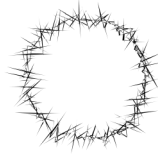


Sunday, 13th April 2025



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY - THANET

Pilgrimage to Pentecost

Pilgrimage to Pentecost is a course designed to guide participants on a spiritual pilgrimage towards Pentecost.

As pilgrims on this journey, we will be following the example of Our Lady and the first disciples, who prepared for the first Pentecost together, by reflecting on the Scriptures and devoting themselves to prayer.

The Pilgrimage to Pentecost runs during Eastertide from the 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) to the Saturday after Pentecost Sunday. It has the components of:

1. a Course Booklet: a specially written booklet, grounded in Scripture and Tradition, with daily Scripture-based reflections and a Pentecost Novena for the 9 days leading up to Pentecost Sunday.
2. Six weekly sessions: each with a video consisting of worship, a short talk and a testimony professionally filmed.
3. In-person Pilgrimage Day: we are encouraging every 'pilgrim' to attend the Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Day at The Friars, Aylesford on Pentecost Saturday, 7 June which has further details on the page overleaf..

We will run it here in our parish as hub for other parishes in the area to join in. It will be on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings but will be confirmed soon. For further details please speak to Father Joe or Cathy Anderson.

An hour with The Lord:

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament for The Sanctity of Human Life

As communicated last week we will be spending an hour with our Blessed Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist joining our prayers to His Sorrowful Mother on Tuesday, 15th April from 6.30pm to 7.30pm (after evening Mass). Let us all join in this profound moment of prayer for the sanctity of human life in the face of the Assisted Suicide Bill. This is an invitation of our Archbishop John Wilson to us.

Reconciliation Service & Extra Confession Time - Saturday, 12th April at 7pm

Two extra priests will be available together with Fr Joe to offer individual Confession.

Extra confession time is on Maundy Thursday, 17th April from 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Maundy Thursday Mass

Please note there is no morning Mass but the Mass of the Lord's Supper in the evening at 7:30pm.

Easter Flowers

Please give towards the flowers to be used to decorate the church at Easter.

There is a basket marked at the back of the church.

Thank you.

Please turn over for more news.

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Saturday 12th April

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Vigil 6pm

Geoff Bentley, RIP

Sunday 13th April

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mass 8.30am

Youth of our Parish - Intentions

Procession from Dogacre 10am

Mass 10.30am

Sr Ellen Flynn - Intentions

Tuesday 15th April

Tuesday of Holy week

Mass 6pm

Ivan Plewis, RIP

Wednesday 16th April

Wednesday of Holy Week

Mass 10am

David & Ann Shufflebotham, RIP

Thursday 17th April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Mass of The Lord's Supper 7.30pm

People of the Parish

Friday 18th April

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
(GOOD FRIDAY)

Liturgy of The Passion of The Lord 3pm

Saturday 19th April

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

Vigil 8pm

Estela María Silva Hernández & Family - Intentions

Sunday 20th April

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESSURECTION OF THE LORD

Mass 8.30am

Catherine Barry, RIP

Mass 10.30am

People of the Parish

Sunday, 13th April 2025



Churches Together Walk of Witness - Good Friday, 18th April

Westgate

The walk with Stations of The Cross begins at Christchurch United Reform Church (URC), Westgate Bay Avenue, Westgate at 10am, finishing at St Saviour's for refreshments.

Birchington

We process from our church at 10.30am to the village centre for a service at 11am.

Easter Craft Hunt - Easter Sunday, 20th April, 12-2pm - Cake Appeal

We are almost ready to host our Easter event, designed to attract young families to our church doorstep.

Please donate any cakes either home made or shop bought listing any allergens to the hall kitchen before Easter Sunday Mass. Thank you.

Children will hunt for the materials to make an Easter garden to take home as a reminder of why we celebrate Easter along with an Easter Egg. This event will encourage families to spend time together as they make the garden in our hall and experience the warmth of our hospitality and welcome. There will be refreshments available and Easter colouring promoting our children's liturgy. Also the bouncy castle will be back!

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for those who can help out with the event and we really need more helpers please.

Please note the car park will be closed following the Mass at 8.30am for safety reasons. Those attending the 10.30am Mass will need to park in the Medical Centre opposite. Thank you

Please mention the event to family & friends. It should be a relaxed enjoyable time.

Alpha In-Person is Here Again

Please begin to think about two friends or family you would like invite to Alpha happening in May.

Be intentional with it and begin working on it.

If you have not been on an Alpha yet, why don't you consider joining it this time?

Our parish have been running Alpha both online and in-person for a while now and have been blessed with some of our guests having a conversion to the Christian faith.

It is a relaxed and non-judgemental space where questions of life and the basics of the Christian faith are explored. It is only 10 sessions.

Details of this season of Alpha will be publicised soon.

Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory - Update

Archbishop John is inviting all of us to the Southwark Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday, 7th June 2025. It promises to be a great day. Find out more from the poster in the porch or by visiting aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelbration.

We will travel together as a parish. A coach has been arranged for the day and will cost £15 per person. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church on a first come, first served basis. Full payment will be required before 4th May. Please send in a cheque made payable to RCAS Birchington or pay cash in a sealed envelope marked Aylesford and post through the presbytery door.

There will also be a children's ministry on the day (which must be booked in advance). Pre-booking for this 90 minutes session for children (KS1+2) and young people (KS3+4) will commence at 11am on Wednesday 30th April at aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelbration.

The organisers are also asking for volunteers to help on the day. If you might like to help, register to volunteer at bit.ly/southwarkhelper.

Easter Collection

As per the arrangement of the Archdiocese, your offering on Easter Sunday is your personal gift to your priest.

The offering on Good Friday is for the upkeep of the Holy Places: the places connected with the Lord's Passion which have been centres of veneration and pilgrimage. It also supports Christian schooling in the area.

Collections Last Weekend

Collection Plate: £334.30 of which £98.00 was Gift Aided

Digital Collection Plate: £45.00 of which £25.00 was Gift Aided

Standing Orders: £415.00 of which £205.00 was Gift Aided

Tea & Coffee: £15.00

Reschedule of Ministries Away Day

It was published with the Dates for your Diary that our parish Ministries Away will be on Saturday, 3rd May. However, it has been rescheduled.

A new date will be communicated in due course.

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