

# ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

**30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Saints Peter and Paul (B)**

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**Parish Priest:** Canon 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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## ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL

### PRAY FOR US



**WELCOME:** We welcome the Holy Ghost Fathers next weekend who shall be celebrating the Masses this Sunday for their Missionary Appeal.

**PARKING AT ST FRANCIS CHURCH:** There have recently been a couple of incidents of concern regarding the parking and moving of cars before and after Sunday Masses. These have resulted in a number of complaints and on at least one occasion a report being made to the police.

Please can we remind you that the area immediately next to the church is for the use of the priests, those who are working in the presbytery, and most importantly those with mobility problems and need to be parked close to the church.

You are also reminded that **Week Street is a one-way street**, and is also designated as a pedestrian zone.

**Therefore, unless you really have to park there, please use an alternative parking place and leave spaces for those that really need them. Ultimately, if the problems continue, then we would have no other choice than to close the area in front of the presbytery to cars.** Thank you for your cooperation.

**COUNTRY WALK:** Sunday 30th June - starting at 2:00pm. A 3.5 mile circular walk starting in Golden Green near Hadlow. Come and enjoy the Kent countryside with us on an easy walk through fields and orchards and along the River Medway. We will meet in front of the Bell Inn, Three Elm Lane, Golden Green, TN11 0BD. As parking is quite limited in the village please car-share where possible. It is important to leave your contact details and confirm that you are coming so that we can inform you of any last minute changes or cancellation. Please let Liz & Mark know if you are coming via email: [news@stfrancisparish.org.uk](mailto:news@stfrancisparish.org.uk)

**EUCCHARISTIC EXHIBITION:** St. Augustine's Catholic Church Tunbridge Wells are inviting everybody to see an Exhibition they are showing now until 30<sup>th</sup> June. The Church is open all day. It is part of the acclaimed Exhibition of Blessed Carlo Acutis, one of the more recent Canonised Saints of the Church. A young Italian man, who died 2016 aged 25 and whose objective in life is to strengthen the Faith in the Real Presence. There are leaflets at the back plus a poster on a noticeboard which speak of Eucharistic Miracles.

**PARISH LEADS:** An initiative that has come from the Diocese, mainly the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis, is to introduce a system for every parish of having Parish Leads. This would cover the three main areas of Catechesis, Evangelisation and Formation. It does not mean being a Leader and Commander but a resource of support for all in the parish who would provide these ministries.

There is also an opening to be a Mentor for the whole Maidstone Deanery in these three areas. Full training and explanation will be provided by the Diocese. If this is something that you can commit yourself to then please let the parish office know, preferably by email.

**BARBECUE:** We shall not be holding our usual gathering for Bible and Beverage this month because of The Anniversary. However, we would like to invite anybody and everybody in their 20' or 30's to come to a Barbecue on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – welcome to arrive anytime after 6.00pm at the Priest House. Just a purely social gathering. Please do not worry that you have not been before. Newcomers will be especially welcome. We are blessed with so many people coming to Church every Sunday but not really having the opportunity to meet people who share your Faith and Joy in the Lord. This will be a perfect opportunity to allow us to make you more part of our parish family and even find out what you want from this group. Open for ideas, Prompt anybody you know who you think would like to come. Don't be shy. We are very friendly. See you there!

**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.

#### **COLLECTION:**

First Collection last week (cash)	£1,271.29
Second Collection last Sunday	£294.39
Second Collection this Sunday Peter's Pence	
Second Collection next Sunday Parish Development Fund	

#### **Direct Debits – April 2024**

Standing Orders - Gift Aid & Non Gift Aid	£4,643.96
Collection CARD Offerings	£2,217.93
Collection ONLINE Offerings	£34.12
TOTAL	£6,896.01

**LOTTERY: AND THE WINNER IS .....** we will find out on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at the 10am Mass who is the luck winner of £1,000 in our Parish Lottery. You can only win it if you are in it. There will be a chance in July to join the lottery for just £13 to cover six months draws to purchase a lottery number and increase your chances of winning. You can also join on line at

[www.stfrancisparish.org.uk/parish-lottery/](http://www.stfrancisparish.org.uk/parish-lottery/)

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> Sts. Peter and Paul	6.00pm (Sat)	Private Intention
	8.30am	People of the Parish
	9.00am (PH)	Frederick Collier RIP
	10.00am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
	11.30am	Denis Neale RIP
	6.00pm	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	10.30am	
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	10.30am	
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b> St. Thomas the Apostle	10.30am	
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	10.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	10.30am	
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	10.00am	Mariya Kutty RIP
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	People of the Parish
	8.30am	Margaret Donovan RIP
	9.00am (PH)	Mary Tyler RIP
	10.00am	Private Intention
	11.30am	Luis and Rosario D'Silva RIP
	6.00pm	Private Intention

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

Sister Sabine, Ernest Rogers, Kevin O'Neill, Richard McLoughlin, Eileen Robins, Ann Chapman, Gennaro Rapa, Ivor Chapman, Rachel Martin, William Bevan, Irene Lovell, Nora Cleak, Edwardo Mendes, Gladys Oswald, Lucienne Neuham, Ernest Schubert, Kevin James, William Chiles, Grahame Budd, Leo Avery, Douglas Pointon, Susanna Pointer, Maud House, Michael Foley, Dorothy Dickenson, Wendy Cresswell, Peter Gallagher, James Thornton, Winifred Forbes-Amer, Rose Butler-Inkpen, Lucy Emery, Molly Seymour, Antonia Brown, Lillian Ruler, Deborah Howell, Tracey Holland.

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

**ADORATION:** 9.30am – 10.15am every Friday morning.

**REST IN PEACE:** We pray for the soul of Denis Neale. The Requiem Masses will be celebrated on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.