



St Teresa's Newsletter

12th May 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)

WEEKDAY READINGS EASTER OCTAVE, PSALTER WEEK 3

SUNDAY MASS: 5.30pm(Sat.), 8am, 10.30am, 12.30pm (Polish)

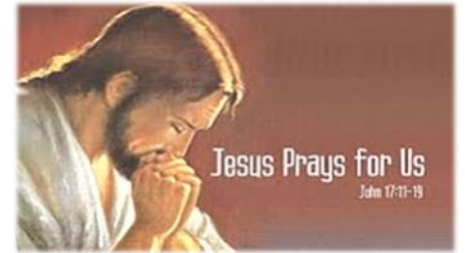
LIVE-STREAM: See our website or YouTube Channel.

CONFESSIONS: Monday-Saturday after 10am Mass

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus speaks to the Father, expressing His deep concerns for His disciples. His words resonate through time, offering guidance and solace to those who seek to follow Him. Jesus begins by acknowledging His imminent departure from the physical realm, but in the same breath, He reveals His desire for His disciples' protection. He prays to the Father, asking Him to guard His disciples with the power of His name, so they may be united in purpose and protected from the forces of division and discord. The unity that Jesus prays for is not merely superficial or circumstantial. It is a unity rooted in the truth of God's Word, a unity that transcends differences and disagreements. It is a unity grounded in love, the same love

that binds the Father and the Son. This unity is not passive; it requires active participation and commitment from His disciples. We are reminded of the challenges we face in our own lives and communities. The world around us is often marked by division, strife, and uncertainty. Yet, in the midst of this turmoil, Jesus offers us a pathway to peace and unity. Jesus knew that His disciples would face opposition and persecution in the world. He prayed not that they would be removed from these trials but that they would be protected from the evil one. This is a powerful reminder that, as followers of Christ, we are not immune to suffering, but we are promised His presence and protection in the midst of it.



Jesus prayed for the sanctification of His disciples. He recognised the importance of their continued growth and transformation in faith. This sanctification is a lifelong process, marked by surrender and obedience to God's will. This Gospel offers us a profound insight into the heart of Jesus and His relationship with the Father. It challenges us to pursue unity, seek protection in the face of adversity, and embrace the process of sanctification. May we heed these words and strive to live as faithful disciples, grounded in the love and truth of Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 11th May

10.00am *James and Mary Lancefield RIP*

5.30pm *George Shoubridge RIP and for Janet his wife's birthday*

Sunday 12th May Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)

8.00am *George and Margaret Henneker RIP*

9.15am Wye *NO MASS*

10.30am *Well being of Canon Luke Smith*

12.30pm *Mass in Polish: People of the Parish/Lech Jezewski RIP*

3.00pm *Mass in Syro-Malankara*

Monday 13th May

10.00am *Annie Alsford RIP*

Tuesday 14th May SAINT MATTHIAS

10.00am *George and Margaret Henneker RIP*

Wednesday 15th May SAINT JOHN STONE

10.00am *Holy Souls*

Thursday 16th May SAINT SIMON STOCK

10.00am *Ambrose Jessie Farthing and family RIP*

11.00am **FUNERAL:** Teresa Leonora Bechelli RIP

Friday 17th May

10.00am *Eva Billington RIP*

Saturday 18th May

10.00am *Holy Souls*

5.30pm Vigil *Ambrose Jessie Farthing and Family RIP*

Sunday 19th May PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)

8.00am *People of the Parish*

9.15am Wye *Holy Souls (St Mary's Brook)*

10.30am *Delphine David RIP*

12.30pm **Mass in Polish:** *Soul of Lukasz RIP*

3.00pm **CONFIRMATION MASS:** *For Candidates, Families and Catechists*



12th May-Seventh Sunday of Easter (B) Acts 1:15-17,20-26 ; Psalm 102(103); 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19

19th May Pentecost Sunday (B) Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103(104); 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 15:26-27,16:12-15

MONTH OF MARY The month of May is a time when the people of God express with intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. May is dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the mother of God and Mother of the Church. This month of May which the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance. **The Rosary will be said after the 10.00am Mass Monday-Saturday in the month of May.**

WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY Sunday 12th May
The Pope's message follows the theme Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication. The development of systems of artificial intelligence, to which I devoted my recent Message for the World Day of Peace, is radically affecting the world of information and communication, and through it, certain foundations of life in society. These changes affect everyone, not merely professionals in those fields. The rapid spread of astonishing innovations, whose workings and potential are beyond the ability of most of us to understand and appreciate, has proven both exciting and disorienting. This leads inevitably to deeper questions about the nature of human beings, our distinctiveness, and the future of the species homo sapiens in the age of artificial intelligence. How can we remain fully human and guide this cultural transformation to serve a good purpose? There will be a second collection this week after every mass.

