



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

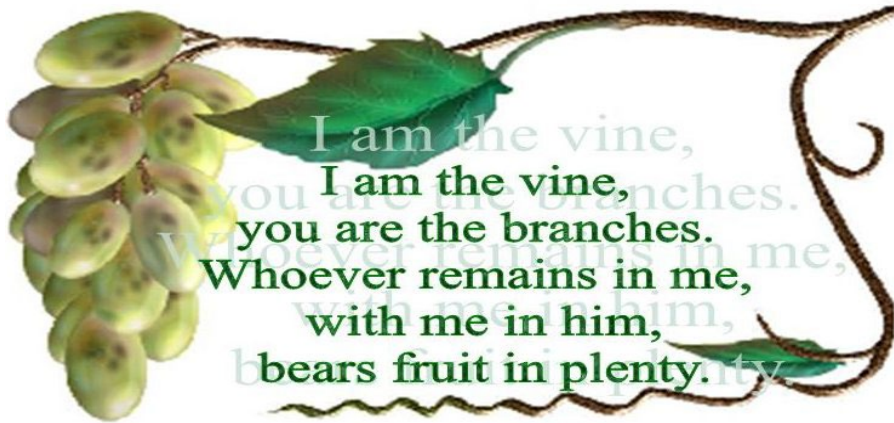
Catholic Community – Herne Bay, Kent

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

27TH – 28TH APRIL 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power, alleluia.



1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES

Saturday 27 th April	18.00	Sr. Corinne (INT)	Thurs. 2 nd May	10.00	Fr. Malachy CP (RIP) Patsy, Alice & Tommie Keenan (RIP)
Sunday 28 th April	08.00 09.30 11.15	People of the Parish Ruben Ramirez (RIP) Simonas Makstutis & Family (INT)	Friday 3 rd May	10.00 12.00	Pat Beautridge (ANN) Requiem Mass for Tony Bombone
Monday 29 th April	10.00	Aaron Newell (ANN) Bro. Peter CP (INT)	Sat. 4 th May	11.00	Butt Family (INT) Rose Marie Williams (INT)
Tuesday 30 th April	10.00	Brendan McEnaney (RIP) Douglas Bradley (INT)	Sat 4 th May	18.00	Caroline Perkins (RIP)
Weds. 1 st May	10.00	Marie McConnell (INT) Mary McEnaney (INT)	Sunday 5 th May	08.00 09.30 11.15	Chris Tedder (INT) People of the Parish Tony Bombone (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

FEAST DAYS: Mon. 29th April – St. Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe. Weds. 1st May – St. Joseph the Worker.

Thurs. 2nd May – St. Athanasius. Fri. 3rd May – Saints Philip & James, Apostles. Sat. 4th May – The English Martyrs.

Please pray for all the sick: Elizabeth Johnson, Fred and Gemma Waters, Lynne Leung, Stuart Hamilton, Emma Horsey, Josephine Mizzi, Bridget Foster, Brian and Margaret Worley, Aileen Barker, Ian Wright, 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 are mentally ill.

We remember those who have died. Tony Bombone, Bridget Hennessy and Ann Potter. And please pray for Aaron Newell, Patricia Beautridge and all others whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FUNERALS: The Requiem Mass for Tony Bombone is on Friday 3rd May at 12.00 noon:

THANK YOU to all who took part in our well-attended meeting last Sunday to reflect on the fruits of our Lent small-group programme “ We Dare to Say”. There is considerable enthusiasm for the groups to continue and we shall look at ways of taking this forward. Please feel free to express your views on this. We look forward to the conversation continuing!

Parish Multicultural Celebration Event Saturday 15th June – 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

THE ANNUAL MASS for London Migrant Workers in honour of St Joseph the Worker is on **Monday 6th May 2024 at St George’s Cathedral, London SE1 6HR at 12.30pm**. All are invited. Please come early. You are welcome to come in national dress if you would like to take part in the banner procession at 12.15pm. The Mass is hosted by the three London Catholic Dioceses, supported by the Justice and Peace Commissions and Ethnic Chaplaincies, Caritas Brentwood and London Citizens UK. in celebration of all the people who live, work, contribute to life across our city.

“Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while...” (Mk 6: 31-32) These words of Jesus are still, today, in 2024 His invitation to us. At Adoration every Thursday He is inviting you and me to come to Him in a time of silence and intimacy. Will you make some time to be with Him? 15, 30, 60 minutes. It is His gift to us. So, do pop into Church between 10.30 am and 10.00 pm to receive it. Maybe you would be able to commit to a particular hour every week. That would be great as our numbers have dwindled since Covid.

Contact: Marian 07853010168 for more information.

TRAIN TO TEACH: The Kent Catholic Schools Partnership are proud to have partnered with **Teach First**, a leading education charity, to provide our School Centred Initial Teacher Training programme. We welcome people of all faiths, and offer a wonderful and exciting opportunity to embark on training to be a secondary school teacher within our family of Catholic schools. For further information, please visit: **Kent Catholic Schools’ Partnership office@kcsp.org.uk** or phone **Deborah Wakelin 01622 232662**. Please see leaflets at the back of church.

PRAYER FOR LIFE: In this year of a General Election we pray that all politicians respect the sanctity of life, from conception to natural death; and in so doing, ensure that the laws of our country reflect this.

ST. MARY’S LUNCH CLUB in the Hall: Meals are £5 for a freshly cooked 2 course meal. Doors open for tea or coffee at 11.30 am, meal served at 12.30pm. Sign up for next meal on **Weds. 8th May**, sheet at back of Church or email stmaryslunchclub@gmail.com or call Sally 01227 375970. We look forward to seeing you. All welcome.

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER: With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and the SVP, equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. For more info see, cafod.org.uk/encounter including online sessions on Thurs. 25th April and Sat. 4th May to learn more.

PASSIONIST VOCATION RETREAT: A weekend retreat for young men interested in knowing more about life as a priest or brother in the Passionist Community will be held at the Passionist Monastery, Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar, County Down, beginning on the evening of Friday, 14 June and ending with lunch on Sunday, 16 June. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Paul Francis CP at passionistvocations@gmail.com

READINGS NEXT WEEKEND: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Cleaning Group (C) 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 £455.70; Gift Aided £275.00: Total £730.70. Priest training Fund: £238.20 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.

