



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY - THANET

A Letter From Fr Jackson

The Breath of the Risen Lord
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Beloved in Christ,

With great joy and gratitude, I greet you for the first time as your parish priest on this radiant celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. Still glowing with the light of Easter, we proclaim with the whole Church: Christ is risen, and His mercy endures forever!

In the stillness of the upper room, behind doors closed by fear, the Risen Lord came and stood among His own, and spoke: "Peace be with you." Not as the world gives, but as a gift flowing from His pierced Heart - mercy triumphant over sin, love stronger than death.

On this holy day of Divine Mercy, we behold the wounds that heal us, the hands once pierced now raised in blessing. From His side flows the river of grace; from His lips, the breath of the Spirit; from His presence, the dawn of a new creation.

Like Thomas, we come with our doubts and our longing. And yet, touched by mercy, we are led to that deepest confession: "My Lord and my God!" Blessed indeed are we, who have not seen, and yet believe.

As the members of the parish of the Holy Family, let's be a people called to be a living Gospel—steadfast in prayer, radiant in charity, and joyful in hope, like the first believers who broke bread with glad and generous hearts.

May this Easter light kindle in us a faith that no darkness can overcome, and a love that bears witness to the world.

In Christ's peace and mercy,

Fr. Jackson Sebastian Mavelithayil

Tuesday, 14th April - Change to 6pm Mass

Please note that due to the timing of a Deanery meeting for all clergy on this Tuesday we are unable to offer Mass. The church will be open for private prayer from 9.30am - 2.45pm.

Funeral Arrangements

There will be a Requiem Mass for Sister Veronica Howell, DJ (Daughters of Jesus), RIP, this Thursday, 16th April at 10am here at Holy Family - Thanet.

There will be a Funeral Service for our parishioner, Colin Vincent, RIP, this Friday 17th April at 1pm here at Holy Family - Thanet.

All are welcome to attend.

Please pray for the repose of their souls.

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

Please turn over for more news

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Sunday, 12th April 2026

Saturday 11th April

DIVINE MERCY (A)

Vigil 6pm

Brian Arthur Gray, RIP

Sunday 12th April

DIVINE MERCY (A)

Mass 8.30am

Mass 10.30am

Peter Carter, RIP

Wednesday 15th April

Feria

Adoration & Rosary 9.15am

Mass 10am

John McCarthy, RIP

Thursday 16th April

Feria

Mass 8am

People of the Parish

Requiem Mass 10am

Sr Veronica Howell, DJ

Friday 17th April

Feria

Adoration & Rosary 9.15am

Mass 10am

Funeral Service 1pm

Mr Colin Vincent

Saturday 18th April

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER(A)

Vigil 6pm

Sunday 19th April

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Confession 8am - 8.25am

Mass 8.30am

Confession 9.25am - 10.10am

Mass 10.30am

Confession

(Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Sundays 8am - 8.25am & 9.30am - 10.10am

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

SVP Quiz Night - Saturday, 18th April

Our St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) are holding a fun quiz in the hall. Tickets are £5 each available after Mass. Please bring your own food and drinks. If you haven't been to one before do consider coming they are a very friendly bunch and will find a table for you to join in with.

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.

A Letter from Lepra

The parish recently received a letter of thanks from Laurice Jarman of Lepra thanking you for the donation of £17.18 raised in January to support their appeal. They thank you for your continued support and remind all that donations like this have helped people affected by leprosy to overcome the physical, social, emotional and financial impact of leprosy.

Second Collection next 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!

Collections Last Weekend

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

Digital Collection Plate: £45.00 of which £25.00 was Gift Aided

Standing Orders: £500.00 of which £320.00 was Gift Aided

Good Friday Papal Collection for the Holy Places of Palestine: £20.00

Easter Offerings (Combined): £1672.67



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