



Parish of The Holy Family - Thanet

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Sunday 26th April

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

8am - 8.20am Confession

8.30 am Mass

Andy Anderson - Health & Wellbeing

(Peter & Evelyn Dickinson)

10am - 10.20am Confession

10.30am Mass

Yvonne Kearney, RIP - 10th Anniversary

(Edward Kearney)

Tuesday 28th April

Feria

6 pm Mass

Wednesday 29th April

Saint Catherine of Sienna, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe, Feast

9.15am Adoration & Rosary

10am Mass

Kieran Hailey - Thanksgiving

Thursday 30th April

Feria

8am Mass

People of the Parish

Friday 1st May

Feria

9.15 am Adoration & Rosary

10am Mass

Pierre de Schoutheete de Tervarent

(Patrice de Courteix)

Saturday 2nd May

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

5.30pm - 5.50pm Confession

6pm Vigil

Olive Mary Lyle, RIP

(Foundation Mass)



On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, we hear the tender voice of Christ who says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." Jesus is not a distant ruler, but the Good Shepherd who walks beside us, searching for us when we wander, lifting us when we are weak, and carrying us when life becomes too heavy. His care is personal—He knows each of us by name, our joys, our wounds, our fears, and our hopes.

The image of the Good Shepherd reminds us that God's love is not abstract but deeply intimate. A shepherd does not lead from far away; he stays close to the flock, guiding, protecting, and sometimes correcting. In the same way, Christ leads us not by force, but by love. His voice is gentle, yet clear, calling us away from fear, sin, and confusion into the peace of His presence.

In a world filled with noise, distractions, and uncertainty, many voices compete for our attention. Yet only the voice of the Good Shepherd brings true peace and lasting life. To hear His voice, we must create silence in our hearts through prayer, trust, and faith. Good Shepherd Sunday also invites us to pray for vocations, that more hearts may respond generously to Christ's call to serve His people.

Let us listen with trusting hearts, follow with courage, and rest in the gentle care of the Shepherd who never abandons His flock, but leads us safely to the green pastures of eternal life.

Father Jackson.

New Items for Future Newsletters

Don't forget to let the office know about Birthdays, Anniversaries and Memorials for 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, 5th May. 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

SVP Quiz night

Our SVP held a very enjoyable quiz night here in our hall last Saturday. They have written to say a big thank you for raising £277 to support people in need. The next quiz will be on 4th July so put it in your diary now as the tickets will be on sale soon.

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.

Fr Jackson's Induction Mass - Friday, 29th May, 7pm

Bishop Paul Hendricks will be officiating to symbolically hand over the Tabernacle key to Fr Jackson. This will be a beautiful celebration in the parish and there will be many invited guests and of course our parishioners. As space will be limited there is a sign up sheet at the back of the church for you to indicate that you intend to be here. We will need lots of help preparing for this parish event and showing our friendly welcome and generous hospitality. Please be ready to join in and help.

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.

Second Collection - Priest Training Fund - 25th & 26th April

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.

Collections Last Weekend

Collection Plate: £383.57 of which £120.31 was Gift Aided

Digital Collection Plate: £75.00 of which £55.00 was Gift Aided

Standing Orders: £305.00 of which £305.00 was Gift Aided

Second Collection (St George's Cathedral): £92.95

Your Parish needs You!

We could really do with having a few more readers and greeters particularly at the 8.30am Mass on a Sunday and the 6pm Vigil Mass on a Saturday.

Everybody is welcome to join in even if you haven't been coming here for long or if you haven't tried it elsewhere. Please speak to any of our current readers or greeters to find out more about it.

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.

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.

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. Timings for the day are as follows

11am Devotions with Anointing

11.30am Open Air Mass

2.30pm Procession to the Shrine

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.

Mass Bookings

As you can see we are publishing the name of who booked the Mass if you do not want this made public please indicate when you are booking the Mass. 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. Thank you

200 Club Winners

1st J Egan £140.00,

2nd O Nelson £56.00

3rd J Coverdale £28.00

Congratulations to all our winners! Please speak to Charlie, Rosemary or Louise if you would like to join the 200 Club.