

Holy Family RC & St Thomas of Canterbury RC

Newsletter

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Mass Times FEBRUARY 18 TH -26 TH		Holy Family SEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	St. Thomas Headcorn
SAT	18th	6:00pm Mass- Thomas Gleeson RIP	
SUN	19th	10:30am Mass – Dr. Nigel Minett 2 ND Collection today for the Cabrini Children’s Society	9:00am Mass
MON	20th	9:30am Mass –Margaret Raymont RIP	9:30am Mass
TUES	21st	9:30am Mass –Gertrude Reynolds RIP	9:30am Mass
ASH WED	22nd	9:30am Mass –Gordon &Marion Artz RIP	9:30pm Mass
THUR	23rd	9:30am Mass–Jo Hanney RIP	9:30am Mass
FRI	24th	9:30am Mass-Gordon & Marion Artz RIP	9:30am Extraordinary Form Mass
SAT	25th	6:00pm Mass-Anne De Souza RIP	9:30am Mass
SUN	26th	10:30am Mass FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Gordon & Marion Artz RIP	9:00am Mass

Parish Notices: ASH WEDNESDAY is a day of fast and abstinence.

Fasting and Abstinence

Lent is the traditional time for penance and self-denial, as is every Friday throughout the year. During Lent and on Fridays Catholics should practise some form of self-denial, the form of which is left to the individual. After all, what is sacrificial for one person is not for another.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are to be observed as special days of Fasting and Abstinence. Fasting means reducing the amount of food which we would normally eat. Abstinence means not eating meat. The law of Fasting binds all those who are between eighteen years of age and sixty years of age. The law of Abstinence binds everyone (except for the frail and the sick) once they have reached their fourteenth birthday. Parents are urged to foster the spirit and practice of penance among those who are too young to be subjects of either law.

We invite you for a holy hour and benediction after the morning mass every Friday during the Lenten Season

We invite you for the Station of the Cross Every Sunday before the mass at 9:45 during the Lenten Season

- **Mass for the Sick: This is a deanery mass for the sick and for healing – both physical and spiritual. Everybody is welcome at Aylesford Priory 6th May at 3pm**
 - Parish Walks
 - We want to continue with the Parish Walks which have been quite successful and really enjoyed by those who have participated.
 - We are planning our first walk of the year for **Sunday, 15 April** – details to follow but please note in your diary.
 - If you have any suggestions for future walks, please let Bernadette or Mary know – routes, possible finish with pub lunch or afternoon tea??
- Holy Family collection last weekend £126.77 loose Gift Aid £200.50
- Head Corn £77.14 loose Gift Aid £146.77
- Donations for Windows £140.00
- 70 Club for January 2012 draw before 5 Feb (1. £15 no.3, Mr. Bacon 2. £10 no. 11 Nial O'keane 3. £5 no. 70 Mr. & Mrs Swift
 - Coffee Mornings in the Presbytery
 - Wednesday mornings after 9.30 Mass starting on **Wednesday, 7 March**
 - All welcome – come along and get to know your fellow parishioners.
- **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.**

Speaking of Lent CAFOD's Lent Fast Day is on Friday 2nd March. The focus this year is "WATER". It's a dreadful fact that every 20 seconds in the developing world a child dies from dirty water. WE can help change this. Envelopes will shortly be available for your donations to this very worthy cause. Please be as generous as you can." Thank you everyone Mary, Anne & Bill (CAFOD TEAM)

Women's World Day of Prayer is on Friday 2nd March. In Headcorn we have two services, the first at 10.30 a.m. at the Methodist Church and the second at 7.30 p.m. at our own St Thomas of Canterbury. This year the service has been prepared by the women of **Malaysia** on the theme of **Let Justice Prevail**. Although the service has been prepared by women everyone, including men, is welcome. Each church needs three members of the congregation to read at each service, so if you would like to read please contact Pauline Wilmot on 01233 770134. It would be lovely to have the support of as many parishioners as possible, so please do consider coming and staying for refreshments afterwards. Further details are also on the Women's World Day of Prayer website, www.wwdp-natcomm.org/index.asp

A recently diagnosed dementia sufferer really misses coming to church. Would you be able to bring her to mass occasionally if so contact Denise Lintern MBE 01622 745944 for more details.

COURSE FOR CATECHISTS AT HOY FAMILY PARISH HALL 5 TUESDAY IN MAY- Any catechist or anyone interested is very welcome. Please let Dave & Peggy Arnold know 01622734340 or davidarnold@me.com

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers all those known to us who are ill, especially... Joseph Duffy, Margaret O'Kill, Nadine Reid, John Leech, Robert Massey, Rita Dixon, Richard Martin, Tina Pollock, Kath Harvey, Sam Rowing, André McKnight, Richard Winter, and Jo Till.

Anniversaries 18th – 26th February 2012: May they Rest in Peace – Ellen Hilley, Margaret Raymont, Donald Briggs, Winifred Hayes, Ellen Jessop, Richard Roberts, Jo Hanney, Bridgid Kinsella, Anthony Gatt, Elizabeth Duffy, and Bon Heard.

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