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Newsletter for the week commencing 8th June 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11

Psalm 101(03) Response Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: The Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 8:8-17

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 14: 15-16; 23b-26

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners,

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

There are many beautiful prayers to the Sacred Heart and June is the month of the Sacred Heart. This devotion beautifully expresses the great love Jesus has for every person.

On Friday 27 June we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart with Mass at 10am followed by a Holy Hour of Adoration and devotion.

If you would like to deepen your devotion to the Sacred Heart please join in our Litany of the Sacred Heart before Mass on Saturday, starting this Saturday and Sunday starting after Pentecost Sunday.

Fr Behr

Your Prayers are asked for:

Recently deceased: Andrew Czaykowski RIP, June Munton RIP, Giles Hutt RIP

Those ill or infirm: Sophie, Lady Wyn McWilliams, Michael Payne, Roger Styles, Mary Basher, Paul Lane, Mara McDermot, Ailish Cantwell (Jones), Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Patricia Hook, Josie Payne, Pat Holland and all those who are unwell and in need of our prayers.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Richard Charles Brignal, Joan Nicholson, Pauline Pratt, Yolande Urquhart, Margaret Martin-Sperry and Andree Norman-Taylor.

Masses and services for the week (8th – 14th June), Feasts and Mass intentions.		
Saturday 7th June Feria	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	Reader: Pat
Sunday 8th June PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)	10am Mass <i>Canon John O'Toole RIP</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	Reader: Frances
Monday 9th June Mary, Mother of the Church	10am Mass <i>Ivy and Michael Masterson</i>	
Tuesday 10th June Feria	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i>	
Wednesday 11th June St Barnabas, Apostle	9am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i>	
Thursday 12th June Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	9am Adoration 10am Mass <i>For Priests</i>	
Friday 13th June St Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church	10am Mass <i>Angela Bandyshe RIP</i> Adoration 10.30 – 11am	
Saturday 14th June	No public Mass am	

Feria	6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	Reader: James
Sunday 15th June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C)	10am Mass <i>Rose Daly RIP (Bridget)</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	Reader: Kathy
Flowers: for 15th June - Frances		

Confession Fr Behr is available for Confession every Saturday from 10.30am - 11am. He is also happy to visit those who are not able to come to church.

Children's Liturgy Children's Liturgy at the 10am Mass is on the first Sunday of every month. All children who have not made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend. The next lesson with Lorraine is Sunday, July 6th

Parish WhatsApp Our parish has a WhatsApp group. We will post parish events including social events, special occasions and requests for help in the parish as well as general parish news. If you would like to join please get in touch with Fr Behr.

Maidstone Deanery Confirmation Programme 2025

Applications are invited from School age young people in **Year 9 or above**, to join our 2025 Deanery Confirmation programme, who live in the parishes of Maidstone Deanery (St Francis', Maidstone/ St Peter's, Bearsted/ Holy Family, Park Wood, /St Thomas More, West Malling/ St Theodore's Cranbrook/ St Andrew's, Tenterden / Sacred Heart, Goudhurst).

The programme will run on mainly Sunday evenings at St Francis' Church, Maidstone, beginning in June, a break throughout the summer holiday, continuing through September - October, with the **Confirmation Mass scheduled for Saturday 25th October, 2pm.** (Venue TBC)

Applicants must be Catholics, who have made their First Holy Communion.

Applications must come from the candidate themselves.

Applicants will commit to attending all of the sessions.

Applicants must also be willing to participate fully in all aspects of the programme.

To request an application form, which also gives details of dates and times of sessions, please email:
confirmation@stfrancisparish.org.uk

The **closing date** for applications is **Monday 9th JUNE 2025**

Any other questions can be raised either through this dedicated confirmation mailbox,
or by contacting Deacon Ian.

ACN are uniting with Catholic international Charities in England and Wales for a special '**Rosary of Hope**'. We invite you to join with ACN, CAFOD, Missio and Stella Maris in praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary in our online "Rosary of Hope" on **Tuesday 10 June at 7pm**. In his first Urbi et Orbi message after his election, Pope Leo XIV said

"Our blessed mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close to us, she always wants to help us with her intercession and her love." He invited us to pray together, "for all of the Church, and for peace in the world." <https://acnuk.org/event/jubilee-year-rosary-of-hope-united-online/>

Recent Moves

Maybe Canon Liam Gallagher is moving to Wimbledon Park as PP.

Simon Peter is moving to Kidbrooke as PP.

Canon John Diver is coming from Westerham as PP of Maidstone.

Day for Life

Every year the Church in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year it will be celebrated on 15th June, Trinity Sunday. Ahead of the Day for Life, we invite the faithful in all three conferences to join in prayer through the Novena for Life. This will run up to the Feast of the Visitation, between the 23rd and the 31st of May. Prayers for each day can be found on the Day for Life page of the [Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website](#). On the website you can also find a special message from the bishops and more prayers and resources.

On **15th June** we also ask parishes to hold a **second collection for the Day for Life Fund**. Every year the fund allocates over £200,000 in grants to organisations which promote respect for life in various ways. Donations

can be also made online via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website, where you will find out more information about Day for Life.

Catechetical Institute. Thanks to the generosity of the [Archbishop's Appeal](#) and the Franciscan University, every parishioner, catechist, parent and teacher in our schools and parishes will now have **free access** to over 120 high-quality workshops from the Catechetical Institute. Each parish features on the [Franciscan platform](https://franciscanathome.com/southwark) (<https://franciscanathome.com/southwark>). It's simple to sign-up, with a short video on the Agency page (<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>) to guide you through. This offering is free to everyone until September 2025.

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 12th 2025, at St George's Cathedral
If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than the middle of May, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited.
Contact Carole at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk. As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Maidstone, Dover

Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more
www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

We Believe. Celebrate the Jubilee at WeBelieve, a festival of Catholic Life gathering the Church to share the hope that we have in Christ. From 25th-28th July, join us for four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webelievefestival.com

Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis visiting St George's Cathedral - 26-29 June. St George's Cathedral will be visited by a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. On Thursday 26 June, an evening of **adoration** and **veneration** of the relic for young adults is taking place. On Friday 27 June, **Archbishop John** will preside at the **6pm Solemn Mass** of the Sacred Heart, which will include the veneration of the relic. On Saturday 28 June, there will be a "**morning with Carlo Acutis**", which will include Mass, adoration, rosary and a talk on the relic. An **exhibition** will also be on display at the Cathedral from 19 June to 7 July. Visit: stgeorgescathedral.org.uk for more information.

Evangelium 2025 conference - 15-17 August. A conference on Catholic faith, life and culture to help make faithful young Catholic adults effective for Mission. Over the years, hundreds have ignited their faith through Evangelium. Guest speakers include Fr Marcus Holden and Fr Marcus Wharton. Book and more details: saintant.com/product/evangelium-2025 & [poster here](#).

Walk the Augustine Camino for Mary's Meals

Monday 1st September – Sunday 8th September 2025

Join us for the whole pilgrimage or walk with us for a day

During this Jubilee Year we would be delighted if you joined us as Pilgrims of Hope on some or all of the Augustine Camino, starting at Rochester Cathedral, finishing at the Shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. The pilgrimage will take us to four of the designated Jubilee churches and shrines in Southwark Archdiocese:

- The Friars, Aylesford
- St Jude's Shrine, Faversham
- St Thomas of Canterbury, Canterbury
- St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate

To book your place on the pilgrimage, or to ask any questions about it, please contact Roy Peachey, the Mary's Meals Supporter Engagement Officer for Kent, Surrey, Sussex and South London, on roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk or 07593 447297.