



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY - THANET

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)

The first Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) session two weeks ago was good and both children and parents enjoyed it. There is a real positivity around it. This first session was basically explaining more about what GIFT is and laid out the practicalities of it.

It was decided at the first session that we have the sessions on Sundays.

As communicated, the next session will be on Sunday, 1st March 2026 immediately after the 10:30am Mass. It will start at 11:30am and finish by 12:30pm. Light lunch will be pro-

Lenten Practices

As Lent approaches, there are a few things we would like to draw your attention to in order to aid you in your spiritual renewal during this holy season:

Ash Wednesday

There will be an additional Mass on Ash Wednesday, 18th February, at 7:15pm with the distribution of ashes. There will also be Mass held at QEQM at 11.30am where Father Joe will be available afterwards until 1.30pm for the distribution of ashes for those who cannot attend the Mass.

Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday during Lent, there will be an opportunity to attend Stations of the Cross after Mass at 10am. We also encourage you in this Lenten season to come to Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:15am.

The Chosen TV Series - Friday Evenings

Last year, during Lent, we ran a series of evenings where parishioners met together to watch the ground-breaking drama series on the life of Jesus Christ, called The Chosen. We will once again be showing the series in the hall, accompanied by drinks and snacks on Friday evenings at 7pm. This is a great opportunity to aid your Lenten journey. **All are welcome to come together and relax.**

Online Lenten Bible Study

Come & See Catholic Formation Ministries are hosting an online Lenten bible study, where Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Lenten Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions.

Starts: Tuesday 17th February, 2026 at 7pm

Six consecutive Tuesdays: 17 Feb | 24 Feb | 03 Mar | 10 Mar | 17 Mar | 24 Mar (7-8:15pm).

Free of Charge and LIVE on YouTube. Registration: comeandsee.org/lent26

We hope to see you online. Many thanks & God bless.

The God who Speaks - Parish Bible Study

The Bible Study evening continues this week on Thursday. It continues to be an enriching gathering of parishioners of all different ages. Please come along even if you missed the previous sessions as all are welcome any week; it remains your space. We will continue to meet every Thursday in the parish hall from 7:15pm to 8:15pm. **This could be a Lenten exercise for you as we will be exploring the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.**

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Sunday, 15th February 2026

Saturday 14th February

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME (A)

Vigil 6pm

Sunday 15th February

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME (A)

Mass 8.30am

Louise Hailey - Intentions

Mass 10.30am

Stone Family - Intentions

Tuesday 17th February

Feria

Mass 6pm

Andy Anderson - Wellbeing

Wednesday 18th February

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass 10am

Mass 7.15pm

Thursday 19th February

Feria

Mass 8am

People of the Parish

Friday 20th February

Feria

Mass 10am

Andy Anderson - Wellbeing

Saturday 21st February

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Vigil 6pm

Sunday 22nd February

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Mass 8.30am

Mass 10.30am

Matthew Mappilai, RIP

Confession

(Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Sundays 8.00 am - 8.25 am & 9.30 am - 10.10 am

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

Lenten Lunch - Birchington Churches Together

On Wednesday, 18th March we will be hosting a Lenten lunch at 12 noon in our hall as part of Birchington Churches Together and any donations taken will be for Christian Aid.

Trees on Parish Site

You will have noticed the work carried out earlier this week on our trees. Following tragic events taken place elsewhere; the Archdiocese requested that all parishes have a survey carried out by an Arborist. The work carried out on our site was in line with the recommendations of the survey. This complies with Health and Safety and meets our Insurance Company requirements.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society Thanks You!

A big thank you to everyone who attended the SVP quiz last Saturday. With your help we managed to raise £330 to support the work of the society. This money will go a long way to help pay for essential items such as fridges, sofas and beds for those who most need them. Thank You!

Open Church - Pop in for a Quiet Time

Our church continues to be open each day of the week, except on Mondays and some Sunday afternoons, as part of our welcoming outreach. Please note that it is not only open to those outside our congregation, but that it is also open for you, the parishioners, to be able to come into church for some quiet time with God and to pause from the busyness of the world around us.

Discernment Retreat at Minister Abbey Benedictine Monastery

The Minister Abbey is hosting a retreat of discernment for single Roman Catholic women aged 18-35 who are open to discerning a monastic vocation. The retreats are taking place on the following weekends: Palm Sunday Weekend - 27th-29th March, 7th-9th August, 9th-11th October.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Sister Walburga at minstervocations@gmail.com

The Easter Bunny @ 70 - Birthday Celebrations for Michele

Everyone is invited to celebrate with our parishioner, Michele Arteton, at a party at her house from 2pm until late on Easter Monday (6th April). Michele and Lawrence's address is **5 Beach Avenue, Birchington, CT7 9JS**. Michele can be reached on **07860 44993**. Please find a sheet at the back of the church to confirm attendance - this is so we know many to cater for.

Everyone Old, Young or In-between is Very Welcome!

Second Collection this Weekend: Clergy Support Fund

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for our parishes.

To make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF or scan QR code.

You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available at the back of Church.

Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.



Empowering Vulnerable Children Uganda Appeal

On the weekend of 28th February/1st March, a speaker will come to appeal for the above named charity. Further details shall be supplied next weekend.

Collections Last Weekend

Collection Plate: £350.62 of which £170.00 was Gift Aided

Digital Collection Plate: £30.00 of which £5.00 was Gift Aided

Standing Orders: £660.00 of which £650.00 was Gift Aided