





PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY - THANET

Alpha - Sarah's Story

Told she was a mistake from birth, Sarah felt like a fish out of water her whole life. She started drinking from the age of eleven. Later in life, when she became pregnant, she worked hard to quit alcohol, but the drinking soon returned. At a twelve-step programme, Sarah asked a God she didn't believe in for help..

She then found Alpha and had an amazing transformation. To watch Sarah's full story visit: story.alpha.org

Why not start your amazing story?

We begin Alpha in the new year with our online version starting on Tuesday, 21st January at 7.45pm. To register your interest & enable us to send you the zoom link please email **thanet@rcaos.org.uk** or visit our website: **holyfamilythanet.org.uk**. Please, also encourage your family and friends to try Alpha.

Pastoral Letter on the Solemnity of The Holy Family 2024 for the Opening of the Jubilee Year 2025 - Archbishop John Wilson

Copies of this letter from our Archbishop are available at the back of the church. Please take one home with you and keep it as a guide as we journey into 2025 as one family within our parish and beyond.

Invitation to Youth Ministry Training - Saturday, 8th February, 10am - 5pm

As a parish, we are stepping into engaging young people of secondary school going age in our parish and the local community.

An expert in youth ministry will come here to offer training for adults who would like to support this ministry as leaders.

Everyone one is invited to this training session. The information provided will be helpful in many ways even if you feel you are not called to working with young people. If you can attend, please inform the office via email or phone by Friday, 17th January. Please let us know since lunch will be provided.

A Day in the Life of Father Joe

During the summer a film crew came to shoot a video with Father Joe organised by the Office of Vocations of the Bishops Conference which is to be used to promote vocations to the Priesthood. The video is available to watch on youtube.com using this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5nmK5K aBI

You can also search in Youtube 'A Day in the Life of a Parish Priest'. You will spot some familiar faces and places.

Thank you from Father Joe

Thank you, my dear parishioners, for all you do for our parish and especially at this time for you donations, cards, presents and kind words.

I very much appreciate them all.

May the blessing of the new born Saviour be upon you and your families now and in 2025



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Saturday 28th December

The HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH, Feast

Vigil 6pm

Ann (Bunty) Daniel - Intentions

Sunday 29th December

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Mass 8.30am

Andy Anderson - Wellbeing

Mass 10.30am

Geoff Bentley, RIP

Tuesday 31st December

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Mass 6pm

Stephen Hailey - Intentions

Wednesday 1st January
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Mass 10am

John & Olivia Nelson - Intentions on their 60th Wedding Anniversary

Thursday 2nd January

Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church, Memorial

Mass 8am

Jenny Cartwright, RIP

Friday 3rd January

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Mass 10am

People of the Parish

Saturday 4th January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Vigil 6pm

Deceased Sisters of the Daughters of Jesus

Sunday 5th January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass 8.30am

Holy Souls

Mass 10.30am

Dennis How, RIP