

# ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 All Saints (B)**

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**Deacon:** Rev. Ian Black

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

## Catholic Schools

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St Simon Stock Secondary School: Oakwood Park, Maidstone, ME16 0JP

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## SAINTS OF GOD, PRAY FOR US



**This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. As the actual day of All Saints, 1st November, falls on a Monday this year, it is transferred to the Sunday.**

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD:** November is the month when, as a Church, we remember and pray for all who have died and continue, by the help of our prayers, on their journey to be united in heaven in the presence of the Lord. Tuesday 2nd November is All Souls Day, Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. As well as 10.30am Mass, there shall be a Mass at 8.00pm. During Mass that day we shall read out the names of all of our parishioners who have died in the last 12 months.

If there is somebody who has died that you wish us to pray for during the month of Holy Souls, please write their name on a piece of paper and place in the Holy Souls box at the front of the church. Their names shall then be placed on the altar everyday throughout November as a sign of our remembering them in prayer as the family of God.

**ANGELA HUNTER RIP:** The Requiem Mass for Angela Hunter will take place at 10.30am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November. May she Rest in Peace.

**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:** We shall be holding our blessing of the graves ceremony on Sunday 7th November 2.30pm at Maidstone Cemetery, Sutton Rd.

**SYNOD PRAYER CARDS:** Two weeks ago we had a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop about a Synod that is happening in October 2023. Please take a prayer card from the back of the Church. Please look on the website for more information about the Synod.

**RESPOSITORY:** Advent and Christmas items are now in stock: 'Walk With Me' and 'Day by Day' booklets for Advent. Calendars, books, candles, cards, cribs and much more.

**FLEDGLINGS/FLAME:** Many thanks to all who supported the Fledgling/Flame cake sale last Sunday morning. They raised a brilliant £186.76 for their retreat and enjoyed baking all the lovely cakes.

**ST FRANCIS RC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** For entry in September 2022. If you would like to visit the school for a tour please contact the school office on 01622 771540 to make an appointment. For more information about the school including a virtual tour, visit [www.st-francis.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-francis.kent.sch.uk). Applications close on Monday 17th January 2022

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Attention to all in Year 10 and above. As you will be aware that due to Covid the Confirmation programme in 2020 was postponed. In an effort to try and catch up with our outstanding Confirmations we will be running a Deanery course for young people between November and February, with the Confirmation Mass being towards the end of February. The programme will be run by Deacon Ian and the Confirmation Catechists at St Francis' parish.

Young people in Year 10 or above that would like to join the programme are invited to e-mail a request for an application form to: [confirmation@stfrancisparish.org.uk](mailto:confirmation@stfrancisparish.org.uk) You will then receive the application form and details of all the course dates.

**BANKERS ORDERS:** Since April 2020 we have had a 43% increase in the number of parishioners donating to the Bankers Orders scheme (money donated directly out of their bank account into the Church account). This is a tremendous achievement, due in the main to the parish priests continually reminding you of the benefit of paying by Bankers order. It helps the parish tremendously in planning our expenses and makes it a lot easier from an administration point of view. So those of you who are yet to pay by bankers order, may we encourage you to do so. It is easy and less stressful. All you need do is fill in the form obtainable from the parish office or request by email. **Don't forget that you can cancel this order at any time, just let the the parish office know when you have done so.** No questions asked. Thank you to our Gift Aid officers who operate this and thank everyone for your support.

#### **SAINTS AND SOULS PRESENTATION:**

Who is your favourite saint? Maybe they will be represented at the Saints & Souls presentation by Fledglings and Flame groups in St Francis Church on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 2.30pm.

Forget Halloween, come and join us and support the young people of the parish.

All children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite saint.

Refreshments and sweets for the children served immediately afterwards.

#### **Dates for your diaries:**

Saints & Souls Presentation – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 2.30pm

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30 until 5pm in the church and car park. Lots of stalls for children and adults alike.

Advent wreath orders –Orders close on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Advent wreaths available – Weekend of 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> November

Flame Advent presentation- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November in St Francis Church at 3pm.

Refreshments available afterwards.

Christmas Appeal – Our annual appeal for toys, gifts and food for hampers for families in our parish and for the families visiting the St Francis Centre in Poplar.

Donations can be brought anytime from now, but will be collected especially at all Masses of 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> December.

Children's Nativity – Led by Fledglings with a special visitor for all children!

2.30pm in St Francis Church

Parish Carol Service – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b> All Saints	6.00pm/Sat	Yvonne Patricia Hume/Donald Hume RIP
	8.30am	Peter Gilbert RIP
	10.00am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Regine & Baby Jim Macusi RIP
	6.00pm	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	10.30am	Private Intention
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> All Souls	10.30am	Geoffrey Marchant RIP
	8.00pm	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	10.30am	Fr John Whebble RIP
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b> St Charles Borromeo	10.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30am	Peter and Moira McCaffrey RIP
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.00am	Eillen O'Neill RIP
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	6.00pm/Sat	Ray Maude RIP
	8.30am	Sycamore Growing in Faith course
	10.00am	Private Intention
	11.30am	Christina Brennan RIP
	6.00pm	People of the Parish

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

Edward Heeley, Norrie Coady, Tom Raemers, Eugene Lynch, Gerard Chater, Monica Pearce, Vera Skinner, Mgr Wall, Emily O'Connor, Cecilia Cowley, Ann Jarrett, Sara McKenna, Mildred McDermott, John Butt, Anne Edwards, Frank Tetley, Ann Freeman, Ellen Spice, Charles Miles, Desmond Casey, Gladys Cashman, Michael Mulrooney, Jessie Farnham, Geoffrey Marchant, Sheila Hemsley, Mary Mackell, Victor Ingrams, Carmine Cascioli, Letitia Edwards, Esther Baines, Francisca La-Torre, Pamela Holdsworth, Anna Galeotalanza. Mary Snashall, Richard Jones, Patricia Garrett, Sheila Green, Anna Mullen, Andrew Cloughton, Richard Monroe, Joseph Fitzgerald, Catherine Fitzgerald, Bridget Egan, Kathleen O'Driscoll, James Atkinson, Moira McCaffrey, Ann Cales

### **COLLECTION:**

First Collection last Sunday	£1,113.07
Second Collection last Sunday, MISSIO	£176.00
Second collection this Sunday: DEW Association	
Second Collection next Sunday: Hall Development	
Standing Order for September:	£3960.56

**PARISH LOTTERY:** Week: 18 - Lottery Number 220 - Amount: £15