



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY - THANET

**Paschal (Easter) Triduum Masses and Liturgies**

Please find all the times for the Masses and other Liturgies from Holy Thursday till Easter Sunday overleaf.

**Palm Sunday Procession - 29th March (10am)**

Please note that we will begin the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 29th March at Birchington Town Square (in front of the Powell Arms) at 10am where our palms will be blessed. We will then process through the town and into the church. The other Mass times are as normal.

**Lenten Reconciliation Service - Saturday, 28th March, 6.45pm**

Mother the Church invites us to go to Confession during Lent in preparation for Easter. What a gift we have in this Sacrament where all our sins are wiped away. We will therefore have two extra priests to join Father Joe to offer individual Confessions on Saturday, 28th March at 6:45pm (immediately after the 6pm Mass).

**Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)**

The next GIFT session will be on **Sunday, 28th March 2026**, immediately after the 10:30am Mass. Please continue to pray for and support our young families.

**Adults to be Initiated into the Catholic Church**

Please continue to pray for the adults being baptised and received this year at Easter in our parish and their families and sponsors:

**Colin Brown, Tatyana Dabanovic, Michele Whittlesea, Riley Andrews, Darren Prince and Jade Andrews.**

Please also join and support them at the Easter Vigil, on the 5th April at 8pm, where they will receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation.

**Father Jackson's Visit**

Fr Jackson, our incoming priest, will join us for the 6pm Mass on Tuesday, 24th March. It is an opportunity for him to meet the parishioners before he formally starts so please come to the Mass if you can.

**Archdiocesan Award for Mr. Charlie Mara**

Our Archbishop, Most Rev. John Wilson, has granted the Archdiocesan award *Fideliter Servienti* to our parishioner Mr Charles Mara in recognition of his committed service to the Church. He has delegated Father Joe to make the presentation of this award which will happen at the 10:30am Mass on Easter Sunday, 5th April. Please join us as we honour Charlie.

**Farewell for Fr Joe**

Father Joe's last Mass with us will be the 10:30am Mass on Easter Sunday, 5th April. Please join us in the hall immediately after the Mass for a farewell refreshment which will also be a celebration of Charles Mara's award.

**Parish Bereavement - Colin Vincent, RIP**

We are sad to announce the recent death of our parishioner, Colin Vincent. Colin was a part of our finance team and a regular reader at the Saturday Vigil Mass. His funeral arrangements will be communicated when they are confirmed. **For your charity, please pray for the repose of his soul.**

**Collections Last Weekend**

Collection Plate: £246.19 of which £100.00 was Gift Aided  
Digital Collection Plate: £59.00 of which £40.00 was Gift Aided  
Standing Orders: £255.00 of which £255.00 was Gift Aided

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Sunday, 22nd March 2026

**Saturday 21st March**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

**Vigil 6pm**

*Freida Murray, RIP*

**Sunday 22nd March**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

**Mass 8.30am**

**Mass 10.30am**

*Richard Dickinson - Wellbeing*

**Tuesday 24th March**

Feria

**Mass 6pm**

**Wednesday 25th March**

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

**Mass 10am**

**Thursday 26th March**

Feria

**Mass 8am**

*People of the Parish*

**Friday 27th March**

Feria

**Mass 10am**

**Saturday 28th March**

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

**Vigil 6pm**

**Sunday 29th March**

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

**Mass 8.30am**

*Colin Vincent, RIP*

**Mass 10.30am**

*Michele Arterton - Birthday Intentions*



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(opposite Birchington Medical Centre)

## THE EASTER TRIDUUM 2026

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
**5.30pm - 6.30pm Confessions**  
**7.30pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Good Friday - Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
**10am Stations of the Cross**  
**3pm LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April  
**8pm THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**

Easter Sunday - Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April  
**8.30am & 10.30am MASS OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

### **Spiritual Exercises during Lent**

The parish has provided a range of devotions and formation sessions to aid our spiritual renewal during this holy season. There is something for everyone irrespective of your weekly schedule.

Stations of the Cross - **Every Friday**, following the 10am Mass.  
The God Who Speaks - Bible Study - **Thursday** evenings from 7:15pm to 8:15pm  
Faith Sharing - Films on the Life of Jesus - **Tuesday** evenings from 7pm

If you cannot attend in person, there is an online bible study on Tuesdays at 7-8.15pm. Registration: [comeandsee.org/lent26](https://comeandsee.org/lent26). **If you work during the day, why don't you come along to Mass on Tuesdays at 6pm and/or on Thursday at 8am as your Lenten practice.**