

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th July 2024 Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

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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

JESUS TEACHING IN THE SYNAGOGUE



**‘This is the carpenter, surely’and they would not accept him.
(Mark 6:3)**

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 17th July – welcome to arrive any time 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.

LOTTERY: AND THE WINNER IS..... The draw for the £1,000 lottery prize will take place after the 10am Mass this Sunday. To join the lottery for a chance to win next time, application and QR code are now available at the back of the church. You can also join on line at www.stfrancisparish.org.uk/parish-lottery/ Collections will start from 6th July to the 21st July for Saturday evening and Sunday after the 8.30am Mass until the beginning of the 11.30 Mass.

COLLECTION:

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| First Collection last week (cash) | £1,191.66 |
| Second Collection last Sunday Missionary Appeal | £1,410.32 |
| Second Collection this Sunday Parish Development | |
| Second Collection next Sunday Sea Sunday (Stella Maris) | |

Direct Debits – May 2024

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| Standing Orders - Gift Aid & Non Gift Aid | £4,221.96 |
| Collection CARD Offerings | £1,773.76 |
| Collection ONLINE Offerings | £393.99 |
| TOTAL | £6,389.71 |

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.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| Sunday 7th July | 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 |
| Monday 8th July | 10.30am | Requiem Mass for Denis Neale RIP |
| Tuesday 9th July | 10.30am | Terry and Kevin Ruaux RIP |
| Wednesday 10th July | 10.30am | Steven Byrne RIP |
| Thursday 11th July St. Benedict | 10.30am | Private Intention |
| Friday 12th July | 10.30am | In reparation for abortions from Brewer St |
| Saturday 13th July | 10.00am | Private Intention |
| Sunday 14th July | 6.00pm (Sat) | Joseph Fitzsimons RIP |
| | 8.30am | Private Intention |
| | 9.00am (PH) | People of the Parish |
| | 10.00am | Ernest Coram RIP |
| | 11.30am | Private Intention |
| | 6.00pm | Tina and Vivian D'Silva RIP |

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

Bridie Butler, John Linnane, James Hurson, Anthony Crabree, Peter Chapman, Tina D'Silva, Gerald Holliday, Kathleen Oliver, Jim Kelly, Kathleen O'Malley, Peter Mooney, Michael Ellard, Kathleen Howatt, Irene Rogers, Edward O'Neill, Douglas Froud, Roy Dennis, Constance Cabbage, Edward Broom, Mary Tyler, Mary Kirby, Ivy Stone Violet Abnett, Adelheid Seldon, Joan Barber, Bernard Dillon, Elsie Mudd, Giovanni Roberto, Emile Kuznica, Gwen Simmons, Ben Maguire, Elizabeth Norman, Alice Brown, Elizabeth Sinnou.

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 8th July 10.30am. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.