

CONTACT DETAILS - PRESBYTERY

Priest/Pastor: Fr Jim Teeling (Currently on Sabbatical)

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Sunday 19 May - Fifth Sunday Of Easter

5.00pm(Sat) Mass - Private Intentions

9.30am Mass - John Oliver RIP

No Tea & Coffee during May

11.00am Mass - People of the Parish

Monday 20 May - St Bernardine of Sienna

10.00am Eucharistic Service in Convent

7.00pm Adoration

Tuesday 21 May - St Christopher of Magallanes

10.00am Mass in Convent - Wellbeing of Philomina

Wednesday 22 May - St Rita of Cascia

10.00am Mass in Church - Beatrice Thomas RIP

12.00noon Funeral - Michael Bryan RIP (Garden of England Crematorium)

Thursday 23 May

10.00am Mass in Convent - Thanksgiving St Jude

7.00pm Adoration

Friday 24 May

10.00am Mass in Church - Thanksgiving St Anthony

7.00pm Adoration

Saturday 25 May - St Bede the Venerable

10.00am Mass in Convent - Private Intentions OC

4.00pm Reconciliation

Sunday 26 May - Sixth Sunday Of Easter

5.00pm(Sat) Mass - Wellbeing of Philomina

9.30am Mass - Private Intentions OC

No Tea & Coffee during May

11.00am Mass - People of the Parish

Let Us Pray

In consideration of the new General Data Protection Rules, names of our sick Parishioners will no longer be listed. Please continue to pray for those who are sick in the Parish.

We remember all who have recently died especially Michael Bryan.

COLLECTIONS

FIRST COLLECTION

12 May 2019 £643.16 of which £300.10 was gift aided

SECOND COLLECTION

Last weekend - Ecclesiastical Education
£125.01

This weekend - Building Fund

Next Weekend - Building Fund

Standing Orders April - £858.00

Thank You and God Bless

This week's Ministers of Church Cleaning is:

Mrs Bunce

CONTACT DETAILS - PARISH OFFICE

Parish Clerk: MaryAnn Vowles

Parish Secretary: Sue McGoldrick/Kathy McClean

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IMPORTANT PARISH NEWS: FR JIM'S RETURN FROM THE PHILIPPINES

The Vicar General, Monsignor Matthew Dickens, has asked that the following information be shared with the Parishes of Sittingbourne and Hythe. Fr Jim Teeling will return from the Philippines at the end of June. Fr Jim Teeling will be leaving Sittingbourne at the end of July to take up a new appointment as Parish Priest of Hythe. Fr Paul Jenkins will be leaving Sittingbourne on Sunday 30th June. The Archdiocese is in the process of appointing a new Parish Priest for Sittingbourne, which is yet to be finalised. It is anticipated that short-term cover will be arranged for the month of August and a new Parish Priest be appointed from September.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

We congratulate this week's First Holy Communicants: Please pray for them as they receive the Eucharist for the first time.
Niamh, Adam, Ruby, Eila, Alex and Winston

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

We would like to congratulate the Knights of St Columba, who have been active in the Parish for over 90 years and their 90th Anniversary this week.

TEA & COFFEE

During May whilst the FHC Masses take place there will be no Tea & Coffee after 9.30am Mass. We would be grateful if all 9.30am Mass attendees would vacate the car park as promptly as possible to make space for the families arriving for First Holy Communion. Your co-operation as always is very much appreciated.

THE SACRED HEART PARISH SCRIPTURE GROUP.

We are a lively group who meet each week on a Wednesday evening to read, pray and discuss the Gospel for the forthcoming Sunday. We start our evenings with prayers for the needs of the Parish, the wider church, our family and friends and those in need throughout the world. We meet at the Convent on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm for one hour and we would be delighted if any more parishioners would like to join us. If you require more information, please leave your name and phone number with the parish office (01795 555708) and we will contact you.

PARISH FAMILY DAY – AYLESFORD PRIORY – Saturday 15th June 2019

We would like to invite all Parishioners to a Parish family BBQ on the afternoon of the 15th June. The event will be held in the walled garden at Aylesford Priory (entrance via the Rosary Garden). Mass will be celebrated at 1pm (optional for those who chose to attend) and the BBQ and a fun packed afternoon will follow. BBQ food and soft drinks will be provided free of charge, please feel free to bring your own rug and "non soft drinks". Activities will be provided for the children. This will **not** be a fundraising event just an afternoon of hopefully sun and fun!
More details to follow.....please keep the date free!!

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Please note the next Meeting is on Tuesday 21st at 7pm. Hope you all can make it.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST JUDE – Faversham

The annual summer event takes place on Saturday 25th May, this includes an outside Mass, a Saint Jude procession and an opportunity to pray and leave intentions at the Shrine of St Jude. See noticeboard for more details.

GOSPEL INSIGHT: THE LOVE THAT HEALS

It's our love for others that keeps the great love of Jesus for people visible in our world today. You see, selfishness keeps us shut in, builds barriers, even walls, between us and others. What frees us is caring for others, being friends, being sisters and brothers to them, being good neighbours.

Love always demands the best from us and brings out the best in us. Being loved gives us a surprising energy and courage. Love makes us fruitful, productive, strong and constant in doing good. To decide to love is to be fully open to life. It is choice and not just feeling. When we choose to be loving, caring, healing, helping, and forgiving persons, we grow towards what our life is meant to be. Love is giving of self and has power to heal ourselves and others. To love is to heal, both those who receive and those who give it

As Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, famous for her work on the stages of dying, wrote: 'Love is the flame that warms our soul, energises our spirit and supplies passion to our lives. It's our connection to God and to one another.' There's really no other way. So, Jesus insists, very strongly: 'Love one another, as I have loved you.'