

Holy Family RC & St Thomas of Canterbury RC

Newsletter

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Mass Times JANUARY 2012		Holy Family THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	St. Thomas Headcorn
SAT	7 th	6:00pm Mass-Helena & Bill O'Connor's intention	
SUN	8 th	10:30am Mass – Leo Reynolds RIP	9:00am Mass
MON	9 th	9:30am Mass –THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST- intention is for the Well Being of Richard Winter & Aloysius Mitchel	9:30am Mass
TUES	10 th	9:30am Mass –Polly Munro RIP	9:30am Mass
WED	11 th	9:30am Mass –Liam Creavin	9:30pm Mass
THUR	12 th	9:30am Mass – Kathleen Matheson	9:30am Mass
FRI	13 th	9:30am Mass-St. Hilary Bishop & Doctor-Intention for the well being of George Campbell	9:30am Mass
SAT	14 th	6:00pm Mass-Ana & Eamond Dempsey	9:30am Mass
SUN	15 th	10:30am Mass – SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Jim Thompson RIP	9:00am Mass

REFLECTION FOR THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Have you ever wondered why the three magi offered gold, frankincense and myrrh to baby Jesus. Surely, they could have offered something more valuable such as diamonds, platinum and gold. Now that has value! Obviously, it was not the goal of the three magi to offer baby Jesus valuable items. Their goal was to offer symbolic items. Gold was a gift that was fit for a King. The magi did not perceive Jesus as their equal but rather as their King. Frankincense was a gift fit for a priest. The magi perceived Jesus to be a priest, one who is an advocate between God and man. Myrrh was used to embalm the dead. While the magi perceived that Jesus was their King and a priest, they also perceived that He would die for the salvation of mankind.

Parish Notices:

- 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)
- 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)
- **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**
- **The Catholic Movement for Peace in England and Wales, Pax Christi is seeking our support, they provided us envelopes which you can offer on the 15th of January.**
- **The Sisters of St. Peter Claver are coming to make a mission appeal in our parish on the 21st/22nd of January 2012**

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 8th – 15th January 2012: May they Rest in Peace

Caroline Allen, Charles Jenkins, John Gible, Michael Johnson, Joanna Cheale, Joan McGrath, Violet Clarke, Gordon Doughty, Fred Wiles, James Cahill, Eileen Walsh, Justin O'Sullivan, William Holt, John Duffy, Ronald Duffy, Brian Martin, Annie Parker, Richard Clarke, and Michael O'Sullivan

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COLLECT FOR THIS SUNDAY

O God, Who on this day,
Revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations
By the guidance of a star,
Grant in your mercy
That we, who know you already by faith,
May be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God for ever and ever. AMEN