

Catholic Community – Herne Bay, Kent

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) $6^{TH} - 7^{TH} \text{ APRIL } 2024$

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn children you should thirst for milk, on which your spirit can grow to strength, alleluia.

PEACE be with you.

As the

Father sent me, so am I sending you.

Receive the HOLY SPIRIT.

For those whose sins you **forgive**, they are **forgiven** for those whose sins you **retain**, they are **retained**.

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35 **2nd Reading:** John 5:1-6 **Gospel:** John 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES

Saturday 6 th April	18.00	Brenda Gray (INT)	Thurs. 11 th April	10.00	Patrick, Bridget, Molly Sheridan (RIP)
Sunday 7 th April	08.00 09.30 11.15	People of the Parish Bernie Lloyd (RIP) Fr Mark Whelehan CP (RIP)	Friday 12 th April	10.00	Fr. Brendan Smyth (ANN)
Monday 8 th April	10.00	Jessie Knight (ANN)	Sat. 13 th April	11.00	Noellen Goodman's, friends/family living & decd.
Tuesday 9 th April	10.00	Mary O'Toole (INT)	Sat 13 th April	18.00	Thomas Ryder (RIP)
Weds. 10 th April	10.00	Rose Marie Williams (INT)	Sunday 14 th April	08.00 09.30 11.15	People of the Parish Fr. Mark White CP (INT) Emma Horsey & Family (NT)

<u>CONFESSIONS:</u> Saturday from 10-11. <u>ADORATION</u> ON THURSDAYS: 10.30 a.m. to 10.00 pm <u>MEDITATION Tuesdays 2.30 pm in church. LECTIO DIVINA:</u> 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

FEAST DAYS: Monday 8th April – The Annunciation of the Lord. Thursday 11th April – St. Stanislaus.

<u>Please pray for all the sick</u>: Elizabeth Johnson, Fred and Gemma Waters, Lynne Leung, Stuart Hamilton, Emma Horsey, 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.

<u>We remember those who have died.</u> Tom Ryder, David Bryson, and Bridget Hennessy. And please pray for Jessie Knight, Fr. Brendan Smyth all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FUNERALS: Bridget Hennessy's funeral is 24th April at 12.00 noon.

<u>A HUGE THANK YOU:</u> Frs Mark and Patrick would like to thank so many people for their kindness and thoughtfulness in remembering their recent birthdays as well as Easter itself. If we have not managed to thank everyone individually, please accept this most sincere word of thanks.

<u>Parish Multicultural Celebration Event Saturday 15th June –</u> worldwide there are an estimated 1.3 billion Catholics who share our faith, love & unity within our Catholic Church. It is believed within our Parish that parishioners can trace back their origins to at least 10 countries incl. the UK. With this in mind a special multicultural celebratory event will be held in late Spring 2024. The event will be preceded by a special Mass, and involve sharing food/refreshment & enjoying entertainment reflecting as many cultures as possible. If you are prepared to perform as an individual or collectively with song, dance, instrumental, poetry, comedy etc. please contact Frank: 07503928463/email fj.gormley@tiscali.co.uk

SVP -40 Days Lent Fund Raiser Challenge - the total raised with donations to Just Giving and Church Collection box is approx. £787. The final total will be published once information received re any bank transfers made. Very big thank you to Annette & Francis. Combined with the St Patrick's Day Raffle £620 (thanks to Mary O, Mary A & Angela Mc) the **SVP** Lent appeal raised a total of £1407, which will greatly support those in need Herne Bay & Surrounding districts. Thank you all Parishioners and friends who were able to donate to both events.

<u>'Building a Better Marriage'</u> 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 <u>whitstable@rcaos.org.uk</u> or call 01227 272758. Refreshments will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

<u>PRAYER FOR LIFE</u>: As we rejoice in the risen Lord and all his many blessings; may the new life we see all around us inspire us to be more pro-active in our support to all expectant mothers and their families as they bring the precious gift of new life into our world.

PRAY FOR THE BAY: This coming Monday: 7.00 for 7.30, Pettman House, corner of William St carpark and William Street. A great opportunity to pray and share with fellow Christians from the town.

JOB VACANCY: The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis has developed a strong reputation for effective and creative support for parishes in terms of evangelisation, catechesis and formation. This is chiefly expressed in the *Some Definite Service* approach to parish growth. We are looking for a new Evangelisation and Outreach Advisor to join our well-respected and vibrant team. This is a full-time post and further information can be found on the Agency website: https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/job-vacancy-evangelisation. Deadline for applications midnight 15 April. Interviews 22 April 2024.

ST. MARY'S LUNCH CLUB in the Hall: 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

READINGS NEXT WEEKEND: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15.17-19 **2nd Reading:** 1 John 2:1-5 **Gospel:** Luke 24:35-48

<u>Cleaning Group (D)</u> <u>CHURCH CLEANING:</u> 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 the Holy Places was: £610.85. And thank you for your most generous contributions to the Easter Collection. Frs Patrick and Mark are deeply grateful.

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.