



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY - THANET

Dear Parishioners,

With the same expectant hope that comes with the season of Advent, on this Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, we welcome the use of the new lectionary which we have been waiting for in England and Wales. It makes sense our Bishops asked us to begin its use this Sunday as it marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical year.

The cycle of readings as we have previously had remains but it is the Bible translation we have been using that changes. The *English Standard Version – Catholic Edition*, which is a beautiful text will now be used. It is different from the *Jerusalem Bible* that we have used since 1970.

This new text will be like a new pair of shoes. Initially, it's going to ache a bit and it's going to scratch a bit and it's not going to feel right; but after a while, just with a new pair of shoes, the leather gets soft, and our feet fit in there better. This will be the feeling because of the richness to the new text. There is a deeper theological understanding.

A couple of month ago, I made an appeal for parishioners who may wish to pay for a copy each of the four volumes, and to be dedicated to them and/or their families. We are grateful to the following people who took up the offer: Christine Bentley, Bob Lattimore, Isobel Plewis, RIP and Errol and Elizabeth George. There were some others who offered but we had already reached the number. Their generosity is also very much appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

Father Joe

Flower Arranging Day - Thank You

Thank you to our talented church flower arrangers Eileen and Pam and their helpers who organised a very successful day on Saturday. Of the 24 people who attended over half where from outside our congregation. It was a joy to spend time with them making beautiful table decorations for Advent. Well done to all who supported the event which raised £224.42 for church funds.

Carols Around the Christmas Tree - Sunday, 15th December



We will be hosting a festive family sing-song in the hall from 5pm to sing carols followed by mince pies, cakes and a hot drink. Please encourage family, friends, neighbours & work colleagues to come and join in. See posters and flyers for details and share on your social media.

Please turn over for more news.

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Sunday, 1st December 2024

Saturday 30th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Vigil 6pm

Don Macpherson, RIP

Sunday 1st December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass 8.30am

Holy Souls

Mass 10.30am

Isobel Plewis, RIP

Tuesday 3rd December St Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial

Mass 6pm

Peter Mullen, RIP

Wednesday 4th December Feria

Mass 10am

Teresa McCarthy, RIP

Thursday 5th December Feria

Mass 8am

Holy Souls

Friday 6th December St Nicholas, Bishop

Mass 10am

People of the Parish

Saturday 7th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Vigil 6pm

Julia Flattery, RIP

Sunday 8th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass 8.30am

Holy Souls

Mass 10.30am

Clive Arterton—Wellbeing

Christmas Mass with Christingle Service - 24th December

Following the success of last year's Christingle we look forward to hosting it again this year on Christmas Eve at 4pm. Please share the details with everyone you know so we can celebrate together and enjoy refreshments in the hall after Mass. All are welcome.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, 24th December

4pm - Mass with Christingle with young children

Midnight - Mass (with carols from 11.30pm)

Christmas Day - Wednesday, 25th December

8.30am - Mass

10.30am - Mass

St Stephen's Day Thursday, 26th December

10am - Mass



Diocesan Bereavement

It is with much sadness that we are informed of the death of Bishop John Hine, who was once an Auxiliary Bishop of this diocese, in charge of the Kent Area.

His funeral arrangements are as follow:

Monday 9 December, 6pm at St George's Cathedral, Southwark

Reception into the Cathedral of Bishop John Hine's Coffin, followed immediately by the Cathedral's Solemn Mass of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday 10 December 2024, 2pm at St George's Cathedral, Southwark

Funeral Mass followed immediately by committal and interment in the Cathedral Crypt.

Of your charity please pray for the repose of his soul.

Funeral Arrangements - Helena Rogers, RIP

The funeral arrangements for Helena Rogers are now confirmed as follows:

Tuesday, 10th December - 11am at Holy Family - Thanet

All are welcome to attend.

Of your charity please pray for the repose of her soul.

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 are on sale at £5 each. Please bring your own food and drink. Please arrive from 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Missio Red Boxes

Please return your Missio Red Box to the Sacristy for emptying. Once this is done you will find your box returned at the back of the church with your name on. If you would like a Missio Red Box please speak to Suzanne or pass your name and phone number to her through the parish office.

Thank you.

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