

Holy Family RC and St Thomas of Canterbury RC Newsletter

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Mass Times December 2011		Holy Family THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	St Thomas of Canterbury THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SAT	17th	6:00pm Mass – Thanksgiving Susan & Lynden Second Collection for Christmas Flowers	No First Mass
SUN	18th	10:30am Mass – John & Maureen Mills RIP Second collection for the Christmas Flowers	9:00am Mass
MON	19th	9:30am Mass – Peter Golden RIP	9:30am Mass 7:30pm Confession at St. Thomas of Canterbury (Headcorn)
TUES	20th	9:30am Mass – Kay Menpes RIP 7:30pm Confession at Holy Family Church	9:30am Mass
WED	21st	9:30am Mass - Well being of George Campbell 7:30pm Spiritual Talk	9:30am Mass
THUR	22nd	9:30am Mass- Norma Mallon, Anniversary	9:30am Mass
FRI	23rd	9:30am Mass-Dave Harvey RIP	9:30am Mass
SAT	24th	SEASON OF CHRISTMAS 9:00pm Vigil Mass-Ian Delohery RIP	9:30pm Vigil Mass
SUN	25th	10:30am Mass – CHRISTMAS DAY THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - Dave Arnold Jr. RIP	8:00am Mass Christmas Day (Extra ordinary Form Mass) 10:00am Christmas Day Mass

REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The 4th candle represents that great figure John the Baptist. He announced to all comers that the Christ was here, and that each one of us, no matter how poor or how great, should make ready their lives to serve Him, by repentance and good works.

Parish Notices

- Confession for the Season of Advent:
 - Holy Family – Tuesday 20th December 2011 at 7:30 p.m.
 - St Thomas of Canterbury Headcorn – Monday 19th December 2011 at 7:30 p.m.
- There will be an Advent reflection on Wednesday 21st of December entitled: Why did Jesus, the son of God, come and what happens from here? A reflection on the Incarnation and the Parousia at the Holy Family 7:30pm
- The Holy Family Choir invites you for a carol singing after the 10:30 mass this Sunday 18th of December 2011 at the Holy Family Hall.
- We have a new parish website which can be found at: <http://msrcparish.org.uk>
- The schedule for the talks about our Faith can now be found at <http://catechumen.org.uk>. They are usually held on a Thursday 7:30 p.m. in the presbytery (next to Holy Family Church)
- The first meeting of the newly formed Maidstone Parish Pastoral Council will be on Tuesday 10th January 2012 7:30 p.m. in the presbytery (next to the Holy Family Church)

- **RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2012** – The course will start on the 8th of January 2012. The lesson is the 10:30 mass at Holy family from 11:30-12:30.
 - The Sacrament of reconciliation will take place on Sat 3rd March 2012 at 9:30am at Holy Family
 - The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on 17th June 2012 at 10:30am at Holy Family
 - **ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, HEADCORN, 2012.** Application forms are available from Father Michael or Pauline. Lessons will start on Sunday 8th January 2012;
 - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on 26th January 2012 with First Holy Communion on the Feast of Corpus Christi; 10th June 2012.
- **NEW ROMAN & DIOCESAN DIRECTORY** are now available at the repository.
- **Repository is open before and after weekend masses, Catholic Papers, Christmas Cards, gift items and many other items are available.**
- **Five week course is being offered for those involved in catechesis at any level. Each Tuesday evening from May 1 to May 29 2012 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish**
- **Book Club** – Most of us enjoyed ‘The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society’ by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, via a series of letters, it gives a glimpse of wartime occupation on Guernsey. Try it! Next book: ‘The Help’ by Kathryn Stockett. Venue: Maureen’s – Headcorn on Thursday 19th January 2012 at 7:30pm. Call 01622765683 for further information.
- **70 Club for November 2011 1st £15 no. 15 Bruce Wilmot, 2nd £10 no. 19 Mr. Miller, 3rd £5 no.24 Mr. Millard.**
- **Jo Till expresses her thanks to all from Holy Family community, who sent her cards and made phone calls when she was at the hospital.**
- **Message from Laura Harstedt: Owing to my indisposition I am unable to send any Christmas cards. I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy & holy Christmas. Thank you for all your prayers & good wishes; hope to be back in the New Year.**
- **Your Christmas offering is your gift to the Parish Priest.**
- **December 29 is the Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury, Headcorn. Parishioners from Holy Family are encouraged to attend mass at Headcorn.**
- **December 30 is the Feast of Holy Family, Maidstone South.**

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers all those known to us who are ill, especially...

Laura Harstedt, Joseph Duffy, Margaret O’Kill, Nadine Reid, John Leech, Robert Massey, Rita Dixon, Richard Martin, Tina Pollock, Kath Harvey, Ian Friday, Sam Rowing, André McKnight, Richard Winter, and Jo Till.

Anniversaries 17th of December – 25th of December: May they Rest in Peace

Molly Bray, Mrs Garnier, Beatrice Clarke, John O’Toole, Winifred Stephens, Kay Menpes, Charles Standen, Joseph Duffy, Agnes Reynolds, Ann Sibley, Grace Monk, Arthur Mintram, Margaret Purcell, Margery Batchelor, Louis Garnier Patrick Long, Dave Harvey, Eugene Wiles, Marie Wagner-Kirps, Joyce Waterfield, Michael Lillis, Peter Smith, and Harry Waltham-Smith.

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