



## Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Catholic Community – Herne Bay, Kent

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### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B) LAETARE SUNDAY

9<sup>TH</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

**Happy Mothering Sunday to all our Mothers**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.

...the man who **LIVES** by the  
**TRUTH** comes out into the **LIGHT**,  
so that it may be plainly **SEEN** that  
what he does is done by **GOD**.

**1st Reading:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10

**Gospel:** John 3:14-21

#### MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	18.00	People of the Parish	Thurs. 14 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00	Brian Walker (INT)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	08.00 09.30 11.15	Rose Marron (RIP) Fr Mark Whelahan CP (RIP) Prim Wyatt (INT)	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00	Eucharistic Service
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00	Teresa Sales (INT)	Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00	Holy Souls Mary Joyce
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00	Brenda Gray (INT)	Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> March	18.00	Susan Shelley (INT)
Weds. 13 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00	Adam Harvey (ANN)	Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> March	08.00 09.30 11.15	People of the Parish Elijah and James (INT) Una Mc Menamin (RIP)

**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

**LENT DEVOTIONS: Sundays at 4.00pm; HOWEVER: No Stations of the Cross this coming Friday evening.**

**Please pray for all the sick:** Elizabeth Johnson, Lynne Leung, Stuart Hamilton, Josephine Mizzi, Bridget Foster, Brian and Margaret Worley, Aileen Barker, Ian Wright, Tony Bombone, Rose-Marie Williams, Connie Caira, Martin McVey, Frank Roy Smith, Terry Suggett, John Gibbon, Carole White, Debbie Kehoe, Wendy Jane Findeis, Terry Vacani, Chris and Michele David, Rita Kendrick, and Monica Cole, 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.** Fr Mark Whelahan, Passionist, Georgina Williams and Michael Hoffmeister. And please pray for Adam Harvey and all others whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: advance notice:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup>: Opportunity for Confession: 3.00-4.00pm; 7.00 to 8.00pm  
Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Last Supper at 8.00pm; Good Friday: Walk of Witness at 9.30 a.m.; Liturgy of the Passion at 3.00pm; Seven Last Words from the Cross at 7.00pm; Holy Saturday: Confessions 10.00 to 11.00; Solemn Easter Vigil at 7.30 pm; Easter Sunday: Mass at 8.00, 9.30 and 11.15 as usual.

**Speaking of Easter**.....our flower arranging team are planning , as always , to present displays that help to highlight the importance of the Feast and help us in our worship of God who is Love Truth and Beauty. Our financial support is needed, and there will be a retiring collection next weekend, 16/17 March to help the team achieve their aim.

**FR PATRICK and DEACON BARRY** will be taking part in a diocesan study week/retreat this week. And Fr MARK will be leaving after Mass on Thursday to travel to MInsteracres for the funeral of Fr Mark Whelehan. Hence no Mass on Friday but there will be a Service of the Word with Holy Communion.

**SVP -40 days Lent Fund Raiser Challenge** - Annette Ballard, with her friend Francis, has generously offered to repeat last year's fund-raising challenge to take a dip in the Sea every day in Lent. This year all net proceeds will go towards replenishing badly needed bed linen, blankets, pillows etc. Thank you, Annette and Francis for your support. For online giving go to - Just Giving Search Page & insert St Vincent De Paul Society Annette Ballard. or by bank transfer to Our Lady -Account 46075372 sort code 60-60-04 ref Annette or place donation in box at back of Church.

**SVP - St Patrick's day raffle – Cake/bread sale &** Easter Cake & Irish Whisky draw on Sunday 17th March in Parish Hall after 9.30 am Mass. Raffle tickets £1 or £5 for strip will be available after all weekend Masses. Last chance to buy: this weekend.

**MISSIO/ RED BOX Holders:** The Members' Spring edition of "Mission Today" is available at the back of church. Thank you for your continued support for the Missions. If you wish to have your red box counted, please return the box at the weekend Masses.

**DIY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH:** Diana Johnson MP has tabled an amendment (New Clause 1) to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill, which is coming up for Report stage in Parliament in early March. This amendment seeks to change criminal law so that "no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy" at any gestation. In effect a woman who induced her abortion at home using pills (or any other method) at any stage of pregnancy, including just before natural birth, would commit no offence. This is dangerous for women and lethal for unborn babies. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose this extreme and barbaric proposal. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments> Please pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need

**PRAYER FOR LIFE:** Let us pray for new parents and grandparents, that they may manifest the love and mercy of God to their children and grandchildren.

**ST. MARY'S LUNCH CLUB** in the Hall: **Weds. 13<sup>th</sup> March** - Hot two-course meal £5. Additional date of **Weds. 27 March** - Winter Warmer (hot soup & roll) £2. Booking sheet at back of Church or call Sally on 01227 375970. All welcome!

**One Day Pilgrimage to WALSINGHAM:** Saturday 3 August. Leaves from here. Contact Althea Walker: 07862276100

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

**1st Reading:** Jeremiah 31:31:-34

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 5:7-9

**Gospel:** John 12:20-33

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**Cleaning Group (D) CHURCH CLEANING:** More volunteers are needed on the 4 weekly rota. If you would like to help, please contact Helen Connolly: 07919 556870 **BIG CHURCH CLEAN help needed - on Tuesday 26th March, after 10am mass, we will be getting the church ready for Easter. Many hands make light work so please help us if you can.**

**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT** – The Collection for last weekend was: Loose cash: £549.10 Gift Aided: £329.00 Total: £878.10. Cafod Lenten Family Fast Collection £459.10; **collection still open this weekend.** 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.