



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

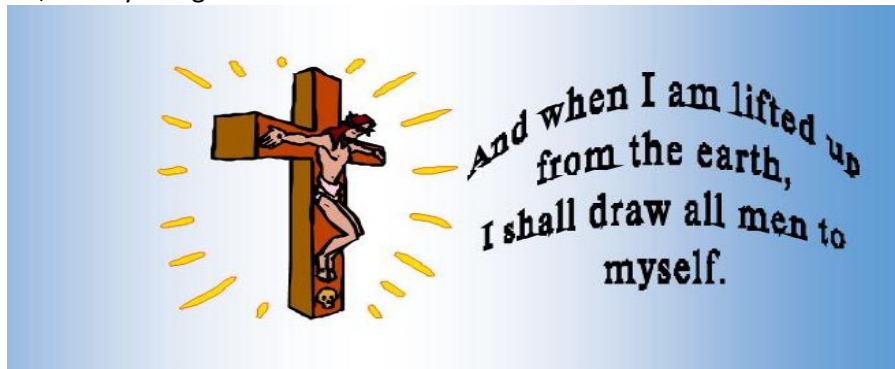
Catholic Community – Herne Bay, Kent

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 16TH – 17TH MARCH 2024

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust men. You, O God, are my refuge.



1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31:-34

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES

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| Saturday 16 th March | 18.00 | Susan Shelley (INT) | Thurs. 21 st March | 10.00 | Prim Wyatt (INT) |
| Sunday 17 th March | 08.00 09.30 11.15 | People of the Parish Elijah and James (INT) Una Mc Menamin (RIP) | Friday 22 nd March | 10.00 | Edmund Foley (ANN) Frs Patrick & Mark (INT) |
| Monday 18 th March | 10.00 | Fr Ralph Egan CP (RIP) Olive Dawson (INT) | Sat. 23 rd March | 11.00 | Fr Ralph Egan CP (RIP) Fr Jamea Feehan CP (RIP) |
| Tuesday 19 th March | 10.00 | Fr James Feehan CP (RIP) Teresa Sales (INT) | Sat 23 rd March | 18.00 | Rosemary O'Connor (RIP) |
| Weds. 20 th March | 10.00 | Kitty McGowan (RIP) | Sun 24 th March | 08.00 09.30 11.15 | People of the Parish Graham Poole (RIP) Roger Collin (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; Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7.00pm

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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| PALM SUNDAY, next weekend, 24 th March | Mass Sat. evening 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am & 11.00am starting in the Retreat Hall with procession of Palms (not before the 8.00am Mass) |
| MONDAY 25 th March | Opportunity for Confession: 3.00-4.00pm & 7.00 to 8.00pm |
| MAUNDY THURSDAY 28 th March | No morning Mass. Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8.00pm followed by Watching before the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm |
| GOOD FRIDAY 29 th March | No morning Mass. 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 30 th March | No morning Mass. Confessions 10.00am to 11.00am Solemn Easter Vigil at 7.30 pm |
| EASTER SUNDAY 31 st March | Mass at 8.00, 9.30 and 11.15 as usual. |

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, Thomas Ryder and Michael Hoffmeister. And please pray for all others whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FEAST DAYS: Tues. 19th March – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

EASTER FLORAL DISPLAYS: 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 this weekend, 16/17 March** to help the team achieve their aim.

EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT: as last year with 120 easter eggs to be found: takes place after the 9.30 Mass

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.

'Building a Better Marriage' is a reflection day run by the Family Life Team of the Diocese, on Saturday 13th April (9.30 to 4.30pm) in the Whitstable parish hall (15A Castle Road, Whitstable CT5 2DY). This is a *free* course where married couples can privately explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into the communication and the call of the Church to be married. It is for married couples whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between. It seeks to help couples make their marriages even better and to improve their communication skills. There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. To register interest, please email whitstable@rcaos.org.uk or call 01227 272758. Refreshments will be provided but please bring a packed lunch. Whitstable station is just a 15 minute walk, the nearest bus stop is Tankerton Roundabout and the hall has car parking facilities.

PRAYER FOR LIFE: As we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph on Tuesday let us pray for all fathers, that, through their example, they may demonstrate the loving provision and compassion of Almighty God to their children.

ST. MARY'S LUNCH CLUB in the Hall: **Weds. 27 March** - Winter Warmer (hot soup & roll) £2. **Weds. 10th April** 2 course hot meal £5.00. 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

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2024/25: available after Mass for all gift-aiders. Please see Sr Corinne.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)

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| <u>1st Reading:</u> Isaiah 50:4-7 | <u>2nd Reading:</u> Philippians 2:6-11 | <u>Gospel:</u> Mark 14:1-15:47 |
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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 **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: £440.70 Gift Aided: £240 Total: £680.40. 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. **Total raised for CAFOD: £789.40 Thank you for your great generosity.**