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#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Saturday 27 April – p264

10.00am – 10.45am – Fr Arbo's Surgery – Office 11.30am – Baptism Alexander Enekwe 3.45pm – 4.45pm – Adoration, Rosary, Benediction 4.00pm - 4.45pm – Confessions 5.00pm Mass – Intentions of Knights of St Columba Tea & Coffee after Mass in The O'Sullivan Centre

Sunday 28 April – p264 School Mass

9.30am – People of the Parish 10.30am – Tea & Coffee in O'Sullivan Centre 11.00am Mass – Wellbeing of Cynthia Robinson

**Monday 29 April – St Catherine of Siena** No Mass 4.00pm - 5.00pm – FHC Reconciliation Practice

**Tuesday 30 April – St Pius V, Pope** 6.00pm Mass – no mass intention requested 4.00pm -5.00pm – FHC Reconciliation Practice

Wednesday 1 May – St Joseph the Worker Votive Mass

10.00am Mass – Wellbeing of Mrs Tiffany Marjeram

**Thursday 2 May - St Athanasius, Bishop** 10.00am Mass – Wellbeing of the Unborn Baby of Tiffany Marjeram

## Friday 3 May – Sts Philip & James, Apostles

10.00am Mass – Peter Bassey R.I.P. Followed by Adoration & Benediction

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Saturday 4 May - p266

10.00am – 10.45am – Fr Arbo's Surgery – Office 3.45pm – 4.45pm – Adoration, Rosary, Benediction 4.00pm - 4.45pm – Confessions 5.00pm Mass – In memory of Ethan Reis R.I.P. Tea & Coffee after Mass in The O'Sullivan Centre

# Sunday 5 May – p266

9.30am – Krzysztof Bacik R.I.P. 10.30am – Tea & Coffee in O'Sullivan Centre 11.00am Mass – People of the Parish

# OTHER PARISH EVENTS/Programmes this Week Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

10.00am-10:45am Fr Arbo's Surgery in Parish Office

6.30pm – Parish Bingo Night

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

12.00 noon FHC session in Church after Mass

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## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

6.00pm Deepening Faith Group in Gabriel Room 7.00pm Gospel Prayer Group in Gabriel Room:

7.00pm FHC Parents Session in O'Sullivan Centre

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** 5.00pm - 6.30pm Kingdom Youth Group in Carmel:

6.30pm – 7.45pm Confirmation Group in O'Sullivan

#### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am-10:45am Fr Arbo's Surgery in Parish Office

#### Sunday 5th 10 30am -11 30am Rise n Shine in O'Sull

10.30am -11.30am Rise n Shine in O'Sullivan Centre 12.00 noon FHC session in Church after Mass

## **ASCENSION - Thursday May 9th**



Thursday 9 May is Ascension and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 10am and 7.30pm.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE

For some time, we have been exploring the possibility of the Parish going on a Pilgrimage together. If you are interested in the possibility of going in the Spring of 2025, please let the office know and your preferred destination i.e. Fatima, Lourdes or Knock or any other suggestions.





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# SACRED HEART NEWSLETTER

#### WHY IS MAY THE MONTH OF MARY?

Mary the Mother of Our Lord Jesus, is an undisputed symbol of fertility, bloom and blossom. Through her, Jesus was born and blossomed to save and bring us hope.

The ways Mary is honoured in May is as varied as the people who honour her. The church encourages us to ask for Our Lady's intercession by praying private and family rosary every day. As a parish we will continue to pray a rosary every Saturday from 4pm - 4:45pm.

In addition to the above, during the month of May, there will be prolonged Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament on 4th and 18<sup>th</sup> May from **1pm until 4.45pm**. To enable us to achieve this there needs to be at least two people in the Church in front of The Blessed Sacrament. So please let the office know if you can commit any amount of time or just turn up.

#### MEDWAY CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

# Saturday 4 May - Men's Marian walking pilgrimage.

Take part in this Catholic men's walking pilgrimage in honour of Our Lady on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Starts 10.30am outside Rochester Cathedral, arriving at the Carmelite Marian shrine of Aylesford for Holy Hour 2-3pm (led by Fr Thomas Lynch). Walk back to Rochester for pub dinner/drinks for 6/6.30pm. Car parking suggestions available. Closest train station is Rochester. Email to attend and book dinner: medwaycatholicmen@outlook.com

#### Friday 10 May - Special event with Bishop Paul Hendricks

Catholic men of the parish are invited to a special evening hosted by the Medway Catholic Men's Group on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, with Bishop Paul Hendricks as guest of honour. 7-7.30pm Eucharistic adoration and Rosary, 7.30-7.45pm welcome drinks, 7.45-8.30 talk on 'faith and science' by Bishop Paul, then dinner together, ending at 10pm. St Michael's parish, Chatham. Car parking available. Chatham train next door. No cost to attend. Please consider bringing a bottle or fish/vegetable Indian dish to share at dinner. Email: medwaycatholicmen@outlook.com

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#### KENT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP - TEACHER TRAINING SCHEME

SCSP have partnered with Teach First to set up SCITT (School Centered Initial Teacher Training) from September 2024. They are offering 25 places for potential trainees, who will teach 4 days a week in one of their secondary schools. The trainees will receive mentor support and training over the year and will be awarded QTS and a PGCE.

For further information, please visit: Train to Teach/Kent Catholic Schools Partnership (KCSP.org.uk) or contact Deborah Wakelin at <u>office@KCSP.org.uk</u> or on 01622 232 662



THE LONDON MIGRANT WORKERS MASS AND THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

Celebrating the valuable contribution migrants make to life in our city of London

hosted by the Archdiocese of Southwark, the Diocese of Westminster and the Diocese of Brentwood supported by the Justice and Peace Commissions, London Ethnic Chaplaincies and Citizens UK

#### on Monday 6th May at 12.30pm

at St George's Cathedral,

Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HR Presider: Archbishop John Wilson

Concelebrants: Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster and the Bishop of Brentwood.

St Joseph like Our Blessed Mother said yes to all, as worker, carpenter, foster father, spouse of Our Blessed Mother, patron of our universal church and patron of migrants. A determined and trustworthy leader, consistently blessed by God.

Come in honour of St Joseph to celebrate the important contribution migrant workers make to our evolving multigenerational places of work & home across the London boroughs.

Those attending are advised to be seated by 12 noon for a banner procession at 12.15pm. Those taking part in the banner procession please gather outside Amigo Hail at 12 noon. Everyone is invited to attend in their national dress.



#### **SHJ SENIORS - Growing Strong!**

The group aims to provide a space for friendships, social gathering, teas, etc. The next session is Monday 6 May from 2-4pm in Carmel Hall, Ufton Lane, ME10 1JB. For more info contact:

- the Parish Office and/or
- Margaret Mayes on 07708 142646 or
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