

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 21st November Christ the King	6.00pm/Sat	People of the Parish
	8.30am	Private Intention
	10.00am	Holy Souls
	11.30am	Angela Hunter RIP
	6.00pm	Private Intention
Monday 22nd November St Cecilia	10.30am	Terry Charles Ruaux RIP
Tuesday 23rd November	10.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 24th November St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions	10.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer Street
Thursday 25th November	10.30am	John Corfe and Rachel Taylor RIP
Friday 26th November	10.30am	Maggie Haylor (Adam) RIP
Saturday 27th November	10.00	Winifred Prendergast RIP
Sunday 28th November	6.00pm/Sat	Sirpa Edwardes RIP
	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	James and Mary Hurson RIP
	11.30am	Dennis Coatsworth RIP
	6.00pm	Bernard Burns RIP

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

Ted Higgins, Josepha Letchford, Alfonso Finelli, Marjorie Beeching, Agnes Evans, Margaret Tuscon, Kathleen Gunner, Angela Woodland Wallis, Teresa Bosman, Beatrice Everett, Nina Pereira, Elena Ford, Margaret Woodard, Albert Skinner, John Higgins, Phyllis Kennedy, Billy Stupple, Kathleen Smith, George Scott, Richard Power, Lucy Ireland, Elinor Nightingale, Dennis Coatsworth, Berthe Bacharach, Marjorie Mescal, Yvonne Webber, Cordelia White, John Devitt.

COLLECTION:

First Collection last Sunday £841.02
 Second Collection last Sunday, Archbishops Administration Fund £114.11
 Second collection this Sunday: Catholic Youth Work
 Second Collection next Sunday: DEW Association
 Standing Order for October

The Second Collection on 28th November is to help protect the poor and needy against COVID-19, and educate the young community in Nampula, Mozambique. This is a new mission run by Sr Argimira, a Carmelite Sister whom parishioners may know from Aylesford Priory. May we thank you for your continued generosity towards Dew Association projects during these challenging times. May God bless you.

PARISH LOTTERY: Week: 21 - Lottery Number 87 - Amount: £90

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st November 2021 Christ the King (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

St Simon Stock Secondary School: Oakwood Park, Maidstone, ME16 0JP 01622 754551

BRING IT BACK:

As we arrive into a new year of the Church with the Season of Advent, we are hoping to reintroduce certain ministries and resources that have been missing for the past 18 months. Therefore we are looking to bring back:

Hymn Books: They shall now be made available as from Sunday 28th November. The words of the hymns will continue to be made available on the website so if you are more comfortable bringing in your own printed sheet then the option will still be there.

Newsletters: Printed Newsletters will be available from the Church porch Sunday 28th November. It would be helpful, if people who had the option to download or print the newsletter from the website, would continue to do so.

Mass Sheets: We will be bringing back Mass Sheets but we have to order them in bulk covering a number of weeks so we are not too sure when they will return exactly but they will be provided as soon as possible.

Collection: We wish to take away the bowls at the back of the Church and start to use the Collection bags again. Please can we ask for people who would be willing to volunteer and coordinate this for each Mass, ideally having four collectors for each Mass.

Offertory: We are looking to bring back an offertory procession of bread, wine and water being brought up to the altar from the back of the Church at the usual time of Mass. It would be helpful to have a regular coordinator to organise this at each Mass.

Altar Servers: Calling all our servers. We were very blessed with a great team. We now gladly welcome back any of our altar servers to come back at whatever Mass they attend. We will wait until the new year before we start looking to recruit and train new servers. This will be for anybody who has celebrated their First Holy Communion.

Readers: Before all the changes we would have two readers for each Mass. If we can we would very much like to reintroduce this. If you wish to have your name on our reading rota then please let the parish office know by email or speak to one

of the clergy. We need to know your name and the time of Mass you are willing to read at. If you can give one week a month to the 11.30am then that would be especially helpful.

SAFEGUARDING IN ST. FRANCIS PARISH: Keeping all children and vulnerable adults safe is a priority for our parish. For anybody who ministers to these people in any way in our Parish life should have been through a DBS checking process (Disclosure and Barring Service). These checks are now due for renewal. *The following are some of the groups who need to have an updated check: Children's Liturgists, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, Leaders of Choirs or Music groups which include children, Sacristans, Adult Altar Servers /Coordinators, Mass Coordinators, Pastoral Assistants, Eucharistic Ministers, Parish visitors of the sick /elderly, Parish Transport to Mass volunteers, Parish Outreach to vulnerable adults (e.g. homeless), Bereavement Counsellors, St Vincent de Paul members.* Packs will be made available from the Parish Office soon for people to come and collect and complete. If you have any concerns about a child or adult at risk, or if you have any further queries, please contact Mary Ryan, Parish Safeguarding Representative - 07495 624384

REQUIEM MASS: The Requiem Mass for Biagio Zita will take place on Thursday 2nd December. Please note that it is at the slightly earlier time of 10.00am

ST FRANCIS RC PRIMARY SCHOOL: We are delighted to welcome pupil and staff from St Francis Catholic Primary School to our 10am Mass this Sunday celebrating the Feast of Christ the King. 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. 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.

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 as soon as possible. Wreaths will be made and ready the weekend of 27/28th November. Many thanks.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Advent wreath orders –Orders close on Monday 22nd November
Advent wreaths available – Weekend of 27th/28th November
Flame Advent presentation- Saturday 27th 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 27th/28th November and 4th/5th December.

Children's Nativity – Led by Fledglings with a special visitor for all children!
2.30pm in St Francis Church – 4th December
Parish Carol Service – Sunday 19th December

ADVENT COURSE: An invitation to all parishioners who would like to prepare for Christmas in these challenging times!

Just one hour per week for 4 weeks on Zoom is all it takes!

The [Advent Course \(4 weeks\) - Sycamore](#) online course **begins on Wednesday 1st December at 8pm.**

Week 1 (December 1) **'The Search for Happiness'**.

The impossibility of sitting still. What is happiness? How to press the pause button.

Week 2 (December 8) **A God who Speaks**

The hiddenness of God. When God broke the silence. Discovering the face of God

Week 3 (December 15) **The Bible**

What is the bible? Can we trust the bible? How the bible can change your life.

Week 4 (December 22) **The Power of prayer**

What is prayer? Does prayer make a difference? How to pray.

For further details please email Carole & Pete on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk and you will be sent a Zoom link to the meetings.

God bless us all as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 10.45am to 11.13am.

Christ the King



'Are you the King of the Jews?'.....Jesus answered, 'Mine is not a Kingdom from this world' (John 18:33,36)