



# PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

~ THANET ~

*Parish Church:* OUR LADY AND SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Mass Centre:* CHRIST CHURCH (U.R.C.) WESTGATE BAY AVENUE, WESTGATE

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## WEEKLY DIARY

Sunday 17th December 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Gaudete Sunday

**Gaudete in Domino semper**

*Rejoice in the Lord always*



Saturday 16th December (Evening)

*Confessions 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm*

**Vigil Mass**

**6 pm BIRCHINGTON** PURPLE or ROSE

People of the Parish  
Birchington and Westgate

Sunday 17th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

**9.15 am BIRCHINGTON**

Deceased members of Foy Family  
Margaret Carter

**10.45 am WESTGATE MASS CENTRE**

Jean Spicer, RIP John Spicer

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Psalter week 3

Monday 18th December (Purple) FERIA

**10 am** Elizabeth Shufflebotham, RIP  
A & D Shufflebotham

Tuesday 19th December (Purple) FERIA

**10 am** For well-being of Fr. Jim Hurley  
Christine Bentley

**7 pm Advent Reconciliation Service  
and Benediction**

Wednesday 20th December (Purple) FERIA

**9.30 am EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**10 am** Anne Mary Ephraim Miller, RIP  
FOUNDATION MASS

Thursday 21st December (Purple) FERIA

**NO MASS TODAY**

Friday 22nd December (Purple) FERIA

**9.30 am EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**10 am** The Kelly Family (USA) Peggy Mann

Saturday 23rd December (Purple) 3rd Saturday of Advent

**9.45 am** MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**10 am** Tartaglia, Brown and Petricco  
families, RIP

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

*in The Parish of The Holy Family – Thanet*

**4th Sunday of Advent** (24th December)

**BIRCHINGTON: 9.15 am**

**WESTGATE: 10.45 am**

**CHRISTMAS EVE** (Sunday 24th December)

**WESTGATE: 6 pm**

*First Mass of Christmas*

**BIRCHINGTON: 11.30 pm**

*Carols followed by Midnight Mass*

**CHRISTMAS DAY** (Monday 25th December)

**BIRCHINGTON: 9.15 am**

**WESTGATE: 10.45 am**

**JUSTICE PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION MEETING:**

**Tuesday 19th December** in the Parish Hall following the 10 am Mass. *Open to all parishioners*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES** continue on Saturday 23rd

December at 12 Noon – open to all children from the age of seven.  
*Please see Canon David, Margaret Carter or the Parish Office*

**PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS IN ADVENT:** we conclude the exploration of *LAUDATO SI'* on Care for our Common Home – taken from Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment. Final meeting this Wednesday 20th December in the parish hall following the 10 am Mass. *Teas & Coffees will be available.*

## TRADITIONAL BENEDECTION AND SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION:

**Tuesday 19th December** in the Parish Church at 7 pm.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:** This week you are asked to pray for Mrs Ina Evans, Joan & James Hogan, Sr. Hannah DOJ, Andy Anderson, Rosemary Harte, Ron Wells and John & Carolyn Kelly who are sick.

*Wedding Anniversary*  
**Congratulations this week to**

**Francis & Patricia Anne Gildert** who celebrate 25 years of marriage on 19th December. **Geoff & Christine Bentley** who celebrate 44 years of marriage on 22nd December. **Andy & Cathy Anderson** who celebrate 45 years of marriage on 23rd December.

*Our warmest good wishes to all of these couples.*

### 200 CLUB DECEMBER DRAW:

1<sup>st</sup> (50) Christine Page ..... £188.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> (192) Andy Anderson..... £78.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> (60) Catherine Campbell.. £38.00

### 200 CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW:

1<sup>st</sup> (15) Ann Shufflebotham £300.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> (72) John Newland..... £200.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> (134) Erica Mepham ..... £100.00

**Congratulations to all our winners.**

**Come and join us it could be you next time.**

### Collections: 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> December 2017

|                        | Gift Aid | Loose Plate | TOTAL   |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|---------|
| Offertory              | £298.77  | £203.21     | £501.98 |
| Repository Birchington |          |             | £105.00 |

*Thank you  
for your  
generosity*

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** envelopes now available at the back of the Church and at the Mass Centre. **Christmas Offerings are your gift to the Parish Priest who receives no Salary.**