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Sunday 5 May - Third Sunday Of Easter
5.00pm(Sat) Mass – People of the Parish
9.30am Mass – Louisa Farmer RIP
No Tea & Coffee during May
11.00am Mass – Jesse Riecks RIP

Monday 6 May
10.00am Eucharistic Service in Convent

Tuesday 7 May
11.00am Requiem Mass – Ernest "Colin" Biggs RIP
12.30pm Burial – Sittingbourne Cemetary

Wednesday 8 May
10.00am Mass in Church – Christians in the Holy Land

Thursday 9 May
10.00am Mass in Convent – Kathleen Ryan RIP
7.00pm Adoration

Friday 10 May
10.00am Mass in Church – Patrick & Edward Wilton RIP
7.00pm Adoration

Saturday 11 May
10.00am Eucharistic Service in Convent
4.00pm Reconciliation

Sunday 12 May - Fourth Sunday Of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood
5.00pm(Sat) Mass – Intentions of Mr & Mrs Connolly
9.30am Mass – Trixie & Ernie RIP
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 Colin Biggs.

COLLECTIONS

FIRST COLLECTION
28 April 2019 £504.46 of which £247.90 was gift aided

SECOND COLLECTION
Last weekend – St George's - £154.66
This weekend – Building Fund
Next weekend – Ecclesiastical Education

Standing Orders April - £858.00

Thank You and God Bless

This week's Ministers of Church Cleaning are:

Mrs Best & Mrs Alabaster

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

Emily, Daisy, Daniel, Joshua, Liam, Mikolaj & Zachary

NOTICE OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES IN MAY 2019
This year all First Holy Communion Masses will take place during the **11am Mass each Sunday** only. This is to enable time for photographs etc following the Mass and enables a group of children to receive the Sacrament together. These Masses will therefore be busy. We are therefore giving everyone notice so that you may plan to attend Saturday 5pm Mass or Sunday 9.30am Mass, during the remaining weeks of May if you wish.

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.

ADORATION
There will no Adoration on the two bank holidays in May. Please watch the newsletter for updates as we approach the holiday period.

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 fund raising event just an afternoon of hopefully sun and fun!
More details to follow…… please keep this date free!!

GOSPEL INSIGHT: BOATS, NETS AND QUESTIONS

I really love how today's gospel begins. Peter has decided to return to fishing - his former life. Remember earlier in the gospels how Jesus called Peter to leave his fishing and to follow him. Here after the resurrection Jesus re-calls Peter by repeating the way he called him the first time.

Now remember In John's Gospel, nothing good happens at night. Peter and the others have return to Galilee with their disappointment concerning the death of Jesus. After a night of fishing, when Peter's abilities didn't catch anything. Guess who shows up at daybreak when once again Peter's nets are empty? Jesus. And once again Jesus' simple directions fills Peter's and the disciples' nets to bursting. And once again Peter recognizes that it is his Lord, now risen from the dead. Peter jumps out of the safety of his boat. When he gets to shore, Jesus is making him breakfast - providing food and nourishment is another reminder of who Jesus is - and Jesus asks Peter to add his catch to the grill.

Now comes the really great part. Jesus asks Peter three times if Peter loves him. Peter is sad that Jesus asks him three times - surely remembering the three times he denied even knowing Jesus out of fear. Each time Peter professes that he genuinely loves the Lord - not only answering the question but deepening his response each time. Jesus tells him what the love means: "Feed my sheep." Loving Jesus means, loving those he cares for. Finally, Jesus reminds Peter that in his past he went where he wanted to go and did what he wanted to do. This intimacy with Jesus will involve a relationship in which Peter must surrender to the Father's plan.

Today's gospel reminds us we often need to be renewed in our call, and our ability to recognize the Lord who stands right before us. This is especially true when our nets feel empty. It is so easy for us to think that our life, and its direction, is in our hands. It is consoling to accept with Peter that ultimately our lives are in God's hands. And that surrender to God's plan is the way we find the intimacy with Jesus that we really desire. When we hear Jesus say, "follow me," lets pray we have the courage to jump out of our safe boats and say: "yes, Amen, Lord you know I love you"