

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th October 2024 Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

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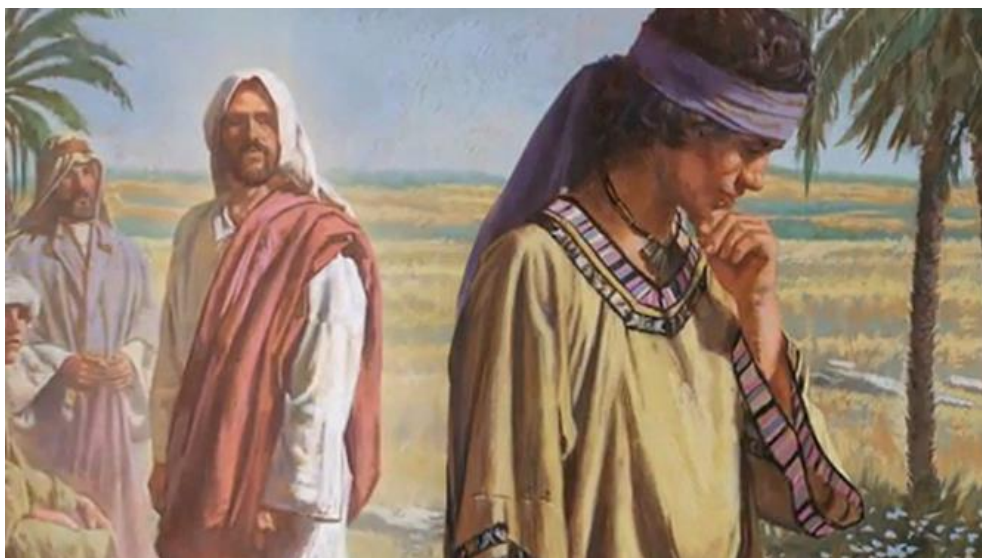
Catholic Schools

St Francis Primary School: Queen's Road, Maidstone, ME16 0LB 01622 771540

St Simon Stock Secondary School: Oakwood Park, Maidstone, ME16 0JP 01622 75455



THE RICH YOUNG MAN



He went away sad for he was a man of great wealth

INTERNATIONAL MASS: A very deep thanks to all those who contributed in any way to the very successful and enjoyable Mass and party last weekend. A special thankyou to the members of Flame Youth Group. A wonderful time was had by all.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord our God, Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, and Father of all mankind, Who in the cross of Your Son and through the gift of His own life, at great cost You wished to destroy the wall of enmity and hostility that separates peoples and makes us enemies: Send into our hearts the gift of the Holy Spirit, that He may purify us from every feeling of violence, hatred and revenge, enlighten us to understand the irrepressible dignity of every human person, and inflame us to the point of consumption for a peaceful and reconciled world in truth and justice, in love and freedom.

Almighty and eternal God, in Your hands, are the hopes of men and the rights of every people: Assist with Your wisdom those who govern us so that, with Your help, they will become sensitive to the sufferings of the poor and of those who suffer the consequences of violence and war;

may they promote the common good and lasting peace in the region and throughout the earth. Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, obtain the gift of peace for the Holy Land that gave birth to you and for the whole world. Amen

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 Canon 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.

REPOSITORY: Confirmation cards and gifts now in stock...

The new Lectionary, which includes the scripture readings for Mass will come into use from Advent 2024. If you would like to pre order a new Sunday or Weekday Missal, please enquire in the church shop.

AFTERNOON FOR READERS to introduce the new translation for the Lectionary.

To address questions such as: Why the change in translation? How is it different from the translation we're using now? What different sorts of translation are there? What does it mean in practice, for readers? How is the Lectionary arranged? Also, an opportunity to reflect on some broader questions: The Word of God in the life of the Church. How we understand the Old Testament in the light of our faith in Christ. Led by Bishop Paul Hendricks.

VENUE: Church hall of St Thomas of Canterbury, 59 Burgate, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2HJ. **DATE:** Saturday 2nd November 2024. **TIME:** 2pm to 4pm

NOTE: The hall will be open from 1pm, for anyone who may like to come early and bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee available

IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025?

ST. SIMON STOCK SCHOOL: Open Events for entry in September 2025

Open Morning Friday 18 October 9am – 10.30am. Please arrive 9.30am to provide time for the tour.

Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 3rd November 5.45pm – 8pm. Talk commences 6pm. Please visit www.ssscs.co.uk/open-events-2024

ST FRANCIS SCHOOL: If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 they are due to start school on 1st September 2025.

At St Francis we offer a nurturing, active and enriching Catholic education, facilitated by dedicated and caring teachers to help all children reach their full potential. Please call the school office on 01622 771540 to view the school and meet the team. Applications for September 2025 must be submitted by 15th January 2025.

MISSIO: The Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for World Mission next Sunday. This day of prayer, giving and solidarity unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love. To donate, take an envelope from the back of the Church to be ready for the second collection next Sunday. There is also a prayer card for you to take home.

COLLECTION:

First Collection last week (cash) £1,362.44

Second Collection last Sunday £314.34

Second Collection this Sunday: Parish Development Fund

Second Collection next Sunday: MISSIO

Direct Debits – September 2024

Standing Order Gift Aid £3,302

Standing Order Non-Gift Aid £1,181.96

Collection Card £2,205.01

Collection On-Line £147.21

TOTAL £6,854.18

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 13th October	6.00pm (Sat)	Private Intention
	8.30am	Private Intention
	9.00am (PH)	Anthony Mariner RIP
	10.00am	Mary Madeline Fernando RIP
	11.30am	Rosario and Luis D'Silva RIP
	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Monday 14th October	10.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
Tuesday 15th October	10.30am	Requiem Mass Thomasina (Zena) Hales RIP
Wednesday 16th October	10.30am	Private Intention
Thursday 17th October	10.30am	Stuart McLeod RIP
Friday 18th October	10.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer ST
Saturday 19th October	10.00am	Private Intention
Sunday 20th October	6.00pm (Sat)	Private Intention
	8.30am	Franciszek Lupa RIP
	9.00am (PH)	Amanda Tyler RIP
	10.00am	Kevin and Terry Ruaux RIP
	11.30am	Thanksgiving for recovery
	6.00pm	People of the Parish

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

Andrzej Kaminski, Msg Antony Cunningham, Albino Soures, Baby Garry Myles, Fiona Jane Campbell, Maurice Puttock, Winifred Hynes, John Callison, Marcus Nicklin, Angela Hunter, Madeline Bartlett, Joseph McKenna, Ronald Coles, William Gilliard, Daisy Andrews, Betty Moran, Stuart McLeod, William Roach, Jean Demeyer, Michal Parysz, Michael Ryan, Mary Green Hannah Robertson, Maria Fabris, Claudio Romero, Malcolm Jay, Patricia Gale-Webb, Winifred Smith, Edith Lavender, Eric Calcott, Florence Munks, Joyce Curtis, Daniel Leahy, Josephine Bell, John Scannell, Claudia Booth, John Burgiss, Ellen Manuel, Dennis O'Keefe, Molly Dignan, William Joseph, Anne Tosolini.

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

ADORATION: 9.30am – 10.15am every Friday morning.

REQUIEM MASS: The Requiem Mass for Zena Hales shall be celebrated Tuesday 15th October at 10.30am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

COUNT: This weekend is the fourth weekend of four where we shall be counting the Mass attendance. Our attendance last week was 1,171.