



Parish of The Holy Family - Thanet

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Sunday 26th July 2026

Saturday 25th July

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (A)

6 pm Mass

Anne O'Flaherty (James O' Flaherty)

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8 – 8.20am & 10-10.20am Confession

8.30 am Mass

Anne O'Flaherty (James O' Flaherty)

10.30 am Mass

Eddie Cooke, RIP (Joanne Hollman)

Tuesday 28th July

Feria

6 pm Eucharistic Serice

Anne O'Flaherty (James O' Flaherty)

Wednesday 29th July

Saints Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Memorial

9.30 am Adoration & Rosary

10 am Mass

Anne O'Flaherty (James O' Flaherty)

Thursday 30th July

Feria

9.30 am Adoration & Rosary

10 am Mass

People of the Parish

Friday 31st July

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, Memorial

9.30 am Adoration & Rosary

10 am Mass

Anne O'Flaherty, RIP (James O'Flaherty)

Saturday 1st August

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY (A)

6 pm Mass

*Tim, Joe and Dave Mara, RIP
(Charlie Mara)*

Sunday 2nd August

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY (A)

8 – 8.20am & 10 – 10.20 am Confession

8.30 am Mass

10.30 am Mass

*Sister Aelred, OSB, RIP
(OSB Minster Abbey)*

Discovering the Treasure of God's Kingdom

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of a hidden treasure and a pearl of great value. Through these images, He reminds us that the Kingdom of God is the greatest treasure we can ever possess. Many people spend their lives searching for happiness, success, and security, yet true fulfilment is found only when we discover Christ and make Him the centre of our lives.

King Solomon, in the first reading, asked God for the gift of wisdom so that he could lead his people with understanding and justice. We too need this divine wisdom to recognise what truly matters and to make choices that bring us closer to God.

As we celebrate this Sunday's Eucharist, let us renew our commitment to seek the Lord above all things. May our hearts always treasure His love, His presence, and His promise of eternal life.

Fr. Jackson Sebastian Mavelithayil

Funeral Arrangements

The funeral of Sr Aelred, OSB will take place at Minster Abbey on Friday 31st July at 11am. All are welcome to attend.

The funeral service of Mary Carmichael will be at Margate Crematorium Chapel on Monday 3rd August at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.

Please pray for the repose of their souls and comfort for their families and friends.

Food Bank Appeal

There is a box in the porch of the church for you to donate items of food, toiletries, bags for life and empty egg boxes (no larger than 6 size please). These are taken each week to Ss Austin & Gregory RC church where they then put together and distribute to those in need.

Please continue to donate whenever you can as people are always in need of our help.

This Week Please pray for...

Sick and Housebound

*Mrs Pat Rea, cousin of our parishioner Frances
JP Niedergang, brother of our parishioner Francoise
and all who are lonely, sick or housebound in our
parish.*

If you or a relative are ill and would like to be added to this section by name, please contact the parish office in writing. Confirming you have permission from the person who is poorly to publish their name on the weekly newsletter and online.

In Memoriam

We continue to pray for the souls of our recently departed parishioners and those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

*27th June 2026 Sister Aelred OSB
29th June 2026 Teresa Mills,
10th July 2025 Anne O'Flaherty,
10th July 2026 Mary Carmichael,*

Please contact the parish office to have any deceased Parishioners anniversaries added for the week/ month of their passing.

Birthdays

25th July - Colin Brown

Please contact the parish office to have birthdays or wedding anniversaries added that we can share and celebrate together as a parish family.

In the Parish Hall this week...

Sunday 26th July 11.30 am

Refreshments served after the 10.30am Mass all are welcome. There will be no refreshments after Mass for August.

Thursday 30th July 7 pm

Bible Study Group – *The God who speaks...* All are welcome to come and explore the Gospel reading for the following Sunday. Please bring a Bible if you have one. Please note will meet in the church this week.

Friday 31st July 5pm – 6.30pm

Rise Up Youth Club ages 13-17 are welcome. Pizza,

Do you need support with low vision?

Kent Association for the Blind's mobile sight centre, Iris, will be at Birchington Library, 17 Alpha Road, Birchington, CT7 9EG on Friday 7th August from 10am to 3pm. The team will be happy to advise on any concerns you may have about your vision, offer support if you are living with sight loss and give tips on good eye health. The sight centre also carries a selection of day to day living equipment and assistive technology to support with independent living. Where necessary, we can refer in for additional KAB support services including counselling, befriending and rehabilitation and mobility services. No booking required. For further information email iris@kab.org.uk.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 6th September - Parish Picnic
Saturday 12th September - Ride & Stride
Sunday 29th November - Christmas Fair
Details to follow

Collections received 18th & 19th July

Collection Plate: £493.55 of which £199.00 was gift aided
Card Collection: £210.00 of which £170.00 was gift aided.
Standing orders: £305.00 of which £305.00 was gift aided.

Scripture Union Holiday Club 27th July - 7th August Could you help in our kitchen?

Our involvement centres around our hall being used to host morning activities for the youngest children (The Tiddlers) aged 0- 4 years. Each weekday morning two volunteers are needed to serve hot/cold drinks to the parents and young children. Please contact Claire Osborn on 01843 847391 to volunteer or for more information.

Cakes/biscuit donations – Please donate homemade cakes for the Café/Tiddlers parent/carers. These can be **dropped off at Kearns Hall (Grenham Bay Avenue, Birchington)** from Saturday 25th July and EVERYDAY for the two weeks of the holiday club.