

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th November 2023 Christ the King (A)

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Parish Priest: Fr. Liam Gallagher

Assistant Priest: Fr Simon Peter Lubuulwa

Also Resident: Fr. Peter Norris (Retired)

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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

SHEEP AND GOATS



The King will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this for the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:40)

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH: The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has re-launched several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35. For more details about what is on offer, please sign up to our network at tinyurl.com/scysnetwork or scan the QR code to receive regular updates.



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: This 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.

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 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.

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)	£1,023.35
Second Collection last Sunday DEW Association	£ 253.49
Second Collection this Sunday Catholic Youth Service	
Second Collection next Sunday Parish Development Fund	
Standing Order for October	£4,530.96

PARISH LOTTERY: Week Number 21 Number 83 Amount £90

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 26th November 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/Patricekku/ Roberto RIP
Monday 27th November	10.30am	Winifred Prendergast RIP
Tuesday 28th November	10.30am	James and Mary Hurson RIP
Wednesday 29th November	10.30am	Bernard Burns RIP
Thursday 30th November St Andrew	10.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
Friday 1st December	10.30am	Charles and Joan Ryan RIP
Saturday 2nd December	10.00am	Maurice Bell RIP
Sunday 3rd December	6.00pm(Sat)	Dominic A. Joseph RIP
	8.30am	Maurice Bell RIP
	9.00am PH	Mary Crimmins RIP
	10.00am	Private Intention
	11.30am	Elizabeth and Joseph Frost RIP
	6.00pm	People of the Parish

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

Elinor Nightingale, Dennis Coatsworth, Berthe Bacharach, Marjorie Mescall, Yvonne Webber, Cordelia White, Alfonso Finelli, John Devitt, Frederick Franks, Margaret Moorkite, Nora Blunden, Mary Hurson, Charles Butler, Francis Percy, Herbert Paine, Albert Clark, Mary Harkin, Roland Philp, Charles Hamilton, Roger Hill, Andrew Kwiatkowski, George Silvester, Ellen Startup, Mary Kenward, John Booth, Elizabeth Cott, Briony Morling, Moira Hughes, Barbara Power, Anastasia Agnes, Aileen Baynton, John Devitt, Carol Maguire.

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

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