



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY - THANET

A gentle reminder to write to your MP to oppose the Assisted Suicide Bill to be voted on in Parliament on 29th November since it undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. Please use this link which gives you very easy means to email your MP: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

The text for the bill is now out and these are few takeaways you should be aware of.

What does the bill say?

According to the bill's eligibility criteria, applicants must be terminally ill.

- However, the definition of terminal illness that "cannot be reversed by treatment" **could include non-terminal conditions such as diabetes and anorexia.** Patients could potentially refuse treatment, therefore leading to a fatal outcome, meaning they might make themselves eligible for assisted suicide.
- While doctors are not obliged to raise the topic of assisted suicide, **they are given free will to suggest it to a patient** if they don't raise it first.
- **The right to total conscientious objection is not total under the bill.** While a medical professional has no duty to participate directly in assisted suicide, they would be obliged to refer patients to willing practitioners.
- **The bill is also silent on the right of institutions** – for example, Catholic hospices – to object to assisted suicide provision and/or referrals.
- An obligatory review of the Act within five years of its passing **also leaves the door open to the widening of the criteria.**

Christmas Family Fest - Raffle Tickets

Are on sale after Mass or from the parish office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Nativity Animals Sponsor Appeal

The animals were so popular last year and served as a reminder of the beautiful events of the nativity for all who visited.

If you are able to kindly donate towards the cost by cash or cheque mark your envelope Christmas Event Sponsor and drop in the collection plate at Mass or through the Presbytery door. Or donate by card using the machine in the porch. Thank you.

Cake Appeal for the Christmas Family Fest - Saturday, 30th November

Please bring in any shop bought cakes on 23rd/24th November and home made cakes on the day. Don't forget to label cakes with any allergens i.e. nuts, dairy, soya, gluten etc. If you would like your container back please put your name on it.

SVP Quiz Night - Friday, 6th December, 7pm

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) are hosting a quiz to raise money for their funds. Tickets will be on sale throughout November at £5 each. Please bring your own food and drink. Please arrive from 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Memorial Mass Ann Wells, RIP - Saturday, 23rd November, 11am

As communicated last week, let us try to gather to mourn our parishioner and friend together with Ann's family and support them in their grieving. Of your charity, please pray for the repose of her soul.

Second Collection Next Weekend - Catholic Youth Services

This collection taken on Catholic Youth Sunday supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

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Sunday, 17th November 2024

Saturday 16th November

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

Vigil 6pm

People of the Parish

Sunday 17th November

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

Mass 8.30am

Holy Souls

Mass 10.30am

Bob Martin, RIP

Tuesday 19th November

Feria

Mass 6pm

Andy Anderson - Wellbeing

Wednesday 20th November

Feria

Mass 10am

People of the Parish

Thursday 21st November

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial

Mass 8am

Holy Souls

Friday 22nd November

St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial

Mass 10am

Alan & Shirley Hailey, RIP

Saturday 23rd November

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Vigil 6pm

Isobel Plewis, RIP

Sunday 24th November

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Mass 8.30am

Margaret Carter - Wellbeing

Mass 10.30am

Bernadette Quinn, RIP