

Holy Family RC & St Thomas of Canterbury RC

Newsletter

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Mass Times MARCH 10 TH -18 TH		Holy Family THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	St. Thomas Headcorn
SAT	10 th	6:00pm Mass-James Gleeson	9:30am Mass
SUN	11 th	10:30am Mass –William James RIP	9:00am Mass
MON	12 th	9:30am Mass –Thanksgiving of Onneke & Luke Born	9:30am Mass
TUES	13 th	9:30am Mass-Denis Bullen RIP	9:30am Mass
WED	14 th	9:30am Mass –Jos Born & Family	
THUR	15 th	9:30am Mass-For the parish	
FRI	16 th	9:30am Mass-Intentions of Luke & Onneke	9:30am Mass
SAT	17 th	6:00pm Mass-James & Ellen Milley RIP	9:30am Mass
SUN	18 th	10:30am Mass-Thanksgiving for the birth of Arabella Arnold.	9:00am Mass

Parish Notices:

COURSE FOR CATECHISTS AT HOLY 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

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

We invite you for a Holy hour and benediction after the morning mass every Friday for the duration of Lent.

- **Mass for the Sick: This is a deanery mass for the sick and for healing. Everybody is welcome at Aylesford Priory 6th May at 3pm**
 - Parish Walks
 - 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 Gift Aid £185.02 Loose £156.48 = £341.00

- Donations for the Window £100.00
- The newly formed Filipino Choir will serenade the Holy Family Community on Easter Sunday 4pm. All donations on the said events will be for the parish.
- We express our gratitude to those who came for the coffee morning, see you again on the 4th of April.
- **On the 4th Sunday of Lent during the mass we invite you for the blessing of the new icon of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Headcorn.**
- **British Humanitarian Aid – we appeal again for clothing, shoes, toiletries, sheets and blankets. We intend to send these items to the less fortunate brothers and sisters of Ukraine. Cash donations will be highly appreciated to help us cover the cost of the transportation of goods. Please mark your donation envelopes B.H.A.**
- **CONCERT OF LONDON WELSCH MALE VOICE CHOIR, DATE 19 MAY 2012, VENUE ALL SAINTS CHURCH MAIDSTONE KENT. TO BUY TICKETS £15 CHECK www.rotaryconcert.co.uk**
- **NEW ROMAN & DIOCESAN DIRECTORY are now available at the repository.**
- **Repository is open before and after weekend masses, Catholic Papers, Christmas Cards, gifts and many other items are available.**

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 10th- 18th of March 2012: May they Rest in Peace – Thomas Warren, Harriet Arundell, John Enright, Leonard Marden, Mr Hanley, Patrick Enright, Dora Dove, Philip Rose, Michael McCormick, Brian Marden, Joyce Bond, and Stanley Batchelor.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THIRD SUNDAY

Like the desert (Lent week 1) and the mountain (week 2), the Temple is a place of special encounter with God. But today we are not going to see the glorious face of Jesus; we are going to see his angry face. Jesus is not happy with what he sees precisely because the way the Temple worship has been organised no longer reflects God’s original idea of a worshipping community. Two reasons can be given for this, namely, (a) the religious leaders had put rituals over morality, and (b) they had put particularity over universality.

The religious administrators of the Temple worship took pains to see that worshippers were duly supplied with high quality cattle, sheep and doves for sacrifice. They even made sure that the “dirty” money people brought with them could be exchanged for the “holy” Temple money. At the same time, however, they were plotting against Jesus. If they took all that trouble to please God in worship, why couldn’t they take the trouble to investigate the claims of Jesus rather than condemn him so readily? For them pleasing God had become something you do in the rituals of the Temple and not in your relationship with people. This kind of religiosity makes Jesus really angry.