HOSPITAL/SICK VISITS If you have a relative in hospital or at home that would like to receive Holy Communion please contact the Parish Office.

ST AMBROSE WYE There is a further review being undertaken of St Ambrose, Wye. No decision has yet been made. This will be made by the Diocese and Bishop Paul Hendricks. Further updates will follow.

PLEASE NOTE there will be no tea or coffee after the 10.30am or 12.30pm Masses on Sunday 19th May. We will be preparing the hall for the Confirmation Party.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Confirmation Mass with the Auxiliary Bishop for Kent Bishop Paul Hendricks on Sunday 19th May at 3.00pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES Saturday 25th May at 10.00am and Saturday 1st June at 10.00am. Please keep our young people in your Prayers.

MEMORIAL GARDEN Our Memorial garden, dedicated to honouring the memory of loved ones, holds a special place in many people's hearts. Maintaining its sanctity involves more than just keeping it free of physical clutter. It's about preserving the emotional sanctity and tranquillity of the space as well. We have noticed lots of food and rubbish being left in the Memorial garden. Can we please remember this is a sacred space. Thank you.

PLEASE SUPPORT US!

JUST GIVING for our **Roof Fund** is a simple process of donation by bank transfer, Google pay, debit card, or Pay Pal. Gift Aid option is available.

EASY FUNDRAISING is a simple and regular way whenever you buy anything online from your weekly shop to your annual holiday this system raise some funds for the church. This way when you spend money on shopping at eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, M&S, amazon and many more, we get donation with no extra cost for you.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS.

BOOKING A MASS. Mass Intentions can be celebrated for deceased members of family or friends, thanksgiving, anniversaries, vocations, for the sick and any other particular need. If you would like a Mass said please let the **OFFICE** know. **ONLINE or CONTACTLESS DONATIONS now available.**

Please note that the **contactless machine** in the porch is purely for roof donations **not for Mass bookings.**

COLLECTION FOR THE POOR Please deliver the items when you come to Mass and put in the box provided in the porch. This will be on a regular basis each weekend. Remember, little but often makes the difference. We are collecting certain items please see the list below:

Food: Cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, lentils, beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea/coffee, tinned fruit, biscuits, only UHT milk, fruit juice/squash. **Non-food items: Household items:** (see list on CARITAS Board in the Porch). **No clothing or Toys at this time.**



Next CAFÉ Caritas - Saturday 25th May and 11th May at 10.30am. Please come along for a chat and cuppa and make friends. You are very welcome to invite someone (not required to be a Catholic or of any faith) and share time together.

CARITAS The next Caritas Group meeting on Tuesday 4th June at 7.30pm.



PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM a journey filled with spiritual enrichment and community bonding. The trip promises a day of reflection, prayer, and camaraderie as we explore this significant pilgrimage site together. We will be joining the Union Catholic Mothers Mass when we arrive.

Date: 2nd July, Departure: 6:00 am by coach

Return: 8:00 pm, Coach Cost: £35 per person

You will need Badges for the day to enter the shrine they cost £8 this needs to be in by 15th May. The coach money needs to be in by 1st June. Please pay at the Parish Office.

We need a minimum of 50 people to make this trip possible, so please consider joining us for this memorable experience. Your commitment is crucial, so please ensure you've signed up by 12th May. If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to reach out to Anne Urgohide or contact the Parish Office/Louise.

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.

BAPTISM of Children. Please fill the online Baptismal Application Form (see our website) and we will contact you with the date for the baptismal preparation course (usually first Monday of the month at 7pm).

CHILDRENS LITURGY gathers Primary School age children for a special Liturgy of the Word offered at the 10.30am Mass. You may register your child on the day. The next Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday **12th and 26th May PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILDREN ARRIVE ON TIME TO THE SESSION.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/2024: The next meeting for Parents and Children will be Saturday **18th May** at 11.00am in the Church for a rehearsal.

CONFIRMATION 2023/2024: The next meeting for Candidates will be Thursday **16th May at 7.30pm** in the Church for a rehearsal. Children, Parents and Sponsors.

POST CONFIRMATION/YOUTH CARITAS Meeting on Thursday **23rd May** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All young people are invited to come along aged 14 years upwards.

