

# ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Liam Gallagher

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Simon Peter Lubuulwa

**Also Resident:** Fr. Peter Norris (Retired)

**Deacon:** Rev. Ian Black

**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

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## The Parable of the Talents



**Well done, good and faithful servant ,  
join in your Master's happiness.'**

**'you wicked and lazy servant!  
throw him out into the dark'**

**REFERENCE:** Many parents have applied for their child to attend our parish school of St. Francis from next September 2024. Fr. Liam will be available to sign the reference form that is to be signed by the Parish Priest on Monday 4th December in the Church 6pm -8pm. Forms will not be signed before then.

**MASS FOR HOLY SOULS:** It was good to see so many people use the opportunity to place names of the souls they wish to remember in the box during this month of Holy Souls. With the money that was placed in the Holy souls box, Mass for the intention of Holy souls shall be offered for each £10 that was placed in there.

**CHRIST THE KING:** Next Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. We welcome our parish Flame Youth Group who will be leading us the Saturday 6pm Mass. We also give special welcome to St Francis Primary School who will be joining us for the Sunday 10am Mass.

**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 November. Please support our young people.

**CHRISTMAS DONATIONS:** Many thanks to our regular generous donors 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION, DEW ASSOCIATION:** The Second Collection on 19<sup>th</sup> 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

**COLLECTION:**

First collection last week (cash)	£1,125.45
Second Collection last Sunday Archbishop's Appeal	£ 141.26
Second Collection this Sunday DEW Association	
Second Collection next Sunday Catholic Youth Service	
Standing Order for October	£4,530.96

**PARISH LOTTERY:** Week Number 20    Number 245    Amount £25

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## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	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
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30am	Maurice Bell RIP
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b> Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.30am	Private Intention
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b> St Cecillia	10.30am	Terry Charles Ruaux RIP
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	10.30am	Private Intention
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b> St Andrew Dung Lac and Companions	10.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.00am	John Corfe and Rachel Taylor RIP
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b> Christ the King	6.00pm(Sat)	Maurice Bell RIP
	8.30am	People of the Parish
	9.00am PH	Private Intention
	10.00am	Dennis Coatsworth RIP
	11.30am	Sirpa Edwardes RIP
	6.00pm	Families Policelli, Patricelli & Roberto RIP

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

Ada O'Connor, Paul Casey, Lucy Thorogood, Denise Wilmhurst, Kathleen Taylor, Helen Sedgebeer, Jodie Numan, Susanne Szolnoki, Patricia Moran, Amy Simmonds, Francis Simmonds, Reginald Gower, Margaret Willett, Alan Baker, Douglas Evans, Ted Higgins, Josepha Letchford, Alfonso Finelli, Marjorie Beeching, Agnes Evans, Margaret Tuscon, Kathleen Gunner, Angela Woodland-Wallis, Teresa Bosman, Beatrice Everett, Nano Pereira, Elena Ford, Margaret Woodard, Albert Skinner, John Higgins, Phyllis Kennedy, Billy Stuppel, Kathleen Smith, George Scott, Richard Power, Lucy Ireland.

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

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