply by completing one of the forms available at the back of the Church. These completed forms should then be delivered to the Presbytery.**
- **Fr John will not be 'At Home' during August.**
- **There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the school holidays.**
- **Fr Tadeusz will be away during August, and Fr Lucas will be covering for him.**

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: Joseph Grant, Tony Richardson, Robert Bailey, Patricia Christie, Jane McKinley, Margaret O'Neill, Kathleen Jarvis, Kathleen Powis, Paul Marshall, Flora Winter, Ethna McCready, Joan Tozer, Yvonne Wickens, Marjorie Buckminster, Teresa Dee, June Whiteside, Mary O'Kelly and Jenny McGowan.

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Sunday 25th July 2010

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 Holy Souls
11.30am Rosemarie Jayaraj RIP

Nettlestead

Catenian Association

Monday 26th July

10.00am Jean & Colin Caton—well being
12.30pm Paul Marshall RIP

Tuesday 27th July

10.00am Christie Horgan RIP
12.30pm Terence Coghlan RIP

Wednesday 28th July

10.00am Michael Blackwell RIP
12.30pm Deacon David & Bridget Avery-
25th Anniversary of Ordination

Thursday 29th July

10.00am Connie Brice—well being
12.30pm Ben & John Maguire RIP

Friday 30th July

10.00am Josephine Luscombe RIP
12.30pm Holy Souls

Saturday 31st July

10.00am In reparation for abortions carried out
in Maidstone

Sunday 1st August

St Francis'

6.00pm (Sat) William, Bridget &
Sr.. Anne Julie Hicks RIP
9.00am Julian Clark RIP
10.30am Thanksgiving to Parishoners
4.00pm Za Zma
6.00pm In thanksgiving

Preston Hall

8.30am
11.30am

Nettlestead

10.00am

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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Schools

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