



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY - THANET

Dear Parishioners,

Appointment as Archdiocesan Higher Education Chaplaincy Co-Ordinator

I am happy to inform you that our Archbishop, John Wilson, has appointed me to the role of Archdiocesan Higher Education Chaplaincy Co-Ordinator. This entails working with the seven universities in our Archdiocese, and developing a vision for university chaplaincy and line-managing the chaplains.

This role is alongside being your parish priest. It will impact the time I currently invest in the parish, however, I am sure with your support and co-operation we will continue to effectively build a vibrant, evangelising and welcoming parish whilst this role also helps produce fruits in our universities.

Thank you!

Yours in Christ,

Father Joe Owusu-Ansah

Faith Sharing Group

Our Faith Sharing Group will meet every other week on Tuesdays at 7pm in the church hall. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 21st October**. All are welcome!

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

Patrick Columba McDermott, RIP

Patrick was a longstanding parishioner of the then Westgate Church and has for some years been housebound. He once taught at St. Augustine's, College, Westgate. Patrick's funeral will be **here on Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 10am**. We thought we'll have it at the regular Parish Mass time since he has no family in England to attend.

All are welcome.

Second Collection Next Weekend - Holy Family Maintenance Fund

This monthly collection helps meet the ongoing costs of maintaining our church. Some of the hidden costs are the many health and safety checks we are required to have; for instance a recent asbestos survey and a tree survey. These can cost thousands. Your continued contributions are very much appreciated.

Donations can also be made at anytime using the tab marked 'Maintenance Fund' on the Dona card machine in the porch.

Sunday, 19th October 2025

Saturday 18th October

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME (C)

6pm Vigil

Sunday 19th October

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME (C)

Mass 8.30am

Mass 10.30am

Shani Geevarghese, RIP

Tuesday 21st October

Feria

Mass 6pm

People of the Parish

Wednesday 22nd October

Feria

Mass 10am

Thursday 23rd October

Feria

Mass 8am

Friday 24th October

Feria

Mass 10am

Saturday 25th October

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME (C)

Vigil 6pm

Sunday 26th October

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME (C)

Mass 8.30am

Margaret Carter—Intentions

Mass 10.30am

Private Intention

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 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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