

Parish of The Holy Family - Thanet

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Keep Your Lamps Burning

As the Church's liturgical year draws to its close, this Sunday's readings turn our eyes toward the end of our own world and our passage into the next. Wisdom, the first reading tells us, is found by those who seek her and watch for her. Paul reassures us that in Christ, even those who have died are held in the promise of resurrection. And in the parable of the ten virgins, Jesus asks a searching question: when the Bridegroom comes, will we be ready?

The wise women did not know the hour, but they brought oil. Their readiness was no last-minute effort; it was the fruit of small, steady habits. So it is with us. Our "spiritual oil" is gathered in daily prayer, in the Word of God, in the sacraments, and in quiet acts of kindness, mercy and forgiveness. Sunday Mass alone cannot carry us through the dark.

As Advent draws near, let us check our lamps. Is there oil enough to keep our souls alight, and to light the way for others?

Fr Jackson

Advent Door Wreath & Table Decoration **Friday, 27th November, 2pm - 4pm**

Come and make a wreath or table decoration for advent with us. Places are limited. Tickets are on sale after Mass or from the parish office just £20 per person and includes keeping either a wreath or table decoration and refreshments. All you need to bring is a pair of secateurs or strong scissors. You can purchase your second make on the day or leave it for us to sell at the fair raising funds for the church.

Christmas Fair Donations & Help Needed

Our Christmas Fair is taking place on Sunday, 29th November 12-3pm. We need a few more volunteers to help run the stalls - no experience is needed, please use the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. **We will also need help with setting up the tables and decorating the hall on Saturday 28th November from 2pm please**

Please bring in good quality donations of Toiletries, Toys, Handbags, Jewellery & Candles for sale on our stalls. Any in date and unopened bottles of beer, wine, spirits, & fizzy drinks for the bottle tombola. Please leave your donations in the porch. NO BOOKS PLEASE!

Winter Warmer Coffee Mornings

" Chris Bentley invites you to join her for a coffee at her home in Birchington during the winter season. Last year was very popular and people enjoyed chatting together and meeting up.
Thursday 3rd December, 11 am & Thursday 28th January, 11 am

Further dates will follow in the new year. Please call 07773 576795 to book your attendance.

A Day with Mary - Westminster Cathedral **Saturday 7th November**

Join Archbishop of Westminster the Most Rev Richard Moth for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. See poster in the porch for details or call the parish office.

Repair to the statue of St Bernadette

Farrah McDonagh and Samantha McDonagh have very kindly given up their time over the last 3 months in some challenging weather to repair and repaint the statue at the grotto for the benefit of the parish. We would like to say a big thank you to them both, your time and talents are very much appreciated.

Eucharistic Ministers **Saturday 21st November 10am-12**

There will be a training day for our new applicants in order to prepare them for their commissioning as Eucharistic Ministers in the parish. Also, for our existing Eucharistic Ministers we will take the opportunity to gather and update advice at the same time. We will meet in the hall on 21st November for a 10am start.

Parish Bereavement
Sadly, we announce the death of our parishioner Annamma Geevarghese, RIP. Her funeral arrangements will be communicated when they have been confirmed. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

Kent Association for the Blind **Friday 13th November 10 am - 3pm**
Come and meet the KAB team for free advice and support at Birchington Library, 17 Alpha Road, Birchington, CT7 9EG

Refreshments
Tea, coffee, squash & water, along with biscuits (sometimes cake) are served every Sunday after the 10.30am Mass. There is no charge (donations are accepted) Please stay and chat all are welcome



Rise Up Youth Group
Our weekly youth group has changed to a monthly get-together the next one is on Friday, 4th December. It will meet on the first Friday of the month at 5pm and is open to all aged 13-17 years.

Young Adult Mass in Kent
Following the popularity of our Young Adult Masses in London, SCYS is delighted to introduce a monthly Young Adult Mass in Kent for those aged 18-35, taking place on the third Sunday of each month.
Our first Mass will be celebrated by Fr Stephen Trafford on **Sunday 15 November at 6pm** at Sacred Heart Church, 63 West Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 1AN.
Confessions will be available during Mass, with refreshments and an opportunity to socialise afterwards.
We look forward to seeing you there!

