



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

~ THANET ~

Parish Church: OUR LADY AND SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Centre: CHRIST CHURCH (U.R.C.) WESTGATE BAY AVENUE, WESTGATE

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WEEKLY DIARY

Sunday 23rd December 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 22nd December (Evening)
Confessions 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm

Vigil Mass

6 pm BIRCHINGTON

Janet McAndrew, RIP Patrick McAndrew

Sunday 23rd December

4th Sunday of Advent

9.15 am BIRCHINGTON

People of the Parish Birchington & Westgate

10.45 am WESTGATE MASS CENTRE

Driscoll, Brotherton and Daniels Julia Driscoll



THE BIRTHTIME – THE INCARNATION

from the writing of St. Thomas Aquinas (question 1-26) perhaps the greatest Theologian.

THE FITNESS OF THE INCARNATION. It is most suitable that the invisible things of God should be manifested by visible things. Creatures, as St. Paul (*Romans 1-20*) prove the existence and show the attributes of God. But the incarnation, the coming of God himself as man, most significantly wondrous goodness passion and power – “*These invisible things*” could not be more nobly manifested than they are in the Incarnation. Now goodness communicates itself and spreads itself abroad, it is fitting that infinite goodness should communicate itself in the most perfect manner and it does so in the Incarnation. Therefore it is supremely fitting that God should become man. Let us pray words of thanksgiving for the Son of God takes one human life full of richness for us to learn and benefit from such a manner beginning a vulnerable human being dependent on others to lead him along his great journey which begins with a new born baby in the stable at Bethlehem. We speak words of gratitude and we send here the true message of Christmas.

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Psalter week 4

Monday 24th December (Purple)

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NO MORNING MASS

Christmas Mass Times

BIRCHINGTON

Christmas Eve – Monday 24th December

11.30 pm Christmas Carols

12 midnight Mass of the Nativity of the Lord
Deceased Friends Iris Brennan

Christmas Day – Tuesday 25th December

9.15 am Family Mass

John Mann, RIP Mann Family

Boxing Day – Wednesday 26th December

10 am St. Stephen's Day Mass

Louis Clarke, RIP James Osborn

WESTGATE (AT URC MASS CENTRE)

Christmas Eve – Monday 24th December

6 pm First Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day – Tuesday 25th December

10.45 am Family Mass

Holy Souls

MONDAY: Please note there will be **NO MORNING MASS**

on Monday 24th December at 10 am. First Mass of Christmas will be at The Westgate Mass Centre at 6 pm

Congratulations: this week are offered to **Andy and Cathy Anderson** who celebrate 46 years of marriage on Sunday 23rd December, and to **Rosemary and Bob Martin** who celebrate 57 years of marriage on Sunday 23rd December, to **Mark and Nicola Williams** who celebrate 9 years of marriage on Friday 28th December, and to **Fiona and Malachy Egan** who celebrate 43 years of marriage on Saturday 29th December. *Our best wishes to them all.*

UCM: the next meeting will be on **Tuesday 8th January 2019** in the Parish Hall at Birchington at 6 pm. *All welcome.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Classes resume on **Thursday 10th January 2019** in the Parish Hall at 4 pm.

Collections: 16th / 17th December 2018

	Gift Aid	Loose	Total
Offertory:	£311.00	£247.49	£588.49

Thank you for your generosity

SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Psalter week 1

Thursday 27th December (Red) St John, Apostle, Evangelist
NO MASS TODAY

Friday 28th December (Red) Holy Innocents

9.30 am EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

10 am Deceased Family Members Carol Justice

Saturday 29th December (Red) St Thomas of Canterbury

10 am Geoff Lowe, RIP Margaret Carter

Anniversaries of Death

Your prayers this month are asked for

Aidan Lattimore and Elizabeth Shufflebotham

Whose anniversaries occur about this time

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Luke Bullard, Joan & Jim Hogan, Teresa Dowd,
Joan Ryan, Val Mallon and Maureen Dyke

Compliments of the Season: Canon David wishes to thank Deacon James, the Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Flower Ladies, Church Cleaners, Organist and Musicians, both Choirs, Children's Liturgy Leaders, Gift Aid Organiser, 200 Club Organiser and all parishioners for their services and support throughout the year. *May the Blessing, Peace and Joy of Christmas remain with you now and during this new year of 2019.*