

# ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (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



**‘Get behind me, Satan. For the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’  
(Mark 8:33)**

**WONDERING HOW TO FIT PRAYER IN YOUR DAILY LIFE?:** Do you have a bible at home but not sure how to read it or where to start? A form of prayer know as **LECTIO DIVINA** could help. It means Sacred Reading and is a way of praying with Scripture. Choosing a passage, meditating, praying and contemplating silence. All it takes is 15 minutes of your time. Please see this link for a fuller explanation:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svKtNn\\_5bO8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svKtNn_5bO8)

**REFERENCES:** Around this time of year many parents of our parish will be applying for their child to attend St. Simon Stock School from September 2025. They also ask the Parish Priest, Canon Liam for a reference. Rather than asking Fr. Liam from all directions and at all sorts of times for a reference, he will provide an open surgery for this opportunity on Monday 14th October 6pm - 9pm in the Church. Please do your best to attend this window of opportunity. Canon Liam will not sign reference forms before this date

### **FEED THE HUNGRY**

Many thanks for your generous donations of food etc which are collected from Grove House and distributed to those in need of extra help. We would be most grateful for donations of tins, pasta, biscuits, soap, shower gel and UHT milk. Thank you very much for your ongoing support - it is much appreciated.

A parishioner who usually attends **Mass at Preston Hall** is offering to gather any further donations from parishioners there each week and to ensure that those non-perishable items can be added to what is distributed on a weekly basis from Grove House. If you feel able to donate to this initiative, please do

**MANY NATIONS AS ONE CHURCH:** We wish to celebrate the large amount of nations that are represented here in our parish in the one church, sharing one faith. Our parish youth group, Flame, are inviting you all to the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October where Mass will be celebrated with prayers and readings offered up in various languages followed by a big feast. We ask that people be willing to prepare food that is traditional from their home nation for others to share. More about this later but we are most grateful to our Flame youth group for providing this opportunity for us to enjoy. Save the date.

**MASS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S (OLD) CHURCH, EAST PECKHAM (TN12 5NG).** Mass will be celebrated in honour of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael at 4pm on Saturday 28 September.

**PRESENTATION:** Next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September during 10.00am Mass, we shall be presenting 50 children of our parish with their books as they begin their First Holy Communion preparation. All are very welcome but please note this will be very full.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September during 11.30am Mass we shall be giving special attention to our Altar Servers. We are very grateful for the dedicated service they give to our parish throughout the year.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE SAFEGUARDING OFFICE OF OUR DIOCESE:** A reminder that our annual service for those that have been harmed by abuse is coming up on the **25<sup>th</sup> September 2024, at 630pm at St George's Cathedral**. We hope the event will be well attended, particularly by our Clergy and Parish communities, to demonstrate Southwark's commitment survivors of abuse.

**BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE DAYS:**

Worcester Park St Matthias parish Saturday September

28th [worcesterpark@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:worcesterpark@rcaos.org.uk);

Wimbledon The Sacred Heart parish Saturday October

26th [wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk);

Woolwich St Peter the Apostle parish Saturday November

2nd [woolwich@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:woolwich@rcaos.org.uk);

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND:** Beginning Experience is a special residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers, who have experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. This next programme will be held on **4-6 October**; for further details please contact: Mary: 07730 884315, or Maura: 07795 498445, or email [BeginningExperience.SoE@gmail.com](mailto:BeginningExperience.SoE@gmail.com)

**COLLECTION:**

First Collection last week (cash)	£1,216.08
Second Collection last Sunday	£129.38
Second Collection this Sunday: Home Mission	
Second Collection next Sunday: School for deaf children in Tanzania	

**Direct Debits – August 2024**

Standing Order Gift Aid	£3,029
Standing Order Non-Gift Aid	£1,227.96
Collection Card	£1,957.82
Collection On-Line	£254.46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6,469.24</b>

**LOTTERY:** Week No. 12    Lottery No. 90                      £70

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	Tom Kelly RIP
	8.30am	People of the Parish
	9.00am (PH)	Jan Salamonczyk RIP
	10.00am	Pauline Gilman RIP
	11.30am	Vivian and Tina D'Silva RIP
	6.00pm	George Arianayageh RIP
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b> Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian	10.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10.30am	Marianne Esther Corfe RIP
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10.30am	James and Mary Hurson RIP
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b> Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions	10.30am	Hilda Claire Mason RIP
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b> St. Matthew	10.00am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	Bryan Moyes RIP
	8.30am	People of the Parish
	9.00am (PH)	Jennifer Bailey RIP
	10.00am	Dennis Coatsworth RIP
	11.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
	6.00pm	John Rice RIP

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

Seamus Sheridan, Michael McGuire, Vivian D'Silva, Pauline Gilman, Louisa Chiles, P.Brandon, Christine Wheeler, Alan Porter, Cynthia Capon, Agnes Hammond, Peter Di Marco, Evelyn Mitchell, John Bromwich, Anne Coghlan, Anna Greenleaf, Anne Flynn, Margaret Callaghan, Harry Rainer, Jill Mescall, James Cooney, Gordon Johnson, Evelyn Gilliard, Timothy Buckley, Patricia Mangion, Neville Watson, Canon Joseph Simmons, Niall Hynes, Frederick Flack, Mary Harris, Pierre Abbyard.

**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 repose of the soul of Thomasina Hales (Zena) and Paulo Rodrigues. May the rest in peace and rise in glory.