

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th May 2024 Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)

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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



MAIDSTONE DEANERY CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024

Applications are invited from young people in **Year 9 or above**, to join our 2024 Deanery Confirmation programme, who live in the parishes of Maidstone Deanery (St Francis', Maidstone / St Peter's, Bearsted / Holy Family, Park Wood, / St Thomas More, West Malling / St Theodore's Cranbrook/ St Andrew's, Tenterden / Sacred Heart, Goudhurst). The programme will run on mainly Sunday evenings at St Francis' Church, Maidstone, beginning in June, a break throughout the summer holiday, continuing through September - October, with the **Confirmation Mass scheduled for Saturday 19th October, 3pm**. (Venue TBC)

Applicants must be Catholics, who have made their First Holy Communion.

Applications must come from the candidate themselves.

Applicants will commit to attending all of the sessions.

Applicants must also be willing to participate fully in all aspects of the programme.

To request an application form, which also gives details of dates and times of sessions, please email: confirmation@stfrancisparish.org.uk

The closing date for applications is **Monday 3rd JUNE**

Any other questions can be raised either through this dedicated confirmation mailbox, or by contacting Deacon Ian

WELCOME: A special welcome to ROWAN THOMAS FOLEY who was received into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism last week.

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.

SILVER JUBILEE: Save the date of the evening Wednesday 12th June. Canon Liam will be celebrating 25 years of priesthood. Mass followed by party with everybody of the parish invited. This will be held in the hall of the URC just opposite Burger King.

Canon Liam shall be holding another celebration of Mass at his home parish of English Martyrs, Strood, where he was ordained priest 25 years ago. This will take place Saturday 15th June at 12.00pm. This will be his opportunity to open up the invitation for other clergy and other parishes that he has previously served.

ARE YOU WONDERING?: If you 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.

CHURCH SHOP: This is open on Sundays from 9.15am to 10.00am and 11.00am to 11.30am. Gifts and cards for First Holy Communion are now available.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, then you are especially invited to attend St. George's Cathedral, by Waterloo, for a Mass celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday 13th July 2024. Please let us know as soon as possible if you wish to come, **and no later than May 31st 2024**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Email us at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Maidstone St Francis.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 12th May	6.00pm (Sat)	People of the Parish
	8.30am	Brenda Daly RIP
	9.00am (PH)	Private Intention
	10.00am	Private Intention
	11.30am	Devasia RIP
	6.00pm	Richard Smith RIP
Monday 13th May	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 14th May St. Matthias	10.30am	Kevin Paul Ruaux RIP
Wednesday 15th May St John Stone	10.30am	Steven Byrne RIP
Thursday 16th May St Simon Stock	10.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
Friday 17th May	10.30am	Joseph and Margaret Brooks RIP
Saturday 18th May	10.00am	Kevin Paul Ruaux RIP
Sunday 19th May Pentecost	6.00pm (Sat)	People of the Parish
	8.30am	Joseph and Margaret Brooks RIP
	9.00am (PH)	
	10.00am	Kevin Paul Ruaux RIP
	11.30am	Joseph Antony
	6.00pm	Wellbeing

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

Gary Ratcliffe, Constance Good, John Collins, Dermot Barrett, Mrs Chater, Peter Floyd, Basil West Honora Malins, James and Rebecca Hiew (twins), Gerald Eotes, Betty Biggins, Barbara Prodgers, Baby Ciara-Jane Cutting, Elizabeth Ellard, Meczyslawa Kaminska, Kevin Bell, Roland King, Marie Lembo, Paul Topping, Mercedes Kemp, Owain Couchman, Ian Carolan, Filippo Policelli, Margaret Brooks, Dorothy Whitebrook, Hilda Shepherd, Anne Farrell, James Dowling, Florence Klus, Kate O'Neill, Christine Whittall.

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

ADORATION: 9.30am – 10.15am every Friday morning.