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27th Sunday of the Year (B)
ROSARY SUNDAY +++ CONFIRMATION PREPARATION
7th October 2018

A MASSIVE THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS £3,559.63 was raised for the Building Fund in September which means that, not only have we achieved our target of £85,000 in five years but also have a surplus of £2,006.94 - and a month early! A massive and grateful thank you to our Fundraising Committee and all of you who have worked so hard and given your dedication and support to achieve this. And, as Winston Churchill said at the end of World War II - "We may now allow ourselves a period of rejoicing" - and rest!!

THIS WEEKEND Today (Sunday) we welcome the Confirmation candidates from the Deanery Parishes to join our candidates in an afternoon of preparation from 3 to 8pm which will include the 5.30pm Mass which they will present (and welcome their families and sponsors who will join them) and a short rehearsal afterwards. Also today (Sunday), we welcome the Syro-Malabar community for their monthly Mass.

DURING THE WEEK Pre-Confirmation interviews and First Communion Parents' meeting - please pray for all involved.

NEXT WEEKEND We congratulate and pray for our Confirmation Candidates and their sponsors and families as they celebrate their fourth Sacrament and the final Sacrament of Initiation and become full members of our Church and Parish and pray that they may inspire us, especially those who have been confirmed, in our calling and involvement in our Church and Parish. We also celebrate Prisoners Sunday and Prisoners Week with Prayers and a retiring collection for PACT and the Church's work for prisoners and their families at all Masses. Special envelopes for gift-aiders and information and prayer leaflets are available at the back of the Church. At the 5.30pm Mass we welcome one of the Carmelite Friars to celebrate our Mass as Fr. Peter will be at the Confirmation Mass at St. Francis, Maidstone and thank them for their help.

MASSES & SERVICES

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| SATURDAY (26th Week of the Year) | 6 | 5pm | David A. Fellows RIP (Anniversary) Ann Ivell RIP (Birthday) |
| SUNDAY 27th Sunday of the Year (B) Rosary Sunday Confirmation Preparation | 7 | 10am 12 noon 5.30pm | (Children's Liturgy) Private Intentions Syro-Malabar Mass (With Confirmation Candidates) Parishioners and Candidates |
| MONDAY (27th Week of the Year) | 8 | 9.30am 12 noon | Communion Service Exposition and Silent Prayer in Church |
| TUESDAY (27th Week of the Year) | 9 | 9.30am | Antonia RIP |
| WEDNESDAY (27th Week of the Year) | 10 | 9.30am | Deceased Relatives and Friends of the Lobo Family |
| THURSDAY (St. John XXIII) | 11 | 9.30am | Communion Service |
| FRIDAY (27th Week of the Year) | 12 | 9.30am | George Heard RIP (anniv.) and Valerie |
| SATURDAY (St. Edward the Confessor) | 13 | 2.30pm 5pm | Baptism: Evelyn Mason Neville and Beno Perera - Intentions |
| SUNDAY 28th Sunday of the Year (B) Confirmation Prisoners Sunday and Prisoners Week | 14 | 10am 5.30pm | (Children's Liturgy) Terence Caughlin RIP (Simone and Hugh Tonocchi - Wedding Blessing) (3pm - Confirmation Mass at St. Francis, Maidstone) (Supply) Deceased Family of Bernadette and Jim Burke |

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 4.30 to 4.45pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Baby Giorgio Gangemi; Jenny Craddock; Nicholas Powell; Terry Barton; Betty Ward; Max Bryer; Sue Foley; Moira Stevens; James Hay; Brendin O'Doherty; Sarah Content; Frank Hall; May Piddock; Audrey Matcham; Maggi Jones; Jim Brooks; carers of the sick; our housebound and all at Maidstone Hospital, Hospice and local Nursing Homes. Please pray for all affected by cutbacks, illnesses and other challenges in our country and world.

RECENTLY DEAD: Simona Sisestean; Susan Peek; Ena Dowson; Fr. Peter Lessiter; James Cork. Also Fr. John Mulligan (month's mind). Please keep in your prayers all who have died in conflict throughout the world especially the innocent civilians.

