

# ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

16<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Sixth Sunday of the Year (C)

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**Deacon:** Rev. Ian Black

**Parish Office hours:** 10am – 12 noon Tuesday and Friday (email or telephone only)

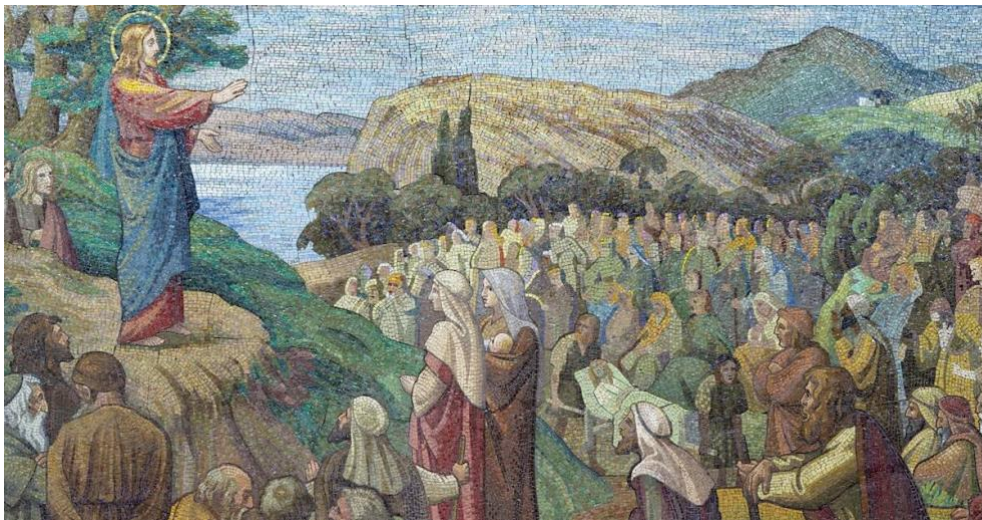
## Catholic Schools

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

St Simon Stock Secondary School: Oakwood Park, Maidstone, ME16 0JP 01622 754551



## BLESSINGS AND WOES



**'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you...on account of the Son of Man! Your reward will be great in heaven.**

**Woe to you when people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.'** (Luke 6:22,26)

**REQUIEM FOR EILEEN GALLAGHER RIP:** Canon Liam wishes to express his deep gratitude to all who have expressed their sympathy at the passing of his mother earlier in January, especially with so many cards and Mass Intentions. The funeral details for his mother, EILEEN GALLAGHER, are as follows:

Requiem Mass at English Martyrs Catholic Church, Strood, ME2 4JA Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 11.30am, followed by a Burial at Strood Cemetery, ME2 2NJ.

There will then be a Reception at 'The Inn on the Lake', DA12 3HB, on the outskirts of Strood, further up the A2.

Anybody and Everybody are very much welcome to attend all or as many of these parts as they wish.

The parking for English Martyrs Church is available in the local neighbourhood but it can be limited and hard to find a space.

Deepest gratitude again from Canon Liam.

**BOOKLETS:** You are invited to take a booklet home with you which outlines six key themes for reflection. As Archbishop John Wilson stated in his letter last week, '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.'

**HAVE YOU BEEN THROUGH THE PAIN OF GRIEVING FOR A LOVED ONE WHO HAS DIED?** You are invited to a time of prayer and support for a weekend at The Friars, Aylesford Priory called '**GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST**'. It takes place from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Please contact 01622 717272 or email:reception@thefriars.org.uk for more help and information. This can also be found on a poster in the Church porch.

**CHURCH SHOP:** Open every Sunday 9 am to 11.30 am. The Jubilee Booklet, 'Pilgrims of Hope' are now available for £1.50 each.

**CLERGY SUPPORT FUND:** The Second Collection next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February shall be for clergy who have served our Diocese of Southwark for many years and are now in retirement. Envelopes are available in the church porch

**MARRIAGE STRUGGLES:** January is the highest month for divorce proceedings as many couples want help but don't know where to turn when they have difficulties Book now on February MARRIAGE HELP program. [www.retrouville.org.uk](http://www.retrouville.org.uk) +44 [7887 296 983](tel:7887296983)

**COLLECTION:**

First collection last week (cash)	£ 1,086.53
Second Collection last Sunday Zambia Orphaned Children	£ 297.78
Second Collection this Sunday	Racial Justice
Second Collection next Sunday	Clergy Support Fund
Standing Orders for January	
Standing Order Gift Aid	£3,116
Standing Order Non-Gift Aid	£974.96
Collection Card	£3,447.98
Collection On-Line	£308.80
TOTAL	£7,847.74

**Parish Lottery** Week No.7 Ticket No.101 £25

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	Private Intention
	8.30am	Canon Thomas Ryan RIP (FM)
	9.00am (PH)	Gwen & Keith Gordon RIP
	10.00am	Eileen Gallagher RIP
	11.45am	Treddor Mirt RIP
	6.00pm	Private Intention
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10.30am	John Corfe & Rachel Taylor RIP (FM)
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10.30am	Requiem Mass Rosalie Hernandez
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10.30am	Adeline Simmons RIP (FM)
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10.30am	Private Intention
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	10.30am	IN Reparation for Abortions in Brewer Street
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b> The Chair of St. Peter	10.00am	Eileen Gallagher RIP
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	
	8.30am	Teresa and Jimmy Clarke RIP
	9.00am (PH)	David Taylor RIP
	10.00am	Kevin & Terry Ruaux RIP
	11.45am	Luis & Rosario D'Silva RIP
	6.00pm	In Reparation for Abortions in Brewer Street

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

Paul Tolley, Stanley Dominey, Thomas Castle, Kazimierz Szajnik, Cecil McNicholl, Brigit Miles, Lena McCullough, Steve Greenrod, James Healey, Annie Kelly, Canon Leo McReavy, Mary O'Connor, Stefan Kinch, Adam Raznar, Margaret Hull, Frederick Stevens, Annette Manton, Dorothy Delaney, Jeanne Appleton, John Brophy, Kate Farmer, Kenneth Gibbons, Angelo Di Marco, Alexander Goldsmith, Laurence Burns, Louise Priestly, Peter McCaffrey, Molly Beale, David Jones, Mary Corolan, Patrick Malone, Mary ODoherty, Winifred Cameron, Eileen Lusted, David Johnson, Mario Smith, Agnes McTighe, Albert Ward, Nina Newman, Denis Pollard, Alan Law, Elizabeth Duffy, Gaetano Lembo

**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

**REST IN PEACE:** The Requiem Mass for Rosalie Hernandez shall be celebrated at 10.30am on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.