



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY - THANET

Month of the Holy Souls

In November we especially remember our deceased loved ones. From next weekend please put the names of your deceased loved ones whom you want to pray for in the brown envelopes displayed at the back of the church. A Mass will be offered for all the deceased on each list over the coming months. If you wish to give any donation for the Holy Mass put it in the same envelope and place it in the basket at the back marked: Holy Souls or in the collection basket. The lists will be placed in a casket and put in the front of the altar.

Post Alpha Gathering - Tuesday, 28th October, 7.15pm

Sadly the planned get-together for the 7th October had to be postponed due to illness the new date is **Tuesday, 28th October**. All previous attendees from our Alpha sessions in 2023, 2024 and 2025, are invited to attend from 7.15pm. Refreshments will be served in the hall. Please let the parish office know if you are able to attend.

This will be a perfect opportunity to meet up with others from your Alpha sessions and compare your experience with other groups.

We will also use this time to announce our next steps for our Alpha journey and ongoing accompaniment.

Christmas Flower Workshop - Saturday, 22nd November, 10 am - 12 noon

Once again our talented flower arrangers are putting on a workshop for you to make two table decorations, one for you to keep and one for us to sell at the Christmas Family Fest. Last year the workshop was very popular and enjoyable. This year we will also serve tea/coffee and a mince pie. There will also be a raffle on the day. You will need to bring your own greenery and where possible your own secateurs please as we have limited supplies. Places are limited to just 20 and this is a ticket only event. Tickets are £15 each and are available after Mass at the weekends and from the parish office during the week.

St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Quiz - Saturday, 1st November

The SVP are hosting another enjoyable quiz night here in the hall this Saturday. Tickets are £5 per person. Please bring your own nibbles and drinks. Arrive at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Funeral Arrangements - Patrick McDermott, RIP

The funeral arrangements for our parishioner, Patrick McDermott, are now confirmed as follows:

Wednesday, 12th November, 10am - Requiem Mass at Holy Family
Please attend if you are able as he has no family in England.

For your charity please pray for the repose of his soul.

Missio Red Boxes

Peter Callow has kindly offered to take on the organising of the Missio Red Boxes. Please bring in your Missio Red Collection box as soon as possible. It can be left in the Sacristy or at the Parish Office. Thank you.

Please turn over for more notifications

Sunday, 26th October 2025

Saturday 25th October

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME (C)

6pm Vigil

Sunday 26th October

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Mass 8.30am

Margaret Carter - Intentions

Mass 10.30am

Private Intention

Tuesday 28th October

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles, Feast

Mass 6pm

Wednesday 29th October

Feria

Mass 10am

Nancy Conwell - Birthday Intentions

Thursday 30th October

Feria

Mass 8am

People of the Parish

Friday 31st October

Feria

Mass 10am

Geoff Bentley, RIP

Saturday 1st November

ALL SAINTS (C)

Vigil 6pm

Charlie Mara - Intentions

Sunday 2nd November

ALL SAINTS (C)

Mass 8.30am

Mass 10.30am

Deceased members of the Union of Catholic Mothers, RIP

Confession

(Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Sundays 8.00am - 8.25am

& 9.30am - 10.00am

Alternatively speak to the priest in person or email/phone the office to make an arrangement outside of these times.

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Christmas Family Fest, 30th November, 12-3pm - Only 5 weeks away

As mentioned before if you have any Christmas traditions from other countries that you can share with us please get in touch with the parish office or speak to Fr Joe. **We would really like to celebrate an international Christmas at our Family Fest this year showing how welcoming we are to every member of our local community and we cannot do that without your ideas and support.**

Thank you to those who have already donated and/or signed up to help on the day.

All are welcome to take part. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church for those willing to run a stall. Donations of food and drink for the hampers we use as raffle prizes are always welcome as are any bottle donations for the Tombola. They can be anything in a bottle either glass or plastic, large or small. **We also ask for donations of new or nearly new toys for the toy stall please.** All will be gratefully received. There is a box in the porch marked Christmas donations. Thank you.

Repository

Christmas cards and gifts will soon be available from the repository after the 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. Payments can be made in cash or by card. If you purchase a card from the stand when the repository is not available please put your payment in the honesty box on the windowsill by the card stand or make a card payment on the contactless machine using the tab marked 'repository'. Thank you.

Holy Family Event Dates for your Diary

Saturday, 1st November, 7pm - SVP Quiz (ticketed event)

Saturday, 22nd November, 10 am - Christmas Flowers Workshop (ticketed event)

Sunday, 30th November, 12 noon - Christmas Family Fest

Sunday, 14th December, 3pm - Carols around the Christmas Tree

St Ethelbert and Gertrude Church, Ramsgate - Wine & Wisdom

You are invited to join them for a fun quiz on Saturday, 22nd November at 7pm.

Nibbles are provided (although you may also bring your own). Please bring your own choice of drinks and glasses. There will also be a raffle.

Tickets are £5 per person with a maximum of eight on a team.

Contact their parish office on 01843 594031 for tickets. More details are on the poster in the church porch.

The Missionary Society of St Paul - Thank You

There is a poster in the church porch from The Missionary Society of St Paul thanking our parish for raising the amazing amount of £766.62 following their appeal weekend spent in our parish in August. Please see the poster for more information on how you can continue to support their mission work.

Second Collection this Weekend - Holy Family Maintenance Fund

This monthly collection helps meet the ongoing costs of maintaining our church. Some of the hidden costs are the many health and safety reports we are required to have for instance the recent asbestos survey and tree survey have cost thousands of pounds. Your continued contributions are very much appreciated.

Donations can also be made at anytime using the tab marked 'Maintenance Fund' on the Dona card machine in the porch.

Father Joe and the Finance Committee thank the parishioners for their generosity.

Collections Last Weekend

Collection Plate: £ 352.64 of which £ 140.00 was Gift Aided

Digital Collection Plate: £ 35.00 of which £ 20.00 was Gift Aided

Standing Orders: £ 295.00 of which £ 295.00 was Gift Aided