



Sunday, 1st March and 8th March 2026

PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY - THANET

**A Message about our Buddy System**

Following our welcome's hospitality workshop, it was mentioned that there will be further communication regarding a parish buddy system. Information about this can be found on a separate, dedicated letter to the parish. Please take one alongside the newsletter.

**Parish Leadership Structure Update**

The parish leadership team works closely with Father Joe in making strategic decisions, driving mission-focused initiatives, and fostering a culture of collaboration and accountability. This is driven by the primacy of evangelisation, which is at the heart of all we do as inspired by the teaching of the Catholic Church. To further this work, the team has grown through the addition of four members: **Christine Bentley, Peter and Rosanna Callow and Katheryn Emmanuel**, who join the existing members: Jeff Boateng, Michele Arteton, Tania Wilson and Louise Hailey.

Also, other ministries have undergone personnel changes, all of which are detailed on the updated flowchart on the noticeboard in the porch.

**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 for 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.

**Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)**

The second GIFT session will be this **Sunday, 1st March 2026**, immediately after the 10:30am Mass. Please continue to pray for and support our young families.

**Changes to Mass Times Next Week**

To make you aware, the Thursday 8am Mass will take place at 10am next week and the Friday 10am will be at 8am. This to accommodate Canon Luke Smith, who will be visiting and saying Mass this week. **Please note that Stations of the Cross will be at 10am.**

**Lenten Lunch - Wednesday 18th March**

On Wednesday, 18th March we will be hosting a Lenten Lunch at 12 noon in our hall in conjunction with Birchington Churches Together. Any donations provided will be for Christian Aid. Please find the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

**Church Open: Pop in for a Quiet Time**

This Lent during your free time, why don't you pop into our church, which is open during the day, for a quiet time away from the busyness of the world around us.

**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. **Please turn over to find out more.**

**Collections Last Weekend**

Collection Plate: £438.28 of which £180.00 was Gift Aided  
Digital Collection Plate: £50.00 of which £15.00 was Gift Aided  
Standing Orders: £200.00 of which £200.00 was Gift Aided

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**Saturday 28th February**  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

**Vigil 6pm**

**Sunday 1st March**  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

**Mass 8.30am**

**Mass 10.30am**

**Tuesday 3rd March**

Feria

**Mass 6pm**

*Charles McAuley, RIP*

**Wednesday 4th March**

Feria

**Mass 10am**

**Thursday 5th March**

Feria

**Mass 8am**

**Friday 6th March**

Feria

**Mass 10am**

*People of the Parish*

**Saturday 7th March**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

**Vigil 6pm**

**Sunday 8th March**

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**Mass 8.30am**

*Roy Edmeads, RIP*

**Mass 10.30am**

**Confession**

(Sacrament of Reconciliation)

**Sundays 8.00 am - 8.25 am & 9.30  
am - 10.10 am**

Please speak to the priest in person or email/phone the office to make an arrangement outside of these times

### Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday during Lent, there will be an opportunity to attend Stations of the Cross, traditional to Lent, after Mass at 10am. We also encourage you in this Lenten season to come to spend time with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, at Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:15am.

#### Mass on Tuesday 6pm and Thursday 8am

If you are working during the day, why not consider coming along to Mass at 6pm on Tuesday or Thursday at 8am. Please also consider coming along to our evening sessions which are: Bible Study, Faith Sharing and the Chosen TV series. If you cannot attend in person, there is also an online Bible Study. Details of all are listed below.

### The God who Speaks - Parish Bible Study

The sessions are every Thursday from 7:15pm to 8:15pm. We explore the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.

### Online Lenten Bible Study

Come & See Catholic Formation Ministries are hosting an online Lenten bible study, where Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Lenten Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions.

Six consecutive Tuesdays: 03 Mar | 10 Mar | 17 Mar | 24 Mar (7-8:15pm).

Free of Charge and LIVE on YouTube. Registration: [comeandsee.org/lent26](http://comeandsee.org/lent26)

### Faith Sharing Group

The faith sharing group will meet every Tuesday, starting from Tuesday 24th in the parish hall, at 7:00 pm. We will watch some of the popular films portraying the Life of Jesus. Tea and coffee will be available. All are welcome to attend.

### The Chosen TV Series - Friday Evenings

Last year, during Lent, we ran a series of evenings where parishioners met together to watch the ground-breaking drama series on the life of Jesus Christ, called The Chosen. We will once again be showing the series in the hall, accompanied by drinks and snacks on Friday evenings at 7pm. **All are welcome to come together and relax.**

### Second Collection: Empowering Vulnerable Children Uganda Appeal

This charity provides a future, through education, for some of the poorest children in the world. Judi Fawcett, Founder and Trustee, will give a brief presentation after all of the Masses this weekend about their work. For further information about EVC please go to their website at Home - EVC Uganda.

### Second Collection Next Week: Lepra

2024 was Lepra's Centenary Year and for over 100 years Lepra's research has led to new and innovative approaches to healthcare programmes. Lepra seeks to provide better detection, treatment and support mechanisms, to advocate for those without a voice, to challenge prejudice wherever it exists, to strengthen local health systems and to help provide sustainable healthcare in partnership with local communities for a future free from the terrible impact of the disease. Please visit [www.lepra.org.uk](http://www.lepra.org.uk) for more information.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 27th February

Please return any CAFOD fast envelopes in the collection this week to ensure your donation is sent to CAFOD to continue to support their work. To donate online, visit [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call **0303 303 3030**. Text **CAFODLENT TO 70085** to donate £10.

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### Wednesday 11th March

Feria

**Mass 10am**

### Thursday 12th March

Feria

**Mass 10am**

### Friday 13th March

Feria

**Mass 8am**

### Saturday 14th March

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)  
(LAETARE SUNDAY)

**Vigil 6pm**

### Sunday 15th March

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)  
(LAETARE SUNDAY)

**Mass 8.30am**

**Mass 10.30am**

*Margaret Lattimore, RIP*