

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A) SUNDAY 31st MAY 2026

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Parish Office hours: 9am-1pm (Mon, Tues, Fri) and 12pm-4pm (Wednesdays only).

Church Shop: Open Sundays 9am – 11.30am and 30 mins before and after Sunday 6pm Mass.

Catholic Schools

St Francis Primary School: Queen's Road

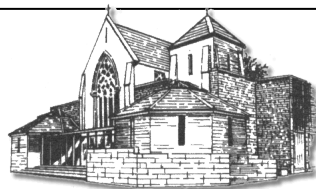
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GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD



'Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already' (John 3:18)

First reading: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Response to the Psalm: To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

Second reading: A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Gospel: John 3:16-18

'God sent his Son in order that the world might be saved through him.'

BAPTISMS: Congratulations to all those children who have recently received the joyous Sacrament of Baptism! May God bless and keep these newly baptised Christians and their families as their journey in faith continues in the love of God. We keep in our prayers Terrence Patrick Jack Ford, Vienna Haines, Eliza Ineza Lukwaya, Amélie May Akehurst and Lily Elizabeth Anna Gallé.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: Congratulations to the children who celebrate their First Holy Communion this weekend! We extend our prayers and thanks to the catechists who have dedicated a great deal of time and effort into the preparation of our children as well as the prayer sponsors, who have devoted prayers for their respective young people.

SECOND COLLECTION 7th June. KENYA, CHILDREN'S EDUCATION. This is to help a children's education mission in Kenya, which is a 'sister' project to the Mission in Mozambique that you so generously supported recently. This is the first Mission that was founded by the late Sr Argimira Antón after her time at Aylesford Priory, and is now led with great dedication by Sr Candelas Alvarez.

There will be green bags via Collectors in the porch or alternatively, you can also use the Dona card machine by selecting a third option 'DEW Association' or via the online giving option on the parish website. May we thank you for your continued generosity during these particularly challenging times. May God bless you. *The DEW Association.*

UPCOMING REQUIEM MASSES: All are welcome to the Requiem Masses being held for Michael Sexton on Monday 8th June at 10.30am and Ann-Marie Huckstepp on Tuesday 9th June at 10.30am.

REDECORATION NOTICE: The internal redecoration of the Church begins on the 1st June with the erecting of scaffolding. This will take approximately five days. During this time, there will be necessary restrictions to the access of the Church. Many thanks in advance for your patience. *Canon John Diver.*

PARISH OFFICE AVAILABILITY: Please note that the Parish Office will be closed between Tuesday 16th June and Friday 26th June. Normal Parish office hours will resume from Monday 29th June. Thank you.

GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP: We would like to know if anyone is interested in helping facilitate a Gospel Prayer Group that would meet weekly in our Parish to study and pray with the Gospel of the following Sunday. It would also be an opportunity for the group to share fraternity and refreshments (as the group desire/organise). If interested, please email the Parish office at maidstone@rcaos.org.uk, or speak to one of the clergy team around Mass. Thank you to those who have already

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 31st May <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	6.00pm (Sat)	Robert & Eugenia Fazakerley RIP
	8.30am	People of the Parish
	9.00am (PH)	John Ballagher RIP
	10.00am	Light Fever Intentions
	11.45am	Private Intention
	3.00pm	<i>First Holy Communion Mass</i>
6.00pm	Holy Souls	
Monday 1st June <i>Saint Justin</i>	10.30am	William & Margaret Pointer RIP
Tuesday 2nd June <i>Saints Marcellinus & Peter</i>	10.30am	Francis Risch RIP
Wednesday 3rd June <i>Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>	10.30am	In Reparation for Abortions in Brewer Street
	11.30am	<i>Requiem Mass of Carol Karawaiez</i>
Thursday 4th June	10.30am	For all GCSE exams – God's blessing
Friday 5th June <i>Saint Boniface</i>	10.30am	For all forgotten souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them
	7.30pm	Teresa Dec RIP
Saturday 6th June <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00am	Russell Coatsworth RIP
Sunday 7th June <i>Corpus Christi</i> <i>Or, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>	6.00pm (Sat)	Kevin Ruaux RIP
	8.30am	People of the Parish
	9.00am (PH)	Tom Smith RIP
	10.00am	Terry & Kevin Ruaux RIP
	11.45am	Luis & Rosario D'Silva RIP
	6.00pm	David Dumbrell RIP (1 st death anniversary)

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and for those who have died recently:

Ann-Marie Huckstepp, Carol Karawaiez, Michael Sexton, Christopher Lawson

Franciszek Manowski, Tony Flynn, Mary Stone, Evelyn Smart, Rita Simmonds, Amelia Cziezla, John Anderson, Frances Lorimer, June Perkin, Bishop Thomas Grant, Michael Gill, Edward Badham, Ray Evenden, Alice Cassidy, Peter Craven, Catherine Murphy, Martin Price, Mary Coffey, William Murphy, Eleanor Geering, Ronald Fuller, William Sullivan, Josephine Jackson, Margaret Ritchie, Thomas Porter, Lily Carr, Delia Morgan, Edward Toome, Adelaide Capon, Jean Moyce, Robin Gorse, Catherine Skinner, Fred Highsted, Catherine Richardson, Mary Pantony, Joseph O'Hare, Michael Cannon, Doris Phipps, Jack Craggs, Pasqua Ranaldi, Kevin Carr, Reginald Green, John Meehan