

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

**Deacon:** Rev. Ian Black

**Parish Office hours:** 10am – 12 noon Tuesday and Friday

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## COME HOLY SPIRIT

Congratulations to the 22 young people of Maidstone Deanery who will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, here at St Francis at 3pm. We give a big cry of joy, especially to the youngsters of our Parish of St Francis who have journeyed together in faith and friendship and now celebrate their great day of being full members of the Catholic Church. All Parishioners are very welcome to attend to support our young people at this important stage of their journey in faith. We are especially delighted to welcome Monsignor Canon John O'Toole, the Episcopal Vicar of Kent, who will be presiding the Confirmation Mass along with other Clergy from the Deanery.

**SAFEGUARDING AT ST FRANCIS PARISH:** Many of our parishioners who minister to children or vulnerable adults in Saint Francis have now received their DBS certificates. The diocese recommends that you create an online account with the DBS Update Service. This would mean that your online account can be checked when your renewal is due and you will not need to complete new DBS application forms every three years. You must create your online account within 30 days of your DBS Disclosure certificate being issued. Details of how to do this can be found at: [www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service](http://www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service) and the registration for the update service can be found directly at <https://secure.crbonline.gov.uk/crsc/apply?execution=e1s1>. We thank you very much for your assistance and cooperation.

**REQUIEM:** The Requiem Mass for Elaine Martin will be celebrated this Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>