



Parish of The Holy Family - Thanet

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Sunday 19th April

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

8am - 8.20am Confession

8.30 am Mass

10am - 10.20am Confession

10.30am Mass

Diane Capocci - Health & Wellbeing

Tuesday 21st April

Saint Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, Memorial

6 pm Mass

Wednesday 22nd April

Feria

9.15am Adoration & Rosary

10am Mass

People of the Parish

Thursday 23rd April

SAINT GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England, Solemnity

8am Mass

People of the Parish

Friday 24th April

Feria

9.15 am Adoration & Rosary

10am Mass

Fr Jackson Sebastian Mavelithayil - Intentions
(Private Donor)

Saturday 25th April

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

5.30pm - 5.50pm Confession

6pm Vigil

Private Intention



Alleluia rises like the dawn, echoing through the Church as a song of life that no darkness can silence. This Sunday leads us along the road to Emmaus—a road of sorrow, of questions, of fading hope. Two disciples walk with heavy hearts, speaking of a cross they could not understand. Yet the Risen Lord draws near, as once He walked in the garden in the cool of the day, unseen but ever present.

He opens the Scriptures as He did from Moses to the Prophets, unveiling the mystery: “Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?” And their hearts begin to burn like the bush that was not consumed, kindled by the fire of divine truth.

Still, it is in the breaking of the bread that their eyes are opened. In that sacred moment, absence becomes presence, and the Stranger is revealed as the Lord of Life.

This is our story. We walk, we wonder, we listen—and He comes. In Word and Eucharist, He makes Himself known.

Then, like the disciples, we rise without delay, for the night is over. Christ is alive. Hope is restored. And the Alleluia we sing becomes the very rhythm of our lives.

Father Jackson.

New Items for Future Newsletters

We would like to include parishioners Birthdays, Anniversaries and Memorials in future newsletters. If you would like to submit entries for inclusion we must have them given to the office by the Tuesday before, For example, to be in next weeks edition they would need to be in by this Tuesday, 21st April. Also we may be able to add a prayer section for those who are sick You must have permission from that person to have their name published in the newsletter and on the website.

Please speak to Fr Jackson or Louise for more information or if you have any suggestions for the newsletter.

Please turn over for more news

In Memoriam

We continue to pray for the souls of our recently deceased parishioners,
Colin Vincent, Rip
Sister Veronica Howell, DJ, RIP
May they rest in peace and rise in glory, Amen.

Mass Bookings

Please continue to use the envelopes kept at the back of the church. Ensuring that you complete the details fully so that the office can contact you if they cannot be booked on a particular day. In future newsletters we intend to publish the name of who booked the Mass please indicate if you would not want this made public when you are booking the Mass. Thank you

Faith Sharing Group

The faith sharing group will meet in the parish hall next Tuesday, 28th April at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. We will watch some of the popular films portraying the Life of Jesus. Tea and coffee will be available.

The God who Speaks - Parish Bible Study

The sessions are every Thursday from 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm in the church hall. All are welcome to come even if you cannot come every week. Together we will explore the Gospel reading for the following Sunday. Please bring a Bible if you have one.

An invitation to visit The National Shrine of St Jude Saturday, 30th May

The Carmelite Friars at the shrine of St Jude, 34 Tanners Street, Faversham, ME13 7JW invite the parish to a Summer Celebration of Saint Jude in their beautiful garden. They usually celebrate Mass outside (weather permitting) followed by a procession past the Shrine. Pilgrims can be anointed with Saint Jude Oil and refreshments are provided throughout the day. If you are planning to go please let our parish office know before the end of April as they need numbers in advance. There is also a poster on the noticeboard with details.

Gift - Growing in Faith Together

As a reminder for those families with young children who are part of the programme or who would like to join in our families will meet in the church hall next Sunday, 26th April after the 10.30 am Mass.

Second Collection next Weekend - Priest Training Fund

Good Shepherd Sunday - Support Our Future Priests.
The priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. This Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations and support the Priest Training Fund, which forms men for service across our parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities. We currently have 9 seminarians, each costing around £30,000 per year over six years of formation. Your generosity helps make their calling possible.

Donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF

Call: 020 7960 2504 (weekdays, 9am - 5pm)

Or use the envelopes at the back of church

Leave a lasting legacy to the Church

Please consider remembering our church or the Priesthood in your Will.

Find out more: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/leave-a-legacy.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Second Collection this weekend - St. George's Cathedral

For over half a century, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George's has been a beacon of light.

Today, St George's Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year, as well as serving a lively local parish community which proudly reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London. The Cathedral frequently hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations, as well as concerts and events for various Catholic charities. In many respects, St George's Cathedral serves as a spiritual home and 'beehive' for Catholic evangelisation and mission across the Archdiocese of Southwark.

St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. Thank you!

Tea/Coffee after Mass

Please come along for a cuppa after the 10.30 am Mass on a Sunday. All are welcome, we also serve squash, water and biscuits, sometimes we even have cake!
It's the perfect opportunity to chat together and it's free.
All are welcome.

Collections Last Weekend

Collection Plate: £373.58 of which £150.00 was Gift Aided

Digital Collection Plate: £100.00 of which £60.00 was Gift Aided

Standing Orders: £350.00 of which £350.00 was Gift Aided