

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th April 2024 Third Sunday of Easter (B)

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'Peace be with you!' ...Their joy was so great they could not believe it: they were dumbfounded.....and they offered him a piece of grilled fish.' (Luke 24: 36,41,42)



REQUIEM MASS: The Requiem Mass for Kevin Paul Ruaux will be celebrated Monday 15th April 10.30am. Everybody is welcome to attend a Requiem Mass even if they do not know the person. Any Mass in Church is never a private family affair but is always public worship even with a Requiem Mass. The family very much appreciate that there is a body of support in helping them and praying for them on that day.

The Requiem Mass for Peter McLean will be celebrated Wednesday 24th April 11.00am. There is no 10.30am Mass that day.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

MARY DURING EASTERTIDE: At the 10.00am and 11.30am Sunday Mass during the Season of Easter, which finishes Pentecost Sunday, we shall be singing the 'Regina Caeli' instead of saying Hail Mary, a traditional antiphon sung to Our Lady during Eastertide.

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;	Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,	The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:	Has risen as he said, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.	Pray to God for us, alleluia.

ARE YOU WONDERING?: Congratulations To Toni, Simon, Donald, Jonathan and Julianna who were fully received into the Catholic Church this Easter after journeying together through the RCIA since last year. Thank you to the people who help and guide them throughout the RCIA and give such kindness for the people in their journey. If you yourself are not a Catholic but wish to find out more about the faith or thinking about becoming a Catholic then please let the clergy know when you come to Mass and they shall gladly help you in your enquiry.

PARISH READERS AND CATECHISTS DAYS: Parish Readers & Catechists Day: If you are a Reader or Catechist, or perhaps you would like to start this ministry in our parish, you are warmly invited to a day of looking at how we live out these ministries at St Francis. Including input, practical tips and advice, helps & hints, plus discussion, the day will be held at: Aylesford Priory, Saturday 27th April. Start 10am - Finish 4pm. Tea and coffee will be provided, but you will need to bring a packed lunch (or buy from the tea rooms on site). You are invited to contribute to a shared table for cakes/biscuits for coffee breaks. Please let the Parish office know (via email) if you are attending so that we know the numbers. We very much look forward to seeing you on the day

JUST A MINUTE: Is there anybody who is willing to help with minute taking of a regular meeting? It should be three hours a month. Please let Canon Liam know if you can help with this. Thank you

LETTER: Archbishop John Wilson has written a letter that he wishes us to read regarding a cause that wishes to legalise Assisted Suicide or Euthanasia here in this country. It brings great to the Bishops Conference concern and to us all as we value to gift of all human life coming from God. The letter can be found on our parish website.

HOSPITAL PRAYER PACKS: As always, your kindness has been great – thank you for your generous response. We have seen how gratefully they are received and well used.

KENYA: The Dew Association have organised the Second Collection this Sunday to help educate young children in Kibiko, Kenya. The mission is run by Carmelite Sisters, some of whom were previously at Aylesford Priory. May we thank parishioners for your continued generosity in supporting this project, co-ordinated by the Dew Association. May God bless you.

CHURCH SHOP: This is open on Sundays from 9.15am to 10.00am and 11.00am to 11.30am.

COLLECTION:

First Collection last week (cash)	£1,251.83
Second Collection last Sunday Parish Development Fund	£156.96
Second Collection this Sunday Education of Children in Kenya	
Second Collection next Sunday Priest's Training Fund	

Direct Debits – March 2024

Standing Orders - Gift Aid & Non GiftAid	£3,929.96
Collection CARD Offerings	£2065.80
Collection ONLINE Offerings	£273.97
TOTAL	£6,269.73

PARISH LOTTERY:	Week Number 14	Number 166	Amount £15
	Week Number 15	Number 77	Amount £20

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 14th April	6.00pm (Sat)	Private Intention
	8.30am	Deceased members of Duffy & Hales families
	9.00am (PH)	Bernard Tyler RIP
	10.00am	IN reparation for Abortions RIP
	11.30am	People of the Parish
	6.00pm	Kevin Paul Ruaux RIP
Monday 15th April	10.30am	Kevin Paul Ruaux Requiem Mass
Tuesday 16th April	10.30am	Lola & Pablo Navarro RIP
Wednesday 17th April	10.30am	Steven Byrne RIP
Thursday 18th April	10.30am	Kevin Paul Ruaux RIP
Friday 19th April	10.30am	Stuart McLeod RIP
Saturday 20th April	10.00am	Susan G Simmons RIP
Sunday 21th April	6.00pm (Sat)	Mass for Vocations
	8.30am	People of the Parish
	9.00am (PH)	Mary Woods RIP
	10.00am	Kevin Paul Ruaux RIP
	11.30am	Bernard Boylan RIP
	6.00pm	Stanislawa Lupa RIP

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

Patrick O'Neill, Fred Brennan, Agnes Urmson, Thomas Fitzgerald, Genevieve Collins, William McKee, Norman Bell, Richard Freeman, Margaret Przyjemski, Syd Powell, Ted Shannon, Cissie Glew, Elsie Fitzgerald, Raymond Decker, Basis Hinds, John Edgeworth, Gregory Shepherd, Yvonne Scott, Krzysztof Wrona, Michael Moran, William Larkin, Nelson Bowles, Leda Carter, Thomas Duffy, Sybil Collie, Thelma Burke, Maria Martignetti, John Janur, Terence Baldock, Bernard Chater, George Le Bosquet, Peter Pugliese, Teresa Crawford, Kathleen Rowe, Alan Everett, Elizabeth Campbell, Freya Marsh.

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

ADORATION: 9.30am – 10.15am every Friday morning.