Second Collections
31st October & 1st November - Missio
7th & 8th November - Archbishop's Appeal
21st & 22nd November - Catholic Youth Services

Collections received Weekend 1st November
Collection Plate: £353.27 of which £165.00 was gift aided
Card Collection: £95.00 of which £35.00 was gift aided
Standing orders: £180.00 of which £140.00 was gift aided

Community Advertisements

Needle Felting Classes **Tuesdays, 10.30am -12.30pm**
Classes in needle felting are offered at the Sarah Thorne Theatre in Broadstairs on the following dates:
Tuesday 10th November 10.30am - 12.30pm £28
Tuesday 17th November 10.30am - 12.30pm £28
Tuesday 24th November 10.30am - 12.30pm £28
All materials are included - If you are interested in learning this beautiful craft in a warm and friendly atmosphere please book your place on the website: coastalcommunitylearnng.com or call 07900566148. If you would like more information before booking a session call local artist Michelle Wharton 07977231101 for more details.

Reflexology, Massage and Beauty Treatments - **L'art de la beaute**

Various treatments are available by appointment only from our parishioner Francoise on 07939 005437

If you would like to advertise your local services in the newsletter or in the porch please contact the parish office by email.

In the Parish Hall

RCIA Dates
Sunday 8th November - 10.30 am Mass Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate.
Tuesday 10th November - Following the 6pm Mass
Tuesday 24th November - Following the 6pm Mass

Bible Study Group
This group meets to discuss the Bible reading for the following Sunday. All are welcome.
Thursday 29th October 7.15 pm (Matthew 5:1-12a)
Thursday 5th November 7.15 pm (Matthew 25:1-13)
Thursday 12th November - No Meeting this week
Thursday 19th November 7.15 pm (Matthew 25:31-46
Thursday 26th November 7.15 pm (Mark 13:33-37)

Faith Sharing Group
Tuesday 3rd November 7 pm
Tuesday 17th November 7 pm
All are welcome to join this fortnightly discussion group.

Parochial Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 12th November 6.30pm - for all members of the PPC only.

Please pray for

Ernest Boateng, Richard Dickinson, Judith Newman, Kathleen Collins, Margaret Carter, Sheila Coleman, Mrs Pat Rea, JP Niedergang,
and all who are lonely, sick or housebound in our parish.

Please pray for the souls of our recently departed parishioner
26th October 2026 - Annamma Geevarghese
and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time
19th October 2024 - Shani Geevarghese
31st October 2024 - Geoff Bentley
2nd November 2023 - Robin Edwards
9th November - Alfred Harp
11th November 2025 - Sr Hanna Buckley, DJ
14th November - Eileen Harp
15th November 2024 - Helena Rogers
25th November 2023 - James Bailey (Junior)
28th November 2023 - Roberta 'Bobby' Kulasinghe



Birthdays

14th November - Asher Sunil
29th November - Theodore Coverdale

Please note it is your responsibility to seek permission from the person who is ill to publish their name on the weekly newsletter and online.
Please contact the parish office to have any deceased Parishioner anniversaries added for the week/month of their passing. Also, to have birthdays or wedding anniversaries added that we can share and celebrate together as a parish family.

Saturday 7th November THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY (A)
5.30 pm - 5.50pm Confession
6 pm Vigil Mass
Intention: Maureen Jones (Peggy Mann)

Sunday 8th November THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY (A)
8 am – 8.20am Confession
8.30 am Mass
Intention: John Fitzpatrick, RIP (Rosanna Callow)

10 am -10.20am Confession
10.30 am Mass
Intention: *Maurice Dodrill, RIP (Bob Lattimore)*

Tuesday 10th November St Leo the Great
6 pm Mass
Intention: Neil Noronh & Family in Thanksgiving for his return to Faith

Wednesday11th November St Martin of Tours
9.30am Adoration & Rosary
10am Mass
Intention: Mary Delores Chetwynd, RIP (Foundation Mass)

Thursday 12th November St Josephat
9.30am Adoration & Rosary
10am Mass

Friday 13th November Feria
9.30am Adoration & Rosary
10am Mass
Intention: People of the Parish

Saturday 14th November THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)
5.30 pm - 5.50pm Confession
6pm Vigil Mass
Intention: Bill, Eve, Elaine & Tiger, RIP (Michele Arterton)

Sunday 15th November THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)
8 – 8.20am Confession
8.30 am Mass
Intention: Sean Noronh in hope of his return to the Sacraments

10 – 10.20 am Confession
10.30 am Mass
Intention: Aethelflaed Stone - Intentions (Olivia Nelson)