

# ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

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## Catholic Schools

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

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## JESUS AND THE BLIND BEGGAR

‘Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.’ (Mark 10:47)

**ALL SAINTS:** This Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November is the Feast of All Saints. It is a Holyday of Obligation where we are to attend Mass. Times of Mass that day are 10.30am and 8.00pm.

**ALL SOULS:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November is the Feast of All Souls. We call to mind all who have died on this day but we especially will remember those whose funerals we have celebrated in the past twelve months as their names are read out.

**LETTER:** A copy of the letter that Canon Liam has written to our local MP Helen Grant can be found on our parish website. The Bishops of England and Wales have asked



us to write to our MP's expressing our strong concern of a Bill being passes entitled 'Assisted Dying'. In the Church porch there are two posters with a QR Code which you can scan as a link to the Right to Life UK website which provides a suggested wording of a message to write to our local MP, who for many of us is Helen Grant. We are of course free to write our own letter.

**HOLY HOUR:** The Bishops of England and Wales shall be gathered for a Holy Hour on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 5.30pm – 6.30pm praying for the promotion of the dignity of every human person. All parishes and communities have been invited to offer up a holy hour at that same time to be strong in our unity of prayer. We shall, therefore, be offering up a holy hour at that time here at St. Francis. More on what that involve shall follow.

**HOLY SOULS:** We are approaching the Month of Holy Souls in November, so you are invited to take an envelope from the Church porch labelled Holy Souls and place in the names of people whom you wish to remember who have died. Place the envelope through the letter box of the presbytery and they will be placed in the Holy Souls box on the altar every Mass in November. Please do not put in money or Mass intentions. They are a separate envelope.

**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:** The Annual ceremony of the blessing of the graves shall take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, the day of All Souls, at 3.00pm at Maidstone Cemetery, Sutton Road.

**DEANERY REQUIEM MASS:** The Annual Mass for remembering deceased clergy who have served in the Maidstone Deanery shall be celebrated in the Chapel Choir of Aylesford Priory 12.00pm midday, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. All the clergy of the Deanery gather for the Mass but all are of course welcome to attend.

**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.

**AN INVITATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18 – 40:** Our Archbishop John Wilson invites young adults (18-40) to join him at St George's Cathedral, London SE1 6HX for "An Evening with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati" on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 6.30pm.**



The evening will include praise and worship led by One Hope Project, a talk by Archbishop John about Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, who is soon to be Canonised, the ceremony of becoming a Saint and is a wonderful example to all young adults. There will be a social afterwards. No ticket necessary, just turn up. For further details, visit [www.tinyurl.com/frassatieve](http://www.tinyurl.com/frassatieve), or scan the QR code.



**THE CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES:** The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit [aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs) for further information. Closing date for applicants this year is 4 November 2024.

**REPOSITORY:** 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.

**COLLECTION:**

First Collection last week (cash)	£1500.49
Second Collection last Sunday	£277.13
Second Collection this Sunday: DEW Assoc. 'Orphaned Children's Centre' Peru	
Second Collection next Sunday: Parish Development Fund	

**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

**LOTTERY:** Week Number 17      Lottery Number 184      Prize £80



## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	People of the Parish
	8.30am	Jenny Bailey RIP
	9.00am (PH)	Emily Mariner RIP
	10.00am	Maurice Bell RIP
	11.30am	Terry and Kevin Ruaux RIP
	6.00pm	Alison and Suzanne East RIP
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b> Sts. Simon and Jude	10.30am	Tom Egan RIP
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10.30am	Private Intention
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10.30am	Private Intention
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	10.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b> Solemnity of All Saints	10.30am	Terry and Kevin Ruaux RIP
	8.00pm	
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> All Souls	10.00am	Paul and Desmond Casey RIP
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	People of the Parish
	8.30am	Fr John Whebble RIP
	9.00am (PH)	Jean Gibson RIP
	10.00am	Geoffrey Marchant RIP
	11.30am	Terry and Kevin Ruaux RIP
	6.00pm	Private Intention

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

Rita Hills, Stephen Parker, Anna Walker, William Crowley, Ann Freeman, Brian Moyes, Michael Kehoe, Catherine Rush, Edward Pointer, Thomas Egan, Nora Elphee, Michael O'Sullivan, Robert House, Josephine McCormack, John Forde, Mary Akehurst, Margaet Martin, Charles Mangion, Denis Cremin, Derek Laghaney, Nancy Cochrane, Edward Heeley, Norrie Coady, Tom Raemers, Eugene Lynch, Gerald Carter, Monica Pertree, Vera Skinner, Mgr. Wall, Emily O'Connor, Cecelia Cowley, Ann Jarrett, Sara McKenna, Mildred McDermot, John Butt, Anne Edwards, Frank Tetley, Ann Freeman, Ellen Spice, Charles Miles, Desmond Casey, Gladys Cashman, Michael Mulrooney, Jessie Farnham, Geoffrey Marchant.

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

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

**SECOND COLLECTION. ORPHANED CHILDREN'S CENTRE, PERU.**

The Second Collection on 27th October is to help the Columban Missionaries with vital work to run their Orphaned Children's Centre in Peru. May we thank you for your continued generosity during these challenging times. May God bless you. The Dew Association

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Week Street will be closed from approximately 9.45am until about 10.25am on the 10<sup>th</sup> November.