

PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY - THANET

May, the Month of Mary

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. An important way to do this is the daily recitation of the Holy Rosary.

Please pray this powerful and important prayer as a family, and as an individual. We pray the Rosary every Wednesday and Friday with Eucharistic Adoration from 9.15am.

VE Day Celebration

As a parish we will celebrate VE Day this Sunday, 4th May after the 10.30am Mass in the hall. You are all invited to come through and share your stories or your parents or grandparents memories as we enjoy tea, coffee, cakes and music. If you normally attend the Vigil Mass or the 8.30am you are warmly invited to come along for 11.30am.

Alpha Launch - Paul's Bar & Bistro, Westgate

Alpha in-person begins on Wednesday, 14th May at 7.15pm at Paul's in Westgate. Please invite two family members or friends to come along with you to this taster session. Consider doing it yourself if you have not in the past. Flyers are at the back of the church for you to invite others and to promote on your social media. Alpha is a relaxed and non-judgemental space where questions of life and the basics of the Christian faith are explored.

Please pray for all who will be attending.

Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Coach Trip

If you have not already done so, please sign up on the list at the back of the church for your place on our coach to the celebration at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June. It promises to be a great event! For more information, visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubilee celebration

Make payment by writing your name, phone number and how many seats you need at £15 per person and 'Aylesford' on an envelope containing either cash or a cheque made payable to RCAS Birchington. Put your sealed envelope into the offertory basket at Mass and it will come through to the office.

We are sharing the coach with St Ethelbert's at Ramsgate so you will need to book your place quickly to avoid missing out.

Children's Activities

Register for a 90-minute ministry session for children (KS1+2) and young people (KS3+4) at the above web address. **Pre-booking for these sessions begins at 11 am this Monday 5 May**. Places are limited - first come, first served. Please book only for your own children or grandchildren. For those who miss out, there are other children's activities, notably a novel 'Saints Treasure Trail' which has been developed especially for this celebration.

Second Collection next Weekend - Priest Training Fund

This collection helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

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Saturday 3rd May THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Vigil 6pm

Edith Collins, RIP

Sunday 4th May
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass 8.30am

Mass 10.30am

In Memory of Pope Francis, RIP

Tuesday 6th May

Feria

Mass 6pm

Stefan Kluibenschadl, RIP

Wednesday 7th May

Feria

Mass 10am

People of the Parish

Thursday 8th May

Feria

Mass 8am

Friday 9th May

Feria

Mass 10am

Saturday 10th May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Vigil 6pm

Sunday 11th May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass 8.30am

In Loving Memory of Ivan & Isobel Plewis, RIP

Mass 10.30am

Annamma Geevarghese - Wellbeing