

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th January 2025 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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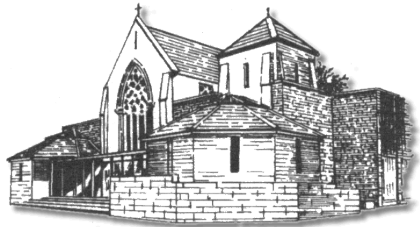
Deacon: Rev. Ian Black

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



THE WEDDING AT CANA



When the Master of the feast tasted, the water now become wine and did not know where it came from (John 2:9)

REST IN PEACE: We keep Canon Liam and his family in our prayers at this time. Their mother, Eileen Gallagher, passed away last weekend. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

A PASSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER WE SHALL BE HEARING TODAY AT MASS: 'Today, I would like to ask for your help in two ways: **First of all, please pray for the renewal of our Archdiocese** during this Jubilee Year of Hope. **Secondly, to engage in the *Called to Bear Fruit* consultation.** A booklet is available at Mass today which outlines six key themes for reflection. I encourage you to gather in small groups, as works best in your community. Come together prayerfully to reflect on these themes, and share your insights with the *Called to Bear Fruit* team. The booklet explains everything about how to do this. This Jubilee Year of Hope is our chance to open ourselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to work together towards a revival of Christian life, witness, and mission in our Archdiocese.. Together, we can re-imagine our parishes as thriving centres of faith, healing, and evangelisation'.

LOTTERY: Now January is here, we shall be asking people to renew their Lottery subscription either by standing order or payment in the porch after Mass. We would very much like to welcome new participants in our parish lottery. Its only £13 per number for six months - which is not bad considering that you could win £1000 next Summer. www.stfrancisparish.org.uk/parish-lottery

BISHOP JOHN HINE: The funeral for Bishop John Hine was celebrated at St. George's Cathedral last month. Bishop John Hine had served the Deanery of Maidstone for many years; as a curate here at St. Francis, as the first Parish Priest of St. Peter's, Bearsted and his final years at St. Andrew's, Tenterden. Everybody is welcome to attend a Memorial Mass for Bishop John Hine on Wednesday 22nd January 12pm midday. This shall be at St. Peter's, Bearsted, the church that Bishop John Hine was responsible for building. All the clergy of the Deanery shall be gathered with Canon Liam Gallagher presiding.

A FULFILLING AND ENJOYABLE DAY: This is guaranteed for all married couples who attend a day hosted by the Marriage and Family Life Team called 'Building a Better Marriage'. To celebrate this Jubilee year of 2025, a one day Building a Better Marriage opportunity will be on 25th January at St Stephen Church, Welling or 1st February at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs. These are very popular and fill up quickly so please, without delay, book your place on such a wonderful opportunity and explore more how blessed you are in your marriage. Not to mention how blessed the Church is with your dedicated love to one another.

To join one of these day's please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

CHURCH SHOP: Open every Sunday 9 am to 11.30 am.

TEA, COFFEE AND FRIENDSHIP: Please find a poster on our noticeboard for Café Connect at Blackthorn Trust that takes place every Thursday afternoon – a chance for people who are socially isolated or want to meet new people to get together in the Blackthorn café for free tea, biscuits and chat.

This initiative is being funded by Community Grants from Cllr Tom Cannon and Cllr Chris Passmore of Kent County Council

COLLECTION:

First collection last week (cash) £1,449.58

Second Collection last week Children Crisis Fund £231.51

Second Collection this Sunday Orphaned Children in India
Organised by the DEW Association

Second Collection next Sunday

Standing Orders for December:

Standing Order Gift Aid	£3,311
Standing Order Non-Gift Aid	£841.96
Collection Card	£1,551.46
Collection On-Line	£259.70
TOTAL	£5,964.21

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 19th January	6.00pm (Sat)	Private Intention
	8.30am	Holy Souls
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	10.00am	Sean Toneycliffe RIP
	11.45am	Wanda Lapham
	6.00pm	Sister Mary Agnes RIP
Monday 20th January	10.30am	Deceased Relatives and Friends of the McArdle Family
Tuesday 21st January St. Agnes	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 22nd January	10.30am	Terry & Kevin Ruaux RIP
Thursday 23rd January	10.30am	Private Intention
Friday 24th January St. Frances de Sales	10.30am	Deceased Members of Birchenough Family
Saturday 25th January Conversion of St. Paul	10.00am	In Reparation for Abortions in Brewer Street
Sunday 26th January	6.00pm (Sat)	Chris Williams RIP
	8.30am	Thanksgiving
	9.00am (PH)	Catherine Collier RIP
	10.00am	F.F.Policelli G.G. Lembo RIP
	11.45am	John and Hilda Lindgard RIP
	6.00pm	Bishop John Hine RIP

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

John Hurd, Sarah Ingram, Margaret Jones, Teresa Kerr, David Chapman, Anthony Edmead, Elaine Martin, Keith Hunter, Thomas McGowan, Margaret Hyland, Kevin McAdam, Ellen Long, Julia Lillie, Bridget Buckley, Denise Nelson, Bill Blackeby, Henry Ladlow, Malcolm Petchey, Edith Phillips, Catherine Badham, Megan Milne, Frederick Russell, Elizabeth Cocchiarella, Henry O'Donnell, Michael Levings, Ada Carmen, William Smith, Denis Baker, Henry Bowles, Jan Skorus, Nicola Angiolini, Maud Moore, Bridget McCormack, Terence Devine, Peter Winter, Mgr.Lawrence McReavy, Lucia Church.

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

ADORATION: Every Friday 9.15am – 10.15am

First Friday only: 6.15pm – 7.15pm followed by 7.30pm Mass