

## PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY - THANET

# **Lent and Easter Challenge**

During Lent we heightened our prayer for the conversion to Jesus and His Church those of our loved ones we desire this for. We continue this in the Easter season. Please place their names in the box under the statue of Our Lady on the sanctuary if you have not already done so.

We also challenged ourselves to find innovative ways to practically facilitate this encounter with the Lord. One important way to do this is to encourage them to come on the Alpha happening in May. If they are not local, there may be one running near them. We also plan to have another online Alpha sometime in the future. May we take on this challenge which is very much at the heart of living our Christian identity.

#### Thank You for Holy Week

What team work was at play with all that happened during this most holy time of the Church. Thank you to all who helped in various ways towards the reverent and joyful liturgies and the success of the Easter Feaster, where we showcased our parish to the communities around us.

Thank you also for your generous Easter Offering.

Fr. Joe

## Alpha Launch Event - Thursday, 23rd May

Our next in-person Alpha is here again. A great opportunity for people to explore the deeper questions of life and the Christian faith.

On Thursday, 23rd May at 7.15pm in the hall, we will have a launch event for people to just come and see if they would like to come on this journey for the following 10 weeks

It will be fun and friendly. Come along and invite family and friends.

There are some flyers which also serve as invitations at the back of the church.

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#### Easter Feaster - Raffle Prize Winners

Please check your raffle tickets from the Easter event. The winning numbers are:

Blue: 5 & 63

Green: 547, 552 & 622

Please bring your winning ticket to the Presbytery to collect your prize. Any prizes uncollected by Saturday, 27th May will be re-used wherever possible.

## **Second Collection Next Weekend - Priest Training Fund**

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 5 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Further details on noticeboard. Thank you.

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Saturday 13th April

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Vigil 6pm Mr & Mrs Mercy Matthew, RIP

Sunday 14th April
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass 10.30am Health & Wellbeing of The Rodrigues - Clare Family

Wednesday 17th April
Feria

**Mass 10am** *Edith Collins, RIP* 

Thursday 18th April
Feria

Mass 7:15am People of the Parish

Friday 19th April Feria

Mass 10am Bob Martin, RIP

Saturday 20th April
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Vigil 6pm** John Mara, RIP

Sunday 21st April
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass 10.30am Thomas O'Connor, RIP