

# Parish of The Holy Family - Thanet

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**The Love That Cannot Stay Hidden**

Every Sunday we ask, "What is the greatest commandment?" Today Jesus answers with one breath: love God, and love your neighbour. They are not two tasks but one love, flowing in two directions.

Israel is reminded in Exodus that they were once strangers in Egypt. Memory becomes mercy: those who remember being rescued must rescue others. St. Paul sees this lived out in Thessalonica, where the believers' mutual love became a sermon louder than words, strengthening faith far beyond their town.

Here lies the quiet truth of the Gospel: we cannot see God's face, yet He has placed His image in every person we meet. The stranger, the difficult colleague, the one who hurt us: each carries a trace of the Divine. To honour them is to honour Him; to overlook them is to overlook Him.

Such love is not a warm feeling but a chosen deed: forgiving the grudge, offering encouragement, using our God-given gifts to lift another. Prayer and the Eucharist fill our hearts; our neighbour is where that love is poured out.

***Fr Jackson***

**The Rosary & Mass Time Changes 27th October - 31st October**

The weekday 9.30am Adoration, Rosary & 10 am Mass on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays will not take place during these dates. In place of this we will have Mass at 6 pm only. We will be reciting the Rosary outside the Grotto at 5.40 pm and then processing into church for Holy Mass.

**All Saints Day Sunday 1st November, 10.30am Mass**

Parents you are all invited to encourage your children to come to the 10.30am Mass dressed as their favourite saint for this Holyday of Obligation.

**All Souls' Day Monday 2nd November, 10am Mass & 7pm Mass**

There are two opportunities to come to Mass for the Commemoration of all the faithful departed on All Souls' Day.

**Dates for your diary**

Friday 27th November - Advent Table Decoration & Wreath Crafting
Sunday 29th November - Christmas Fair

**50/50 Club**

Congratulations to our winners J. Newland £138.75, M Crow £55.50, L. Minacoulis £27.75. If you would like to join the prize draw speak to Rosemary Martin or contact the parish office.

**SVP Quiz**

A big thank you to everyone who supported our quiz. A good and enjoyable night was had by all. We managed to raise £334 which has enabled us to buy a cooker for a person in need, thank you all.

**Advent Door Wreath & Table Decoration**

**Friday, 27th November, 2pm - 4pm**

Come and make a wreath or table decoration for advent with us. Places are limited. Tickets are on sale after Mass or from the parish office just £20 per person and includes keeping either a wreath or table decoration and refreshments. You can purchase your second make on the day or leave it for us to sell at the fair raising funds for the church.

**Christmas Fair Donations**

Our Christmas Fair is taking place on Sunday, 29th November 12-3pm.
Please bring in good quality donations of Toys, Handbags, Jewellery & Candles for sale on our stalls. Any in date and unopened bottles of beer, wine, spirits, & fizzy drinks for the bottle tombola. Please leave your donations in the porch for your donations.

**Winter Warmer Coffee Mornings**

Chris Bentley invites you to join her for a coffee at her home in Birchington during the winter season. Last year was very popular and people enjoyed chatting together and meeting up.
Thursday, 29th October, 11 am, Thursday, 3rd December, 11 am
Further dates in the new year.
Please call 07773 576795 to book your attendance.

**A Day with Mary - Westminster Cathedral Saturday 7th November**

Join Archbishop of Westminster the Most Rev Richard Moth for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. See poster in the porch for details or call the parish office.

**St George's Cathedral Chronicle**

If you would like to receive a quarterly edition of their journal showcasing the history and living heritage of St George's please complete the form at the back of the church and apply for a subscription directly with them. There is a copy at the back of the church for you to look at.

**Church Heating**

There have been a number of enquiries made about the heating of the church as we move into the winter months. In order to reduce our outgoings, it has been the policy for a number of years to put the heating on from November. Please be mindful of the changing weather and wrap up warm.

**Collections received 17th & 18th October**

Collection Plate: £344.10 of which £140.00 was gift aided
Card Collection: £115.00 of which £45.00 was gift aided
Standing orders: £345.00 of which £345.00 was gift aided
Second Collection taken for Institute of Charity - Rosminians Mission Appeal £288.78

**Parish Office New Opening Hours**

Beginning from 2nd November the parish office will be open for enquiries on Wednesdays 9am -3pm only.

***Please pray for…***

*Ernest Boateng, Richard Dickinson, Judith Newman, Kathleen Collins, Margaret Carter, Sheila Coleman, Mrs Pat Rea, JP Niedergang,*
*and all who are lonely, sick or housebound in our parish.*

Please pray for the souls of our recently departed parishioners and those whose anniversaries fall at this time

*19th October 2024 - Shani Geevarghese*
*31st October 2024 Geoff Bentley*

**Birthdays**
*15th October - Aethelflaed Stone*

Please note it is your responsibility to seek permission from the person who is ill to publish their name on the weekly newsletter and online.
Please contact the parish office to have any deceased Parishioner anniversaries added for the week/month of their passing. Also, to have birthdays or wedding anniversaries added that we can share and celebrate together as a parish family.

**In the Parish Hall**

**RCIA Dates**
Tuesday 27th October - Following the 6pm Mass
**Bible Study Group**
This group meets to discuss the Bible reading for the following Sunday. All are welcome.
Thursday 22nd October, 7.15pm (Matthew 22:34-40)
Thursday 29th October 7.15pm (Matthew 5:1-12a)
**Faith Sharing Group**
Tuesday 3rd November 7 pm **-** all are welcome to join this fortnightly discussion group.

**Refreshments**
Tea, coffee, squash & water, along with biscuits (sometimes cake) are served every Sunday after the 10.30am Mass. There is no charge (donations are accepted) Please stay and chat all are welcome.
**Rise Up Youth Group**
Our weekly youth group has changed to a monthly get-together the next one is on Friday, 9th November.
It will meet on the first Friday of the month at 5pm and is open to all aged 13-17 years.

**Saturday 24th October** THIRTIETH SUNDAY (A)
4 pm Pet Blessing Service
6 pm Vigil Mass
*Intention: Maureen Jones, RIP (Margaret Carter)*

**Sunday 25th October** THIRTIETH SUNDAY (A)
8 am – 8.20am Confession
8.30 am Mass
10 am -10.20am Confession
10.30 am Mass *Intention*: *Garrett & Marietta Brennan, Health & Wellbeing (Tony & Maureen London)*

**Tuesday 27th October** Feria
5.40pm Rosary at the Grotto & Mass

**Wednesday 28th October** Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles, Feast
5.40pm Rosary at the Grotto & Mass
*Intention: Outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all members of the Kerala Catholic Charismatic Fellowship Kingdom (KCCFK)*

**Thursday 29th October** Feria
5.40pm Rosary at the Grotto & Mass

**Friday 30th October** Feria

**11.30am Funeral Maureen Jones, RIP**

5.40pm Rosary at the Grotto & Mass
*Intention: People of the Parish*

**Saturday 31st October** ALL SAINTS, Solemnity, Holyday of Obligation
6pm Vigil Mass

5.40pm Rosary at the Grotto & Mass
*Intention: Maureen Jones, RIP (Margaret Carter)*

**Sunday 1st November** ALL SAINTS, Solemnity, Holyday of Obligation
8 – 8.20am Confession
8.30 am Mass
10 – 10.20 am Confession
10.30 am Mass
*Intention: Deceased Members of the Union of Catholic Mothers*

**Monday 2nd November** THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day)

10am Mass
7pm Mass