



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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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 3rd December 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 2nd December (Evening)

Confessions 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm

Vigil Mass

6 pm BIRCHINGTON

Driscoll Family & Friends, RIP

PURPLE

Sunday 3rd December

1st Sunday of Advent

9.15 am BIRCHINGTON

Helen Frost, RIP

Kathleen Frost

10.45 am WESTGATE MASS CENTRE

Spicer & Turnbull Families, RIP

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Psalter week 1

Monday 4th December (White)

St John Damascene

10 am Holy Souls in Purgatory Steve Mathews

Tuesday 5th December (Purple)

Feria

10 am Lyle & Desmond Families and Friends, RIP

Wednesday 6th December (White)

St Nicholas

9.30 am EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

10 am Shufflebotham, Parrini & Connors Family, RIP

Thursday 7th December (White)

St Ambrose

NO MASS TODAY

Friday 8th December (White)

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

— Principal Patron of the Diocese —

9.30 am EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

10 am Frederick Joseph Clements, RIP

FOUNDATION MASS

Saturday 9th December (White)

Memorial of Our Lady

9.45 am MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

10 am A & D Browning, RIP



JUSTICE PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION MEETING: will be on **Tuesday 5th December** in the Parish Hall following the 10 am Mass. Open to all parishioners.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion Classes continue on **Saturday 9th December** at **11 am** – open to all children from the age of seven. *Please see Canon David, Margaret Carter or the Parish Office*

MISSIO RED BOXES: Your Red Box is due to be returned to the Parish Office by **17th December 2017**.

REGISTER: with effect from **Sunday 3rd December 2017** there will be a Register for the SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and for the ANNIVERSARY OF DEATHS at Birchington and at the Mass Centre, Westgate. *Any requests for prayers for the sick or parishioners going into hospital Canon David or the Parish Office to be advised when they have recovered or returned from hospital.*

BIRCHINGTON CHURCHES TOGETHER: there will be a Carol Service at the Village Centre on **Sunday 10th December at 4 pm**.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS – The UCM would like to thank all those who supported their Fun Quiz Night we raised a total of £410 for our Charities. Well done to everyone. **Please Note there will be NO monthly meeting of the UCM in either December or January.**

200 CLUB & IRISH COFFEE MORNING with Hot Mince Pies next **Sunday 10th December** following the 9.15 mass.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Do you support Catholic Schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? THEN WE NEED YOU TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic Schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it. **Now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics.** Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk> or search for "Catholic Education" in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic Schools.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS IN ADVENT:

we are going to explore **LAUDATO SI'** on care for our common home – the encyclical on the environment. Meetings as follows:

Friday 8th December, Wednesday 13th December and Wednesday 20th December following the 10 am Mass.

TEAS & COFFEES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

If there are those who cannot come during the day but would like to participate please contact **Cathy Anderson on 01843 448526**. If there are sufficient numbers we will consider an additional evening meeting.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH MINNIS BAY: annual exhibition of Christmas Trees starts on **Monday 4/9th December** 10.30 am to 12.30pm and in the evenings from 5 pm until 7 pm. **This year Birchgate Ladies are decorating a tree on behalf of our Parish of the Holy Family.**

MINSTER ABBEY: ST LUCY'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE **Sunday 10th December** 11 am to 1 pm. In Aid of the Church in Need . . . also LIVE NATIVITY PLAY Starting at 1.30 on **Wednesday 13th December**.

JOINT CAROL SERVICE – URC and Holy Family Parish – to be held at the URC Church, Westgate on Sunday 10th December (*Time to be arranged*)

Collections: 25th/26th November 2017

	Gift Aid	Loose Plate	TOTAL
Offertory	£447.00	£325.91	£772.91
Catholic Youth Work			£116.89

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