



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Catholic Community – Herne Bay, Kent

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

27th – 28th JANUARY 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, Lord our God, and gather us together from the nations, that we may proclaim your holy name and glory in your praise.



We celebrate the Feast of The Presentation of The Lord 'CANDLEMAS'

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES

Saturday 27 th Jan.	18.00	Albert Fallows (ANN)	Thurs. 1 st Feb.	10.00	Decd. McKeown Family (RIP) Sr Angela (INT)
Sunday 28 th Jan.	08.00 09.30 11.15	People of the Parish Olive Dawson (INT) David Kendrick (ANN)	Friday 2 nd Feb.	10.00	In thanksgiving SHJ & IHM Sr Julie Rose
Monday 29 th Jan.	10.00	Sheridan Family (INT) Teresa Sales (INT)	Sat. 3 rd Feb.	11.00	Michael Walsh (RIP) Olive and Robert Waters (RIP)
Tuesday 30 th Jan.	10.00	Mary Locke (INT) Tim Richards (RIP)	Sat 3 rd Feb.	18.00	Moyra Feathers (INT)
Weds. 31 st Jan.	10.00	Anne-Marie Davidson (ANN)	Sun 4 th Feb.	08.00 09.30 11.15	People of the Parish Mary O'Toole (INT) Mollie & Dominic Adams (ANN)

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, Elizabeth Johnson, Lynne Leung, 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. Peter Aylward, Sean Maple, Frank Casey, Trish Roos (sister-in-law of Mary Roos) and Maureen Bruce. We remember Albert Fallows, David Kendrick, Anne-Marie Davidson, Mollie & Dominic Adams and all others whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FEAST DAYS: Weds. 31st Jan. – St. John Bosco. Fri. 2nd Feb. – The Presentation of The Lord, Candlemas. Sat. 2rd Feb. – St. Laurence of Canterbury.

NEW LIVESTREAMING: Fr. Mark would be grateful for any comment about our new system. Is access easy? How about the quality of sound and the quality of vision. Many thanks for those who have responded so far.

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

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/ southwark@cafod.org.uk Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY (HMD) Bishop Declan Lang, Chair of the Bishop's Conference's International Affairs department, is encouraging us to pause on Holocaust Memorial Day, 27 January, to remember the six million people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution, all those affected by the Holocaust and in the genocides which followed. We pray that "love will triumph over evil." *This year's theme is Ordinary People, recognising that it was ordinary people who fell victim to ordinary people perpetrating evil acts, while so many ordinary people stood by. It was also the bravery and selflessness of ordinary people that helped to rescue others. "...let us reflect upon our own responsibility to prevent future genocides and consider how we view marginalised people in our communities. We commit ourselves to stand against antisemitism, injustice and prejudice wherever it might be found."*

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE: Marriage Week 7 – 14 February 2024 <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week-2024/>
The Sycamore Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) course is a **free ONLINE** course, **for married and engaged couples**, on Tues. 8-9pm beginning **13 Feb 2024** and continuing on **20 Feb, 27 Feb, 5 Mar, 12 Mar, 19 Mar 2024**. To register go to: [Growing in Faith Together – Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis \(rcaos.org.uk\)](https://growinginfaith.org.uk/)

THE INTERNET: POSITIVE USES: What sites have you found helpful to build up your faith, increase your knowledge of Scripture, deepen your understanding of the Church, inspire you to social action??? Please share your experience with us and help others to find the good things you have found.

ABORTION AT HOME: Right To Life UK has launched a tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP to ask them to oppose the two extreme abortion up to birth amendments and sign Early Day Motion 131 to stop abortion pills being sent out without an in-person medical appointment calling on the Government to reinstate in-person medical appointments before abortion pills may be prescribed, in order to determine the gestational age of a baby and to ensure women seeking abortion are not facing coercion. Please visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/abortionamendments> to contact your MP where more information will also be found.

PRAYER FOR LIFE: We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life.

ST. MARY'S LUNCH CLUB in the Retreat Hall –Winter Warmer 14th Feb. - homemade soup and roll with tea or coffee £2. 28th Feb. - Hot two course meal £5. Booking sheet at back of Church or call Sally on 01227 375970. All welcome!

BARN DANCE: Sat 24th February, St. Thomas Church Hall, Canterbury. Raising funds to take adults and children with special needs to Lourdes with HCPT. Info & tickets: Annie 07866 515797, email: anniejudge@hotmail.com

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.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4,6-7

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Cleaning Group (B) 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: £439.35 Gift Aided: £274.20 Total: £713.55 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. Collection for Society for the Protection of Unborn Children £457.44