



# Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Catholic Community – Herne Bay, Kent

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

4<sup>TH</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024 - WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

**Entrance Antiphon:** Speak out with a voice of joy; let it be heard to the ends of the earth: The Lord has set his people free, alleluia.



<b>1st Reading:</b> Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48	<b>2nd Reading:</b> 1 John 4:7-10	<b>Gospel:</b> John 15:9-17
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### MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	18.00	Caroline Perkins (RIP)	Thurs. 9 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 19.00	Austin Ring (RIP) Sr. Angela (INT)
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	08.00 09.30 11.15	Chris Tedder (INT) People of the Parish Tony Bombone (RIP)	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00	Mary Marron (INT)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00	Sr Dorothea (RIP) Silvia Nicole (INT)	Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00	Ann and Sandra Keane (RIP) Masey Family (INT)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00	Chris Tedder (INT) Mrs. Ena Burke	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May	18.00	People of the Parish
Weds. 8 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00	Holy Souls Private Intention	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	08.00 09.30 11.15	Robert Smyth (INT) V.J. Sebastian (ANN) Jessie Knight (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

**FEAST DAYS:** Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> May – St. John Paine. **Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup> May – The Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation, Masses at 10am and 7pm**

**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, Jerome Windsor, Patrick Joseph McDonald. And please pray for V.J. Sebastian, Jessie Knight and all others whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY:** Bank Holiday, Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am

**MESSAGE FROM DEACON BARRY:** My sincere thanks to you all for your prayers and best wishes at this time of sudden illness. Christine and I have felt truly supported and buoyed-up by your overwhelming spiritual help. Thank you. Deacon Barry.

**AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>:**

All are welcome to join:

Meet at Aylesford at 11.00 a.m.

Holy Mass at 12.00 followed by lunch (either packed lunch or café on site)

2.30.pm Rosary Way.

Contact **Marian Green:** 01227 361685 or 07853 010168

**"Anne-Marie Bombone** would like to thank clergy and the Parishioners for the wonderful support given to her and Tony over the past few years of his illness and more recently for the continuing prayers, cards, messages, Mass cards and encouraging telephone calls after Tony died and the wonderful attendance at his funeral on Friday. A Mass will be offered in thanksgiving."

Fr Mark recommends this brief video which gives a taste of the beauty and importance of the Synodal Process which is ongoing in the Church: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-11/multimedia-of-synod-general-assembly-letter-to-people-of-god.html>

**A suggestion for the house-groups which are continuing:** There is some very helpful material based on the Synod Report of October 2023 which could be used to help deepen the sense of our participation in the life of the Church: You are welcome to come and sample this material at a meeting on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 4.00pm in the Retreat Hall. If you would like further information, please email or call Fr Mark.

**THIS SUNDAY IS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS:** An opportunity to renew our prayers for Peace, unity, and reconciliation, most especially at this time in the Holy Land and Ukraine.

**Parish Multicultural Celebration Event Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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. 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](mailto:fj.gormley@tiscali.co.uk)

**PRAYER FOR LIFE:** As we approach the Ascension of the Lord this coming Thursday, we ask the Lord to protect in body and spirit all those who are near to death. May they be united with our Lord in heaven, and may those who love them be comforted.

**ABORTION UP TO BIRTH** - Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme changes to our abortion laws. Both amendments would make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth. To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email your MP via this link: [www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth)

**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. 8<sup>th</sup> May**, sheet at back of Church or email [stmaryslunchclub@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryslunchclub@gmail.com) or call Sally 01227 375970. We look forward to seeing you. All welcome.

**JOB VACANCIES ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK:** Episcopal Vicar and Bishop Group Secretary plus Priests' Welfare & Wellbeing Officer. For more info. <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/get-involved/vacancies/vacancies-in-southwark/>

**READINGS NEXT WEEKEND: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

<b>1st Reading:</b> Acts 1:15-17.20-26	<b>2nd Reading:</b> 1 John 4:11-16	<b>Gospel:</b> John 17:11-19
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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

**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT** – The Collection for last weekend was: Loose cash £432.85; Gift Aided £264.50: Total £697.35. Collection for St. George's Cathedral: Gift Aid £78.00. 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.

**As announced last weekend there is a collection this weekend for the urgent help needed in Sudan, thru CAFOD**

