

CONTACT DETAILS - PRESBYTERY

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

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Sunday 26 May - Sixth Sunday Of Easter

5.00pm (Sat) Mass - Wellbeing of Philomena

9.30am Mass - Private Intentions OC

No Tea & Coffee during May

11.00am Mass - People of the Parish

Monday 27 May - St Augustine of Canterbury

10.00am Eucharistic Service in Convent

NO ADORATION

Tuesday 28 May

10.00am Mass in Convent - Mindi Morey RIP

Wednesday 29 May

10.00am Mass in Church - Private Intentions OC

Thursday 30 May - The Ascension of the Lord

HOLY DAY

10.00am Mass in Church - Private Intentions OC

7.00pm Adoration

7.30pm Mass in Church - Wellbeing of C

Friday 31 May - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am Mass in Church - Wellbeing of Linda

7.00pm Adoration

Saturday 1 June - St Justin, Martyr

10.00am Mass in Convent - Private Intentions OC

4.00pm Reconciliation

Sunday 2 June - Seventh Sunday Of Easter

World Communications Day

5.00pm(Sat) Mass - People of the Parish

9.30am Mass - David Gee & Family

10.30am Tea & Coffee in the O'Sullivan Centre
(Ministers: Mrs Demian and Mrs Marjeram)

11.00am Mass - Charlotte Dunn & Family RIP

12.00noon Baptisms - Harry James Wright &
Emma Rose Duggan

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

COLLECTIONS

FIRST COLLECTION

19 May 2019 £587.30 of which £284.00 was gift aided

SECOND COLLECTION

Last weekend - Building Fund £91.57

This weekend - Building Fund

Next Weekend - World Communications Day

Standing Orders April - £858.00

Thank You and God Bless

This week's Ministers of Church Cleaning are:

Eric & Pauline Yeung

CONTACT DETAILS - PARISH OFFICE

Parish Clerk: MaryAnn Vowles

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HOT OF THE PRESS: GREAT NEWS FOR SITTINGBOURNE

As previously announced, following the departure of Fr Paul on the 30th June, Fr Jim will be returning to the Parish. Fr Jim's last weekend in the Parish will be 13th and 14th July. He will move to Hythe that week. Monsignor Matthew Dickens has informed us that an old favourite of the parish Fr Malachy Steenson, from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Herne Bay, will be covering the weekends 20th/21st and the weekend 27th/28th July. Fr Dennis Bukenya, a Spiritan priest of the Nigerian province, will be supplying through the month of August.

I am delighted to inform you that Father Graziano de Palma CPPS, an Italian priest of the Congregation of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, will be appointed Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart, Sittingbourne. Because Fr Graziano belongs to a Religious Order, he is unable to be appointed as Parish Priest - not being a priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark. Fr Graziano will be Parish Priest in all but name. Father Graziano will arrive in the first week of September.

A FAREWELL TO FR PAUL

As a thank you and a way of saying goodbye, we are holding a little farewell buffet lunch for Fr Paul on Sunday 23rd June from 12noon in the Carmel Hall. Lunch will be provided but any offers of help in preparing buffet items would be appreciated. Please speak to Sue McGoldrick or email suemcgoldrick@outlook.com. We hope you can all join us in wishing Fr Paul a farewell over lunch. As is customary, a farewell collection will be made over the weekend of the 22nd/23rd June. Fr Paul's last Mass here at the Sacred Heart will be on 29th/30th June.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

We congratulate this week's First Holy Communicants: Please pray for them as they receive the Eucharist for the first time.

Ryan, McKenzie, Caleb, Adam, Gabriel, Adrianna and Natalia

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!!

QUIZ NIGHT - Carmel Hall - Sat 15th June 2019

The next Charity Quiz Night is on Saturday 15th June 2019, not many tables are booked yet so please support this event. Not only is it great fun for all, it raises money for the Church and another worthy charity on each occasion! £5 per person max 6-8 per table. **To book, please contact Mike Wegg on 01634 360906. Email- mikew16@blueyonder.co.uk**

ST PETERS SCHOOL FETE, West Ridge, Sittingbourne - Sat 22nd June 2019 - Time 12noon - 3pm - All are welcome

As the school support us very generously for the Parish Christmas Fair each year, we feel we should of course return the favour! Please bring any donations of bottles, both alcoholic or non-alcoholic or toiletries & sweets/chocolates biscuits etc to the Parish Office over the forthcoming weeks and they will all be donated to the school prior to their Fete. Thank You!

GOSPEL INSIGHT: OUR SPIRITUAL UPGRADE

Throughout the Sundays of the Easter the Church has us focus on how Jesus intends us to share in the newness of life that comes from Him. In today's Gospel, Jesus talks to us about two things: love and peace. Our hearts were made for love and for peace and will remain restless until we have them. But love and peace are not things that we can just wish into existence. No matter how many songs and poems we write about them, or talk and dream about them, they are concrete realities that cannot be fabricated.

In today's cultural many people profess to be "spiritual" but not "religious." Those who are spiritual at their best seek to be good people who believe in God, who try to pray, try to do no harm to their neighbours and avoid evil. But what defines those who are "spiritual" is that they basically structure their relationship with the Lord the way they think is best, the way they want to. In other words, God on my terms. The difference with those who are religious is that religious people, at their best, seek to worship the Lord not according to their own preferences, but according to what they believe God has revealed as his preferences. If God said, "Love one another as I have loved you," that's what they seek to do, to love according to Jesus' high standard. To love others beyond what we might consider to be reasonable. If God said, referring to the Mass, "Do this in memory of me," they come. If God set up the Sacrament of Penance as the means by which to forgive our sins, that's the means they employ. In other words, God on God's terms.

Jesus came into our world to help us upgrade from being spiritual to being authentically religious, to help us to "worship in spirit and in truth," to show us the sure way to love God with all our mind, heart, soul and strength, and to love our neighbour as he has loved them. And he didn't die for us and teach us so much just to leave us with some "suggestions" about how we might improve. Out of love for us, he told us that if we are his friends, we will remain in his word and keep them by the love we have for one another.