

# ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

**22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)**

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**Assistant Priests:** Fr. Damian Esene, Fr Simon Peter Lubuulwa

**Deacon:** Rev. Ian Black

**Parish Office hours:** 10am – 12 noon Monday and Friday (email or telephone only)

## Catholic Schools

St Francis Primary School: Queen's Road, Maidstone, ME16 0LB

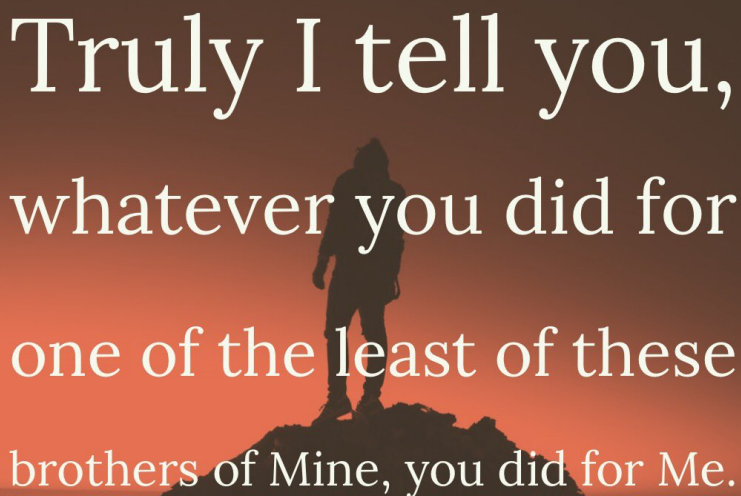
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***CHRIST IS OUR KING, LET THE WHOLE WORLD REJOICE!***



Truly I tell you,  
whatever you did for  
one of the least of these  
brothers of Mine, you did for Me.

**Matthew 25:40**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

This will take place this coming week:

Monday - Saturday 11am-12pm

Monday, Friday, Saturday 6pm-7pm

**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:** We are not able to have our usual blessing of the graves service this year. Therefore, Fr. Liam, Fr. Damian and Fr. Simon Peter visited the Cemeteries on Sutton Road and at Aylesford during the past week and carried out the service themselves. They prayed for all who are laid to rest there, especially parishioners. May they rest in peace.

**HOLY SOULS:** During the month of November we pray for the souls of all who have died. If there is any name that you wish to be especially remembered then please drop a note through the door of the priest house or send an email. All the names will be placed in the Holy Souls box that is placed on the altar at every Mass during the month of November. We are not putting the Holy Souls box on display for people to drop names in this year.

**HEATING:** It is so uplifting to continue to see people come to Church when it is open for private prayer, however we did not mean it to be quite so penitential without any heating on. Our Boiler system is in need of service which we hope will be sorted out this coming week.

**CHRISTMAS MASS:** Please let us know which Mass over Christmas you wish to attend and for how many. Please remember this is not a booking, it is just to give us an idea of numbers. We would appreciate you submitting your preference by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November, by email, telephone call or a note through the door. Thank you

CHRISTMAS EVE: 6pm, 8pm, 10pm, 12 midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY: 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am

**MASS INTENTIONS:** We are very grateful for the Mass Intentions that we receive and try to allocate them to the requested time and date. During the next four weeks or so we have a number of Masses scheduled at various times over the weekend but we shall only be celebrating one Mass. Please be assured that the intentions are still going to be offered up by the priests at other times. When a priest is concelebrating, he can bring his own intention and offer it up for that Mass. So although your intentions may not be offered on that actual originally scheduled day, they will be offered some time.

**STANDING ORDER:** The ideal form of giving to the church, especially during these times, is by Standing Order. So many parishioners have placed themselves on this system and it has proved to be very helpful. If you wish to make an Standing Order (regular payments automatically from your bank account to the Church account) then please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** Yes, this is still happening! However, due to Covid-19 restrictions the appeal will be run slightly differently this year. Due to the lockdown, donations may be left at the priest's house, next to the church. If you are really not able to get to the church, please email [youth@stfrancisparish.org.uk](mailto:youth@stfrancisparish.org.uk) or phone the parish office for collection to be arranged. Donations will then be properly sanitised and made up into hampers and gift packages for local families and the St Francis Centre at Poplar, Tower Hamlets, London. Items required are toys and gifts for all ages, biscuits, chocolates, cakes and Christmas food items. Please do not wrap gifts this year and no highly perishable items. Your help is much appreciated, as always, but particularly this year, in a time of even greater hardship for many families. Please pass on this message to those who do not have internet access.

**ADVENT WREATHS:** A limited number of these very popular wreaths are available for pre-order only at a cost of £5, including delivery. Orders must be placed, preferably on [youth@stfrancisparish.org.uk](mailto:youth@stfrancisparish.org.uk), or by leaving a message at the parish office by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November for delivery 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November and will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. The wreaths help to mark the season of Advent with four candles for the weeks of Advent and a centre candle for Christmas.

**FEED THE HUNGRY:** Our regular donations are still required and appreciated by families and the visitors to the Day Centre. Donations of tinned food, toilet rolls, washing capsules, crisps, cereals etc may be left at the presbytery for collection several times each week. Thank you for your help.

#### **FEASTS OF THE WEEK**

**STS. ANDREW DUNG-LAC AND COMPANIONS:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November.  
St Andrew, Roman Catholic Priest in Vietnam during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century. He was Martyred with many others in the year 1839.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b> Christ the King	6.00pm (Sat)	People of the Parish
	8.30am	Private Intention
	10.00am	John McElroy RIP
	11.30am	Deceased members of Life Ascending
	6.00pm	Raymond Maude RIP
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	10.30am	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b> Sts. Andrew, Dung-Lac and companions	10.30am	In reparation for abortions in Brewer St
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30am	John Corfe and Rachel Taylor RIP
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30am	Maggie Haylor (Adam) RIP
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30am	Winifred Prendergast RIP
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.00am	Dennis Coatsworth RIP
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	Special Intention
	8.30am	Holy Souls
	10.00am	Private Intention
	11.30am	Sirpa Edwardes RIP
	6.00pm	People of the Parish

**CONFESSIONS:** There will be no Confessions during the Lockdown.

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

James Marjorie Beeching, Agnes Evans, Margaret Tuscon, Kathleen Gunner, Angela Woodland Wallis, Teresa Bosman, Beatrice Everett, Nina Pereira, Elena Ford, Margaret Woodward, Albert Skinner, John Higgins, Phyllis Kennedy, Billy Stupple, Kathleen Smith, George Scott, Richard Power, Lucy Ireland, Elinor Nightingale, Dennis Coatsworth, Berthe Bacharach, Marjorie Mescall, Yvonne Webber, Cordelia White, Alfonso Finelli, Frederick Franks, Margaret Moorkite, Nora Blunden, Mary Hurson, Charles Butler.

**COLLECTION:** Standing Orders for the month of October £2,865.10. Thank you always for your generosity

**PARISH LOTTERY:** Week 21 – Number 261 – Amount £90