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Sunday 6th September 2026

Saturday 5th September

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)

6 pm Mass

*Kirsten Watt - Wellbeing
(The Martin Family)*

Sunday 6th September

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)

8 – 8.20am & 10-10.20am Confession

8.30 am Mass

10.30 am Mass

*In Thanksgiving for the safe birth of
Penny Williamson & health of Alex
Williamson (Evelyn & Peter Dickinson)*

Tuesday 8th September

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Feast

6 pm Mass

People of the Parish

Wednesday 9th September

Feria

9.30 am Adoration & Rosary

10 am Mass

John Powders, RIP (Sean Powders)

Thursday 10th September

Feria

9.30 am Adoration & Rosary

10 am Mass

*Judith Newman - Health & Wellbeing
(Sue Maharry)*

Friday 11th September

Feria

9.30 am Adoration & Rosary

10 am Mass

Olivia Nelson - Thanksgiving

Saturday 12th September

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (A)

6 pm Mass

*Gertrude Howard, RIP
(Foundation Mass)*

Sunday 13th September

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (A)

8 – 8.20am & 10 – 10.20 am Confession

8.30 am Mass

10.30 am Mass

*Richard Dickinson - Wellbeing
(Peter & Evelyn Dickinson)*

We Are Our Brother's and Sister's Keepers

Today's readings remind us that faith is not a private journey. As children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ, we have a responsibility for one another. God calls Ezekiel to be a "watchman," reminding us that sometimes love requires us to speak, warn, and guide.

Jesus teaches us how to correct one another—not with anger, judgement, or humiliation, but with humility, patience, and genuine love. True correction seeks not to condemn the sinner, but to restore the person and strengthen the community. We are called not only to forgive those who hurt us, but also to seek forgiveness when we have hurt others. This is especially important in our families and parish community. When we pray, listen, forgive, and support one another, Christ becomes present among us. His words are a beautiful promise: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

May our parish be a community where truth is spoken with love, forgiveness is freely given, and Christ remains at the centre.

Father Jackson

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Tuesday, 8th September 6pm Mass

Starting on Tuesday with Mass and then moving into the hall. We begin our programme for adults to be initiated into the Sacraments at Easter. You are welcome to attend even if you have not had time to complete or return the enquiry form. The course is also open to those Catholics who may have missed their confirmation and those who wish to accompany candidates in their formation.

Please complete an Initial Enquiry Form which can be found at the back of the church and return it to the parish office.

The Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride

Saturday, 12th September

An opportunity to raise money for our church and others by getting sponsored to walk or cycle to as many or as few participating churches in one day! Money can also be raised by the people keeping our church open for visitors on the day. All you need to do is sign up and take a sponsorship form from the back of the church and fill it in. The sponsorship money is sent to The Friends of Kent Churches and they return 50% of it back to us if people nominate our church on their forms. You can plan your own route to visit participating churches - there is a list on the notice board in the church porch. Take a sponsorship form from the back of the church and start planning your visits. For more information contact the parish office.

This Week Please pray for...

The Sick and The Housebound

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

If you or a relative are ill and would like to be added to this section by name, please contact the parish office in writing. Confirming you have permission from the person who is poorly to publish their name on the weekly newsletter and online.

In Memoriam

We continue to pray for the souls of our recently departed parishioners and those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Please contact the parish office to have any deceased Parishioner anniversaries added for the week/month of their passing.

Weddings

Please pray for our parishioners as they prepare to receive the sacrament of marriage

Adam McNeill & Tania Wilson - 18th September

Please contact the parish office to have birthdays or wedding anniversaries added that we can share and celebrate together as a parish family.

In the Parish Hall this week...

Sunday 6th September

Parish Picnic come and enjoy a picnic buffet lunch together there will be seating inside and out and family games available

Tuesday 8th September

RCIA begins following the 6pm Mass and will meet fortnightly.

Thursday 3rd September 6.30pm

Bible Study - this group meets to discuss the Bible reading for the following Sunday

Friday 4th September 5pm - 6.30pm

Rise Up youth group for ages 13-17. Offering space to play games, chat, & unwind after a busy school week and of course enjoy pizza! See you there?

Home Visits & House Blessings

Father Jackson would like to visit every parishioner in their home, to meet our families and bless our homes. Fr Jackson is happy to come at a time that suits you even if that's in the evening or on a weekend.

This will really help Fr Jackson get to know us better, in order to serve us, and minister to our differing needs.

To arrange a visit please contact the parish office Tues-Thurs 9-3pm. Alternatively you can email: thanet@rcaos.org.uk at any time.

Tea with the SVP - 27th September

We will be celebrating the Feast of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) and our SVP invite you to free refreshments following the 10.30am Mass.

Parishioner Database

If you are new to the parish or if you think you have not completed one previously, please take a new parishioner form from the back of the church. When completed please return it to the parish office.

Second Collection Dates

13th September - Catholic Education Service
20th September Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission)

Collections received 29th & 30th August

Collection Plate: £394.85 of which £165.00 was gift aided
Card Collection: £115.00 of which £70.00 was gift aided
Standing orders: £140.00 of which £40.00 was gift aided

Dates for your diary

Saturday 12th September - Ride & Stride

Sunday 20th September - Mass for the Sick

Sunday 27th September - SVP Mass

Friday 2nd October - Charismatic Mass

Saturday 10th October - SVP Quiz

Sunday 29th November - Christmas Fair

Extraordinary Ministers (Eucharistic Ministers)

If you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister for the parish you must be a confirmed Catholic to apply. Please let Fr Jackson or the Parish Office know as soon as possible so that we can begin the process of preparation before the Rite of Election at St George's Cathedral, London on 24th October