ANNIVERSARIES: Edith May Goldrick; Gerald Houghton; Ellen Hensby; Margaret Corddrige; Maud Savage; Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy; Terence Battock; Joseph Jupp; Dueilliam (William) Billanuvan; Charlie Bagent; Eric Redman; Kathleen Lonergon; James Fay; Charles Lovell; Maura Fissenden; Albert Ford.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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| SUNDAY 7 | 10am 3-8pm | Children's Liturgy in the St. Thomas of Canterbury Centre Confirmation Preparation Meeting |
| TUESDAY 9 | 11am 1.30-3pm 6.30-8pm | Deanery Clergy Meeting in Tenterden Baby & Toddler Group meet in the St. Thomas of Canterbury Centre Pre-Confirmation Interviews |
| WEDNESDAY 10 | 11.30am 5.30-7.30pm 7.30 for 8pm | Kent Deans Meeting with the Archbishop in Bishop's House Pre-Confirmation Interviews First Communion Parents' First Meeting in Church |
| FRIDAY 12 | 7-9pm | Youth Group meet in the SCHOOL |
| SATURDAY 13 | 10am-12 noon and 12.30pm | Pre-Confirmation Interviews |
| SUNDAY 14 | 10am 3.30 for 4pm | Children's Liturgy in the St. Thomas of Canterbury Centre Lucia's Concert - see below (4pm - Deanery Confirmation at St. Francis, Maidstone) |

THANK YOU for your Offerings which amounted to £333.91 The second collection for The Harvest raised £196.72

100 CLUB Congratulations go to Carmen Williams (No.16) for the October draw.

FUNDRAISING

£3,559.63 total raised in September through donations and events. Overall total raised is £87,006.94
A surplus of £2,006.94



LUCIA'S CONCERT will take place on Sunday 14th October.
Refreshments from 3.30pm. Concert begins at 4pm.
Suggested donations of Adults £5 and Children £1



PARISH BARBECUE raised £319.00 Many thanks to those who organised and supported this.

NEEDLEWORK AND KNITTING GROUP meet on **Wednesday 10th October** from 7.30 - 9.30 pm in the Church porch.
A £2 contribution towards the Building Fund is requested at each meeting. All welcome or call Chris on 01732 841522

SECURITY Anyone going into the Church alone must notify the Parish Office **even if they have their own Church key** and lock themselves in for safety reasons. They must also notify the Office when they leave.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Schedules for classes starting in October 2018 are now at the back of the Church. Please note that children must be currently in at least Year 3 at school to participate. Any parents interested in putting their child forward will need to attend the first parents meeting this **Wednesday 10th October 2018** with **refreshments from 7.30pm and the meeting commencing at 8pm**. The cut-off date for acceptance into this year's Class is **18th November 2018**. **No children will be accepted onto the course after this date.**

100 CLUB Dee will be in the Porch after all Masses from Saturday 29th September and throughout October to collect annual subscriptions. She will also be looking out for new members. A list of this year's winners will be on the notice board in the porch.

LILIES Dee will also be taking donations for remembrance lilies to commemorate All Souls. Lilies are still £3 each with names of your deceased loved ones displayed on boards during the period of All Souls.

DONATE8 HELP PLEASE! Flower arrangers are needed to help bring colour and blooms to our church. No experience required – just come along, join the team and they'll show you how. Who knows - your home arrangements may benefit also! Why not Donate8 today?

KCSP DIRECTOR / TRUSTEE (VOLUNTEER ROLE) Kent Catholic Schools Partnership are looking for a Director / Trustee to join the Board of Directors. Our Trust Board meet at least five times per annum at our offices in Barham Court, and as a Director you will be expected to follow the principles of the Nolan Committee and assist the Trust in delivering its mission to deliver outstanding Catholic education for children and young people across Kent. To find out more information or submit an expression of interest, please contact Michelle Boniface, Company Secretary mboniface@kcsp.org.uk 01622 232670

SPUC The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children has produced postcards so that you can send a message to your MP urging him / her to vote against a dangerous abortion bill which is coming up in the House of Commons on Tuesday 23rd October 2018. The bill seeks to decriminalise abortion which would remove any effective legal protection for unborn babies and their mothers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Postcards are available in the Church porch. Thank you.

IMITATION ROLEX WATCH has been found in the Church carpark. If this belongs to you please contact the Parish Office.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS For safeguarding reasons **all children under 10 must be escorted to the toilet during Mass**. Could we also remind parishioners that the doors inside Church must be accessible at all times and that prams or other items must not block them. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING Fiona's Group - week beginning 8th October.

NOTICES: Please see the Notice Board for more details.

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

Maidstone Deanery have been discussing possible changes to Mass times. At the Parish Meeting it was suggested that the 10am Mass could be moved to either 9am or 9.30am. We would very much like to hear your opinion / preference of time and would appreciate them being emailed to the Parish Office this week.

AREA GROUP MEETINGS

Kings Hill and Mereworth meet on Friday 19th October at 8pm for a House Mass for Joan Wegrzyn RIP. Venue: 26 Dawn Lane, Kings Hill. ME19 4DH. Contact Chantal Ekeuh 07966577612

