

Holy Family RC and St Thomas of Canterbury RC Newsletter

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Mass Times Dec.2011- JAN.2012		Holy Family CHRISTMAS DAY THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	St Thomas of Canterbury CHRISTMAS DAY
SAT	24th	9:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass-Ian Delohery RIP	9:30pm Christmas Vigil Mass
SUN	25th	10:30am Mass – CHRISTMAS DAY THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - Dave Arnold Jr. RIP	10:00am CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
MON	26th	9:30am Mass – St. Stephen, Deacon and First Martyr; Geoffrey Artz RIP	
TUES	27th	9:30am Mass –St. John Apostle; Fred Kenny RIP	
WED	28th	9:30am Mass – Holy Innocents; Agnes Mary Reynolds' intention	7:30pm Mass
THUR	29th	No Mass	9:30am Mass – Feast of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Headcorn 7:30pm Mass
FRI	30th	9:30am Mass-Feast of Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph-Thanksgiving for the parish	9:30am Mass
SAT	31st	6:00pm Mass Well being of Rita & Laura	9:30am Mass
SUN	1st	10:30am Mass – Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Tom Seacombe RIP	9:00am Mass

REFLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. He was born in a stable because 'there was no room at the inn'. Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest. The Church never tires singing the glory of this night. We best celebrate his birthday by opening our hearts and our homes to the less fortunate.

Parish Notices

- We support St. Thomas of Canterbury community, Headcorn on their feast day 29th of December by joining them for Mass.
- We will have a small celebration at the Holy Family Hall after the 9:30 Mass on the Feast day of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Please bring along some snacks which we can put out to share.
- 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 South Parish Pastoral Council will be on Tuesday 10th January 2012 7:30 p.m. in the presbytery (next to the Holy Family Church).
- The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 4th December 2011 can now be found on our website.

- **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.
- **The NEW ROMAN & the DIOCESAN DIRECTORY are now available at the repository.**
- **The Repository is open before and after weekend Masses. Catholic Papers, Christmas Cards, gift items and many other items are available.**
- **A 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**
- **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.**

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 25th of December – 1st January 2012: May they Rest in Peace

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Dear Parishioners,

I would like to send my greetings to every member of our parish community and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. I keep you all in my prayers. Thank you for the tremendous support you have given me upon my arrival at Maidstone South Parish and for the very warm welcome I have received. Your cheerfulness has made my settling in process a happy one. I have no doubt this will continue. I am looking forward to working and living amongst you.

God Bless,

Father Roy T.