

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

10th November 2024 Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

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Friday (email or telephone only)

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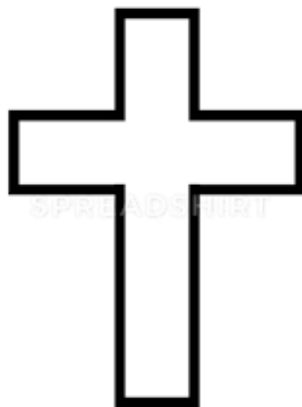
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**We remember today all who lost their lives in the World Wars
but especially former pupils of St Francis Catholic School
who were killed during World War Two**

William Heathcote
Alfred Hurley
Percy Froud
Ken Froud
Jack Brooks
Jimmy Flynn
Tony Harrison
Harry Richardson
Fred Baker
Harry Dickinson
William Smith
Tom John Boylan
M Fagg
Richard Guy
Dante Cocchiarella
Michael O'Hare
David Larkin
James Barry
Cornelius Cloughton
Arthur Hanbury Smith
Florian Conti
Michael Watson



**Eternal rest grant unto
them O Lord**

**Jesus said to His Apostles, 'Peace I bequeath you, my own peace I give to
you. A peace that the world cannot give, that is my gift to you.'**

(John 14:27)

HOLY HOUR: The Bishops of England and Wales shall be gathered for a Holy Hour on Wednesday 13th 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. A suggested format for the Holy Hour has been sent to us from the Bishop which we shall mostly be using, including Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture reflections, intercessions and finishing with a simple Benediction. We have also been encouraged for anybody who cannot get to the Church in that hour to pray at home, or wherever you may be, even for just a small part of that hour.

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 12th November. All the clergy of the Deanery gather for the Mass but everybody is welcome and indeed encouraged to come too.

IN YOUR 20's OR 30'S?: Please do join us for worship and enjoyment at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th November. An hour of praying with Scripture, called Lectio Divina (see the next paragraph) with a social chat with a drink or two. What more could you ask? We especially welcome newcomers to our 'Bible and Beverage' group.

LECTIO DIVINA: Is a way of praying with Scripture which we do in our Bible and Beverage group. Choosing a passage, meditating, praying and contemplating silence. Please see this link for a fuller explanation:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svKtNn_5bO8

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.

FLAME AND FLEDGLINGS BAKE SALE: Members of Flame and Fledglings, our parish youth groups, have been practising and they are excellent at baking. They have baked and are selling cakes and biscuits along with great coffee, tea and hot chocolate and small gifts for you to buy after the 10am and 11.30am Masses next weekend (17th). The repository will also be displaying cribs and other Advent/Christmas merchandise. Please support our young people as they raise money for their activities.

ADVENT WREATHS: Our beautiful Advent wreaths, made by the Fledglings group may be pre-ordered from this weekend and available on Saturday and Sunday 30th/1st December after the Masses. Due to the high cost of materials, these will

be priced at £6 this year and **MUST** be pre-ordered with Geraldine, Lorraine, Lizzie at PH, Liz in the repository or one of the clergy. Many thanks.

RAFFLE TICKETS: These will be available, to win some great prizes, at all Masses from next weekend (16th/17th) and are priced at £1 per strip.

FEED THE HUNGRY AT CHRISTMAS: Many thanks to our generous donors of food, throughout the year. Last year, St Francis parishioners were extremely generous in donating food and gifts to the parish Christmas appeal. Your generosity made a massive difference to local families in difficulty, to the homeless, the clients of the day centre. Please, if you are able, donate a gift for a child or adult, preferably unwrapped and new. Collections of gifts will be taken until Sunday 15th December, and then distributed over that week. Also, we will be making up Christmas hampers for families, and donations may be brought to the musicians at Mass on the weekends of the 9th/10th and 16th/17th December. Anytime before that, they may be dropped at the presbytery during office hours. Please, no mince pies, as we get a bulk donation for free! If anyone wants to donate meat (esp turkey) and/or vegetables and fruit, between 16th and 21st December to help make up the turkey dinners, please let one of the choir members know or one of the clergy. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CAROL SERVICE/NATIVITY/MULLED WINE: Advance notice of the date to put in your diary, so you don't miss this great parish event. Saturday the 14th December is the date.

COLLECTION:

First Collection last week (cash)	£1,302.16
Second Collection last Sunday	£330.15
Second Collection this Sunday:	Archbishop's Appeal
Second Collection next Sunday:	Orphaned Children in Phillipines

Direct Debits – October 2024

Standing Order Gift Aid	£3,136
Standing Order Non-Gift Aid	£2,093.96
Collection Card	£2,109.68
Collection On-Line	£190.07
TOTAL	£7,529.71

LOTTERY: Week Number 19 Lottery Number 6 Prize £20

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 10th November	6.00pm (Sat)	Private Intention
	8.30am	Elizabeth Batty RIP
	9.00am (PH)	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Birthday Thanksgiving
	11.30am	Luis and Rosario D'Silva RIP
	6.00pm	Terry and Kevin Ruaux RIP
Monday 11th November	10.30am	Health and Wellbeing
Tuesday 12th November	10.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
Wednesday 13th November	10.30am	Private Intention
Thursday 14th November	10.30am	Biagio Zita RIP
Friday 15th November	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 16th November	10.00am	Jan and Danuta Jordan RIP
Sunday 17th November	6.00pm (Sat)	Eileen Tighe RIP
	8.30am	Martin and Sean Coleman RIP
	9.00am (PH)	John Richards RIP
	10.00am	Thomasina (Zena) Hales RIP
	11.30am	Dorothy Eales RIP
	6.00pm	People of the Parish

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

Winifred Mackell, Joseph Capone, Mary Grossmith, Michael Brown, Mary Carmody, Tristram Watson, Wendy McKay, Victor Hakeman, Dorothy Arnold, Sara Sime, Michael Spindlow, Stanislaw Vik, Frank Scully, David Lee, Winifred Farley, Alphonsus Gleeson, Josephine Bricknell, Patrick Dee, John Dee, Kathleen Gibbs, Biagio Zita, Peter Mooney, Mary Strawbridge, Colin Skelton, Josephine Elliot, Geoffrey Marchant, Patrick McKee, James Behan, Ellen Murphy, Frances Franks, Jeffrey Mitchell, Dick Bishop, Kathleen Coach, Mary Grossmith, John McElroy.

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

ADORATION: 9.30am – 10.15am every Friday morning.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER: The 10.00am Mass will be celebrated in Remembrance of all who have lost their lives in war, especially The Two World Wars of the last century.

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

SECOND COLLECTION. PHILIPPINES. ORPHANED CHILDREN.

The Second Collection on 17th November is to help orphaned children in the Philippines. This is run with great care by Sr Nicanora. May we thank parishioners for your continued generosity during these challenging times. May God bless you. *The Dew Association.*