



## Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

### Catholic Community – Herne Bay, Kent

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### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2024

**Entrance Antiphon:** Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Truth and beauty surround him, he lives in holiness and glory.



## We Pray For Christian Unity

**1st Reading:** Jonah 3:1-5.10

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

**Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20

### MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	18.00	Sean Maple (RIP)	Thurs. 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	10.00	Margaret & Patrick Muldoon (RIP)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	08.00 09.30 11.15	People of the Parish Sr. Corinne (INT) Prim Wyatt (INT)	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	10.00	Brennan Family (INT) Michael & Mary Ward (Special Int)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan.	10.00	Tim Richards (RIP) Holy Souls	Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	11.00	Decd Members McAleavey Family Decd. Sheridan Family
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.	10.00	Martin & Rita McVey (INT)	Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	18.00	Albert Fallows (ANN)
Weds. 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	10.00	Malachy O'Brien (INT)	Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	08.00 09.30 11.15	People of the Parish Olive Dawson (INT) Mary Locke (INT)

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday from 10-11. **ADORATION ON THURSDAYS:** 10.30 a.m. to 10.00 pm

**MEDITATION Tuesdays 2.30 pm in church. LECTIO DIVINA:** Prayerful Reflection on the Sunday Readings: Online every Saturday, 9.00 to 10.00 a.m. Please see website for link details. Come and join us. All welcome

**Please pray for all the sick:** Patrick Connolly, Stuart Hamilton, Phil Chow, Bridget Foster, Brian Vorley, Aileen Barker, Ian Wright, Tony Bombone, Rose-Marie Williams, Connie Caira, Martin McVey, Frank Roy Smith, Terry Suggett, Wendy Jane Findeis, Terry Vacani, Chris and Michele David, Rita Kendrick, Monica Cole, John Gibbon, Carole White, and Debbie Kehoe. For all undergoing hospital treatment and all suffering with Covid. And praying for all who suffer with mental health issues.

**We remember those who have died.** Sean Maple, Frank Casey and Trish Roos (sister-in-law of Mary Roos). We remember Albert Fallows and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**FEAST DAYS:** Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan: St. Vincent. Weds. 24<sup>th</sup> Jan: St Francis de Sales. Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup> Jan: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle. Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> Jan: Saints Timothy & Titus.

*OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January*

*Why not try the link for beautiful prayers and reflections:*

[WPCU-2024-English-pamphlet-Final.pdf.pagespeed.ce.blzU36L9TX.pdf](http://WPCU-2024-English-pamphlet-Final.pdf.pagespeed.ce.blzU36L9TX.pdf) ([ctbi.org.uk](http://ctbi.org.uk))

**TEA/COFFEE AFTER 9.30AM MASS IN THE HALL:** Next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. the SVP invite you along: homemade cakes and bread available to purchase – funds going to local community in need. Come & meet fellow parishioners.

**NEW LIVESTREAMING:** Fr Mark would be grateful for any comment about our new system. At present it is not possible to have a recording of our regular livestreamed 11.15 Mass - unlike with the previous system, the Masses are not available on Youtube but there may be a way in future of recordings being available. We will let you know.

**CAFOD:** are looking for volunteers. Could you help in our parish, inspiring to help build a better world or visit local schools/support local volunteers /share your admin/people skills Training provided. Info: [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/](https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/) [southwark@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwark@cafod.org.uk) Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? [cafod.org.uk/walk](https://cafod.org.uk/walk)

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY:** Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating the event at St George's Cathedral, London SE1 7HY - 10am Mass. The Racial and Cultural Inclusion Commission, coordinated by Canon Victor Darlington, invite parishioners. You are requested to come in your traditional attires & costumes (possibly bring a flag of your country of origin). Mass is at 10.00am please be seated at least 15 minutes before. Please advise the parish office if you would like to attend, to enable us to let them know expected numbers from our parish.

**SPUC: White Flower Appeal 2024** - The Society for the Protection of Unborn children annual appeal is this weekend. SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy. As well as ending the lives of precious babies, this policy lacks safeguards against illegal late-term abortions, and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk. 86% of GPs are concerned that this scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis. And act now by contacting your MP see below: <https://righttolife.org.uk/abortionamendments> to contact your MP where more information will also be found.

**PRAYER FOR LIFE:** For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends, and local communities.

**MARRIAGE:** Retrouvaille A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages Info: call or text 07887 296983 / 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Next programme is a Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 Feb. or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16. *Help re-awaken your love.*

**DOUBLE YOUR LOVE FOR MARY'S MEALS THIS WINTER!: Extended to end of Jan.** It costs just £19.15 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. This winter, it will feed two children. See: [marysmeals.org.uk](https://marysmeals.org.uk)

**ST. MARY'S LUNCH CLUB** in the Retreat Hall –Revised dates: January 24 - Winter Warmer - homemade soup and roll with tea or coffee £2. February 14 - Winter Warmer - as above. February 28 - Hot two course meal £5. Booking sheet at back of Church or call Sally on 01227 375870. Everyone welcome!

#### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

<b>1st Reading:</b> Deuteronomy 18:15-20	<b>2nd Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 7:32-35	<b>Gospel:</b> Mark 1:21-28
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**Cleaning Group (A) CHURCH CLEANING:** More volunteers are needed on the 4 weekly rota. If you would like to help, please contact Helen Connolly: 07919 556870

**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT** – The Collection for last weekend was: Loose cash: £400.15 Gift Aided: £271.00 Total: £671.15 And thank you for your continued generosity through Standing Orders and Online giving. These bring in upwards of £400 per week. Your support means so much. Many, thanks. **NB** If you pay UK tax then you can gift-aid whatever you offer. **This weekend: Society for the Protection of Unborn Children collection.**

**LOST PROPERTY BOX AT BACK OF CHURCH:** We have accumulated: pairs of reading glasses, hats & gloves, jumpers & a cuddly toy. Please check the Box for any items you may have mislaid in the church. As the items have been gathered for a while any items not claimed by the end of the month will be donated to the hospice shop in town.