RCIA Are you, or someone you know, interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church or wishing to become a Catholic? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a very friendly programme to introduce the Catholic faith to those adults who are seeking to be baptised or Christians who would like to become Catholic. Please contact the Parish Priest for more details.

THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Children's corner

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to see the needs of others, to care for creative, and to continue your work in the world with a loving and caring heart. Amen.



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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- FATHER HEAVEN
- JESUS PRAYS
- DISCIPLES UNITY
- PROTECT CARE

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY



Find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture

Cross out the letters **o k b** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

ofkrube caborek fokhemb habveko

"Since I have been with _____, I have taken _____ of them, and I _____ kept them _____ to you."



Just like Jesus, we too can look out for our friends and family. Whether it's helping with a task or just listening, showing care helps love to grow in all our relationships.



This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED

Kathleen Wood, Philip Croft, Rosemary Sloan, William Dias, Thomas Kirby, Marta Thompson, Kathy Collar, Bernard Claw, Ann Carter, Sue Wall, Felicity Gliddon, Liam O'Connor, David Lavelle, Sarah Weston, Mark Haberland, Jane Rutter, David Robbins, Catherine Keane, Fr David Peck, Sharon Mooney, Corrine Clark, John Melsom, Bridget Day, Michelle Moore, Lynn Wheeler, Elizabeth Benson, Chrissie, Mieczyslaw Kucharski, Tommy Vanlinden, Ken Batchelor, Gillian Clark, Teresa Davies, Pat Kelly, Joyce Dennis, Carol Regan, Barry Innes, Ted, Jean Smith, Stephen Jennings, Wojciech Niewinski, Philip, Anna Gawlik, Andy Hatton, Sorrell Wootton, Mark McGarrigle, Jih young Yi, Eileen Ball, Raffi Parris, Baby Robyn, Lisa Thwaites, Ruth Perry, Margaret Kay, Simon Rose, Rosaleen Williams, Hilary Lewis, Bridget Gunn, Dorothy Wiseman, Baby L, Tina Hogben, Melanie Taylor, Joseph Kilsby, Jay Tongue.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Gerry Noonan, Albert Rayner, Mary Robertson, Gerald Williams, Margaret Henneker, Herbert Curtis, Mary Cross, Kevin Emmerton, Denis Potter, Olive Byrne, Marguerite Fletcher, Maureen Daly, Danil Jones, Brian Vickery, Elizabeth O'Connor, Mary Mahoney, Dorothy McAnally, Jim Daniels, Albert Mickelborough, Petris Kandzino, Benedetto Bastianelli, Isabel Hauser, Gwendoline Wright, Margaret Vicary, Winifred Rust Sybil Wilson, Anne Hanstridge, Michael Scanlan **and all whose anniversaries occur at this time**

RECENTLY DIED:

Teresa Leonora Bechelli RIP (Funeral Thursday 16th May at 11.00am St Teresa's)
Anthony Kirwan RIP (Funeral Wednesday 22nd May at 11.30am St Teresa's followed by Burial)
Rita Eleanor Clark RIP (Funeral Saturday 25th May at 10.30am Charing Crematorium)
Sarah Dean RIP

SAFEGUARDING

Abuse is the violation of an individual's human and civil right, and is always harmful.

OUR SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE
JULIAN GIZZI
jgizzi@kcsp.org.uk

If you are concerned about a child or adult at risk, talk to your Safeguarding Representative.

CLERGY TEAM

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FR ANSELM JIMOH

RESIDENT PRIEST
FR MANU MATHAI

RETIRED PRIEST AT WYE
(TEL: 813765)
FR RODNEY SCHOFIELD

THANK YOU

to all who donate by Standing Order and to those who have recently signed up, as well as those who have made their donation any other way.

SUNDAY'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY & S/O £ TBA

MAINTENANCE ST GEORGE CATHEDRAL £232.00

2ND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK: CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK
NEXT WEEK: N/A

EASY WAYS TO DONATE:
STANDING ORDER, GIFT AID,
CHIP & PIN MACHINE, BASKET

ST TERESA of AVILA CHURCH & PRESBYTERY

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ST AMBROSE GREEN, WYE, ASHFORD TN25 5AG

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN:

Monday 9.00am - 2.00pm
Tuesday 9.00am - 2.00pm
Wednesday 9.00am - 2.00pm
Thursday Closed
Friday 9.00am - 2.00pm

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