



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY - THANET

**Alpha**

Please note details of the two Alpha sessions starting soon. Evening Alpha targeted largely at working people and students, will be on Tuesdays, starting on 17th May. Arrival is from 7:15pm when cheese and wine (non-alcoholic drinks as well) are served. The sessions will end at about 8:30pm. There are 11 weekly sessions in the respective Alpha.

The Daytime Alpha for people who are normally free during the day will be on Wednesdays, starting on 18th May. Arrival is from 10:35am when tea/coffee and cakes are served. The sessions will end at about 11:45pm.

Please note in both Alpha, dietary requirements will be taken care of.

**Organizational Structure of Our Parish**

Please find on the opposite page a diagram showing the organizational structure of our parish which I am proposing to the parish this weekend. I will talk through it at Mass. This is aimed at facilitating the day-to-day running of the parish. Most of these roles have already been filled. I encourage you all to please contribute in ways that you can help the effective running of our parish. Thank you.

**Whole Parish Gathering - Thursday, 12th May**

This is an opportunity for me to share with you a PowerPoint presentation of a summary of the vision of the parish, the game plan to attain it, together with the overall Organizational Structure of the parish. It is also an opportunity for the Parish Leadership Team and I to listen to your thoughts on all these, together with any general thoughts and questions about the parish you may have. This would be a good parish time together. Don't miss it!!

It starts at 7pm with a time of Eucharistic Adoration to listen in silent prayer to what God may be saying to us as a parish, and at 7:30pm we move to the hall for drinks and nibbles and obviously the presentation and conversation.

**Priest Training Fund Second Collection – Next Weekend, 7/8th May (Good Shepherd Sunday)**

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

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 6 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.

Thank you!

- Donate Online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF)
- Or Scan QR Code on the poster in the church porch using telephone camera
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelope at the back of the church

**Collection Last Weekend: £438.20 of which £155.00 Gift Aided**



**Saturday 30th April**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

*Yvonne Kearney, RIP - 6th Anniversary*

**Vigil Mass 6pm**

**Sunday 1st May**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

*Mr & Mrs Abraham & Mercy Matthew*

**Mass 10.30am**

**Wednesday 4th May**

The English Martyrs, Feast

*Edith Collins 96th Birthday*

**Mass 10am**

**Thursday 5th May**

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*People of Ukraine*

**Mass 7:15am**

**Friday 6th May**

Saint John Paine, Priest and Martyr

*Eddie Yeo, RIP*

**10am**

**Saturday 7th May**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

*Maria O'Sullivan*

**6pm**

**Sunday 8th May**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

*Rita Nolan, RIP*

**Mass 10.30am**

**Confession**

(Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Please speak to Father Joe in person or email/phone the office to make an arrangement.