



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY - THANET

Rosary Month - October

October is a month we are especially encouraged to pray the Holy Rosary. Please pray it daily if you have not done it in the past. Pray the Rosary also as a family.

As a parish, we pray it together every Wednesday and Friday at 9.35am with silent Eucharistic Adoration preceding at 9.15am.

Why don't you consider joining us in this month of the Holy Rosary?

Notice No 6pm Mass - Tuesday, 14th October

Please note there will be no 6pm Mass next Tuesday as there is a Deanery Meeting at the same time and all of the priests in the deanery will be attending it so there will be no one available to cover it.

Post Alpha Gathering - Tuesday, 7th October, 7.15pm

All previous attendees from our Alpha sessions in 2023, 2024 and 2025, are invited to a post Alpha gathering on this **Tuesday, 7th October 2025** from 7.15pm. Refreshments will be served in the hall.

Please let the parish office know if you are able to attend.

This will be a perfect opportunity to meet up with others from your Alpha sessions and compare your experience with other groups.

We will also use this time to announce our next steps for our Alpha journey and ongoing accompaniment.

Gregorian Chant Training Day - Saturday 11th October, 10am-3pm -

You are invited to learn Gregorian Chant at the Shrine of St Augustine, Ramsgate (CT11 9NY). Lots of free parking available on Royal Esplanade.

This is open to all from beginners to experienced singers.

Dr Matthew Ward, a liturgical musician and scholar, will lead a day helping you to sing the ancient chants of the Church.

£10 voluntary contribution. Please bring a packed lunch.

To register interest or for more information, please contact Chris Serpell at chris.serpell@gmail.com.

Rooted in Love - an opportunity for married and engaged couples

Want to grow closer as a couple while deepening your faith and meeting new people? All engaged and married couples are invited to a **monthly online meeting** where we share friendship, reflect on real-life topics, and pray together as we grow in love rooted in Christ.

Gathering monthly on Zoom **Thursdays**: 30th October at 8:30pm, 27th November at 8:30pm, 11th December at 8:30pm

Email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk to sign up or receive more information.

Sunday, 5th October 2025

Saturday 4th October

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORD.
TIME (C)

6pm Vigil

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Mass 8.30am

Mary Esogbue, RIP

Mass 10.30am

Richard Dickinson - Wellbeing

Tuesday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial

Mass 6pm

Wednesday 8th October

Feria

Mass 10am

Thursday 9th October

Saint John Henry Newman, Priest, Feast

Mass 8am

Friday 10th October

Saint Paulinus of York, Bishop

Mass 10am

People of the Parish

Saturday 11th October

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY (C)

Vigil 6pm

Charlie Mara - Intentions

Sunday 12th October

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY (C)

Mass 8.30am

Mass 10.30am

Aethelflaed Stone - Intentions

Confession

(Sacrament of Reconciliation)

**Sundays 8.00am - 8.25am
& 9.30am - 10.00am**

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

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Christmas Family Fest, 30th November, 12-3pm - Only Eight weeks away

Plans are progressing well for our family Fest. We know it's early to be thinking of Christmas but these events take a lot of organisation and we rely on your generous support. There will be lots going on for families on the day. As mentioned before if you have any Christmas traditions from other countries that you can share with us please get in touch with the parish office or a speak to Fr Joe. We would really like to celebrate an international Christmas at our Family Fest this year showing how welcoming we are to every member of our local community and we cannot do that without your ideas and support.

Thank you to those who have already donated and/or signed up to help on the day.

All are welcome to take part. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church for those willing to run a stall. Donations of food and drink for the hampers we use as raffle prizes are always welcome as are any bottle donations for the Tombola. They can be anything in a bottle either glass or plastic, large or small. **We also ask for donations of new or nearly new toys for the toy stall please.** All will be gratefully received. There is a box in the porch marked Christmas donations. Thank you.

St Ethelbert and Gertrude Church, Ramsgate - Wine & Wisdom

You are invited to join them for a fun quiz on Saturday, 22nd November at 7pm.

Nibbles are provided (although you may also bring your own). Please bring your own choice of drinks and glasses. There will also be a raffle.

Tickets are £5 per person with a maximum of eight on a team.

Contact their parish office on 01843 594031 for tickets. More details are on the poster in the church porch.

Holy Water

Renew the living spring of your life within us and protect us in spirit and body (Excerpt from the Prayer of Blessing Holy Water, 1984).

God's gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth. The Church has for centuries blessed water for use of the people.

The use of Holy Water reminds us of our baptism, it also brings us bodily and spiritual healing and protects us from the power of evil.

Holy Water is made available in a large pot in the porch of the church (immediate right; behind the main door), for your private use at home. Please help yourself. Little bottles are available from the repository stall.

Lost Property

A lost property box has been arranged on the cabinet outside the disabled toilet in the hall foyer. Please check the box regularly for any items you may have left behind. Items will be disposed of after two weeks.

Thank you.

Second Collection this Weekend - St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

This collection supports the community work of our local SVP here in Thanet. With your help they will continue to provide practical and supportive help for families and senior citizens in our parish and beyond.

Second Collection next Weekend - Missio

The collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need.

Collections Last Weekend

Collection Plate: £ 213.71 of which £ 110.00 was Gift Aided

Digital Collection Plate: £ 70.00 of which £ 5.00 was Gift Aided

Standing Orders: £ 100.00 of which £ 60.00 was Gift Aided

Second Collection: Maintenance Fund: £ 362.18 of which £65.00 was Gift Aided

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