

# ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

**14<sup>th</sup> November 2021 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

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

## Catholic Schools

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

01622 771540

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01622 754551

**We remember today all who lost their lives in the World Wars  
but especially former pupils of St Francis Catholic School  
who were killed during World War Two**

William Heathcote  
Alfred Hurley  
Percy Froud  
Ken Froud  
Jack Brooks  
Jimmy Flynn  
Tony Harrison  
Harry Richardson  
Fred Baker  
Harry Dickinson  
William Smith  
Tom John Boylan  
M Fagg  
Richard Guy  
Dante Cocchiarella  
Michael O'Hare  
David Larkin  
James Barry  
Cornelius Cloughton  
Arthur Hanbury Smith  
Florian Conti  
Michael Watson



**Jesus said to His Apostles, 'Peace I bequeath you, my own peace I give to you. A peace that the world cannot give, that is my gift to you.' (John 14:27)**

**PARTICIPATION:** Part two of our preparation for the Synod will take place this Friday 19th November where we will look at Participation. Questions we are invited to look at are:

1. Reflecting on the past 16 months of the pandemic, how has participation in your parish been affected?
2. How do you participate currently in the life of the parish?
3. Which groups or individuals are least included in your parish and what might be the best way to reach them?

The Synod has given us all a prayer so that the week before the meetings we can pray about this as a parish. The prayer cards can be found at the back of the church. The key point will be listening to the Holy Spirit and in order to facilitate this there will be a short period of Adoration before each meeting.

This will start at 6.30pm and finish at 6.55pm. If you are unable to attend but wish to submit your thoughts to these various questions then please do send them in to the parish by post or by email. We welcome and thank you for your participation.

**REQUIEM MASS:** The Requiem Mass for Mercy Vadakekunnel shall take place 10.30am this Tuesday 16th November. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. This Requiem Mass will be livestreamed but access will be limited for certain relatives in India who are unable to attend.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD:** 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.

**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

**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.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** Please support this event which will be taking place on Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am until 5pm in the church porch and the carpark in front of the presbytery. Many Christmas gifts and craft items available, along with refreshments and cakes and small items for children.

**ADVENT WREATHS:** Orders for these very popular table wreaths, are being taken now as there will be a limited number available, and we don't want to disappoint! The wreaths cost £5 each and can be ordered either by placing your name and money in an envelope and handing to a musician at 10am or 11.30am Mass or to a member of the clergy or by emailing your order at [youth@stfrancisparish.org.uk](mailto:youth@stfrancisparish.org.uk) as soon as possible. Wreaths will be made and ready the weekend of 27/28<sup>th</sup> November. Many thanks.

Please note that if you light the candles the greenery is flammable and can be very dangerous.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

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 4<sup>th</sup> December

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

**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.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b> Remembrance Day	6.00pm/Sat	In reparation for abortions from Brewer Street
	8.30am	Holy Souls
	10.00am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Patrick McKee RIP
	6.00pm	Myriam Torres De Rivera RIP
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30am	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30am	Requiem Mass for Mercy Vadakekunnel RIP
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30am	Dorothy Eales RIP
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer Street
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30am	Paul and Desmond Casey RIP
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.00am	Stuart McLeod RIP
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	6.00pm/Sat	People of the Parish
	8.30am	Private Intention
	10.00am	Holy Souls
	11.30am	Angela Hunter RIP
	6.00pm	Private Intention

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

Mary Strawbridge, Colin Skelton, Josephine Elliot, Geoffrey Marchant, Patrick McKee, James Behan, Ellen Murphy, Frances Franks, Jeffrey Mitchell, Dick Bishop, Kathleen Leach, Mary Grossmith, John McElroy, Michael Watson, Bernard Ingle, Rose Jenkins, Joseph Bearcroft, Elizabeth Sewell, Kathleen Fosher, Alice Pannett, Michael Conroy, Harry Morrissy, Ada O'Connor, Paul Casey, Lucy Thorogood, Denise Willhurst, Kathleen Taylor, Helen Sedgebeer, Josie Numan, Susanne Szolnoki, Patricia Moran, Amy Simmonds, Francis Simmonds, Reginald Gower, Margaret Willett, Alan Baker

### **COLLECTION:**

First Collection last Sunday	£774.72
Second Collection last Sunday, Parish Development	£162.68
Second collection this Sunday: Archbishops Administration Fund	
Second Collection next Sunday: Catholic Youth Work	
Standing Order for Octoberr:	£3,825.56

**PARISH LOTTERY:** Week: 20 - Lottery Number 205 - Amount: £25