

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th November 2023 Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

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

Catholic Schools

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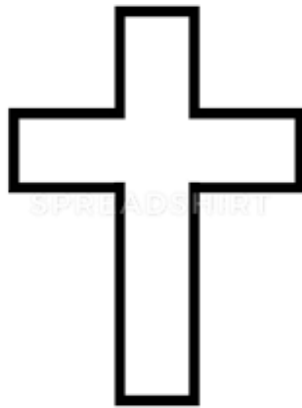
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**We remember today all who lost their lives in the World Wars
but especially former pupils of St Francis Catholic School
who were killed during World War Two**

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



**Eternal rest grant unto
them O Lord**

**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)

HOLY SOULS BOX: During the month of November we shall be placing a Holy Souls Box on the altar at every Mass. We invite you to write the names of loved ones (and anyone) whom you wish to remember during this time of Holy Souls and place them through the letter box of the presbytery. These shall then be placed in the box as a way of asking our God of compassion to bring these souls to eternal happiness with Him. It would be easier if you place your list of names in an envelope. We provide Holy Souls envelopes in the porch attached to the wall but if you wish to provide your own then that is fine too. Please do not place money in the envelopes. It is not a Mass intention. Mass intentions are to be made separately in the green envelopes as usual. May God grant eternal rest unto them all.

DEANERY REQUIEM MASS: Every year on the second Tuesday of November, the clergy of Maidstone Deanery gather to offer Mass for the souls of all the clergy who have served in the various parishes of the Deanery over the years. Everybody is invited to attend this Mass to be celebrated at St. Peter's, Bearsted at 12.00pm midday, Tuesday 13th November at St. Peter's Church, Bearsted.

ETERNAL REST: The Requiem Mass for Peter Mooney shall be celebrated Monday 12th November at 12.00pm. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: The 10.00am Mass this Sunday 12th November is a Requiem Mass in Remembrance of all who have lost their lives in War, especially the Two World Wars of the Last Century.

ADVENT WREATHS: As in previous years, these popular wreaths will be made by the Fledglings group and will be available for collection the weekend of 2/3 December to those who have pre-ordered only. The cost will remain at £5 each and orders can either be given with the money in the repository or to one of the Fledglings or Flame members in the porch. They will not be on sale on the day, so please order and pay in advance.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: There will be a small Christmas Fair in the church porch, run by the young people of our Fledglings and Flame groups on Saturday 25th November following the 10am Mass until 1pm. There will be arts and craft stalls, with items made by the children themselves, a raffle with lots of prizes, the Repository will be open with items for Advent and Christmas and tea, coffee and cakes. All the money raised will go to our Fledgling and Flame groups. Please support our parish children and young people.

RAFFLE: Raffle tickets will be available after all Masses, available from our young parishioners in the porch. There are lots of wonderful prizes including hampers and tickets cost £1 per strip. This is part of the Fledglings/Flame Christmas Fair and will be drawn after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 26th December. Please support our young people.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS: Many thanks to our regular generous donators of food for our needy families. We are also collecting Christmas food and gifts to help create a brighter Christmas for those who are struggling. We will be delivering hampers and gifts as usual, so donations of luxury goods such as chocolates, sweets and biscuits, along with gifts for ladies and men as well as children would be very much appreciated. We do receive mince pies and Christmas puddings from another source. Also, if anyone would like to donate a large turkey, then that would be appreciated, as this will be used for any of the hostels for the homeless that we support. All items can either be handed in at the Masses on the weekends of 2/3 December or 9/10 December or handed in at the presbytery. Many thanks for your support.

CANON LUKE SMITH: Many of you will remember fondly Canon Luke Smith, the previous Parish Priest here at St. Francis until 2017. We have been informed that has recently been diagnosed with cancer (diffused large b cell lymphoma), and he is currently undergoing immunotherapy and chemotherapy, along with other procedures, in hospital in Kent. Once he is stabilised, it is hoped that he can move to residential care in London, and continue his treatment at a London hospital as an outpatient. He is out of public contact but for now he simply asks for your thoughts and your prayers, along with your understanding.

SECOND COLLECTION, DEW ASSOCIATION: The Second Collection on 19th November is to help Fr Perpetual in India with orphan children's education. Many will remember Fr Perpetual as a priest in our parish. May we thank you for your continued generosity towards Dew Association projects during these challenging times. May God bless you.

REPOSITORY: Now in stock: Advent candles and calendars, Christmas cards, Nativities and children's Christmas books. 2024 Catholic diaries and calendars

CATHOLIC WOMEN PRAYING TOGETHER: Annual Mass, '*Affirming the Church's Message on Marriage and Family Life*'. Canon Michael Branch, St Georges Cathedral, Southwark. Wednesday 15 November at 2pm. After Mass, there will be light refreshments for which we would be grateful for modest donations

COLLECTION: First collection last week (cash)	£ 1,104.66
Second Collection last Sunday Parish Development Fund	£ 266.03
Second Collection this Sunday: Archbishop's Appeal	
Second Collection next Sunday: DEW Association	
Standing Order for October	£4,530.96

PARISH LOTTERY: Week Number 19 Number 134 Amount £20

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 12th November	6.00pm(Sat)	Yvonne and Donald Hume RIP
	8.30am	People of the Parish
	9.00am PH	John Richards RIP
	10.00am	Brian Moyes RIP
	11.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
	6.00pm	Guiseppi Lunghi RIP
Monday 13th November	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 14th November	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 15th November	10.30am	Steven Byrne RIP
Thursday 16th November	10.30am	Geoffrey Marchant RIP
Friday 17th November	10.30am	Dorothy Eales RIP
Saturday 18th November	10.00am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
Sunday 19th November	6.00pm(Sat)	Private Intention
	8.30am	Aldo Memmo RIP
	9.00am PH	John Ballagher RIP
	10.00am	Forgotten Holy Souls
	11.30am	Private Intention
	6.00pm	Private Intention

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

Stanislaw Vik, Frank Scully, David Lee, Winifred Farley, Alphonsus Gleeson, Josephine Bricknell, Patrick Dee, John Dee, Kathleen Gibbs, Biagio Zita, 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 Conray, Harry Morrissy.

CONFESSIONS: Friday 11.00am – 11.30am; Saturday 10.45am-11.30am.

ADORATION: 9.30am - 10.15am and every Friday morning.