

MASSES & SERVICES

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| SATURDAY | 6 | 2.30pm 5.00pm | BAPTISM: Heather Williams First Mass of Sunday - The Parishioners |
| SUNDAY - 3rd Sunday in Lent | 7 | 10.00am 5.30pm | (Children's Liturgy) - Terence Caughlin R.I.P. Bridie Reaney R.I.P. (month's mind) |
| MONDAY | 8 | 9.30am | Communion Service |
| TUESDAY | 9 | 9.30am 7.30pm | Tony Wilmot R.I.P. (Margaret & Arthur Holme) Stations of the Cross in Church |
| WEDNESDAY | 10 | 9.30am | Anne Maher R.I.P. (recent) (Lent Area Mass for—East & West Malling at Hermitage Farm Barn, Lucks Hill, West Malling at 8.00pm—David & Jenny Lingham) |
| THURSDAY | 11 | 9.30am | Communion Service |
| FRIDAY | 12 | 9.30am | Communion Service (Mass in St Simon Stock School at 8.20am) |
| SATURDAY | 13 | 12 noon 5.00pm | BAPTISM: Abigail Mills First Mass of Sunday - John Rudenko R.I.P. (Gertie) |
| SUNDAY Mothers' Day 4th Sunday in Lent | 14 | 10.00am 5.30pm | (Children's Liturgy) - for all our Mothers The Parishioners |

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Saturdays from 4.15pm to 4.45pm

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RECENTLY DEAD: Martin Lyons; Mgr Pat Keaveny; John Rudenko; Tony Wilmot; Bill Gudge; Vivienne Caulwell; Norma Fennell. Also Tracy Cooper; Leone Wood (month's mind). Please keep in your prayers the soldiers who have died in Afghanistan, and their families.

ANNIVERSARIES: Gerald Hemming; Nellie Morrissey; Ayleen Sharp; Laureen McIntosh; Margaret Banfield; Peter Thew; Matt Lucas; Michael Heggarty; Eric Gillespie and Family; Nellie Littlefear; Mary Still; Florence Smith; Patrick O'Neill; Jean Jackson.

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH , LUCKS HILL, WEST MALLING
PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Peter Soper

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (C) A LENT BUILDING 'PEACE' AND 'STRENGTH' IN OUR LIVES AND FAITH 7th March 2010

Today we enter the Third Week of this Lent when we are building the Lord's 'Peace' and 'Strength' in our Lives and Faith by rediscovering and building our inner Spiritual Selves through Prayer, Charity and Self-denial.

This week we bring the theme of 'Faith' into this, asking the Lord for new faith in him and in the work of this Lent and the growth and new life it can bring us. There is a new Pink Prayer Sheet to be used in the next three weeks of Lent (along with the Lilac Prayer Sheet with its ideas on Prayer, Charity and Self-denial which we should already have at home—spare copies available in Porch) and we will receive our Prayer Candle and Self-denial envelope for this week at Mass—also Lent Magazines and a children's Calendar continue to be on sale in the Porch.

Today (Sunday) the Senior Youth group have their second Lent meeting—all year 10 and above at Secondary School welcome. On Tuesday there are Stations of the Cross in Church and Lent Penitentials and Confessions continue at More Park School.

On Wednesday we have the Lent Area Mass for the East and West Malling Area (details inside) - Please collect the special Blue Leaflet about this and other Area Masses in the Porch if you haven't done so already and support these Masses to build up our areas.

Also this week there is a Parish Meeting on Monday, Parent & Toddler group on Tuesday and the Kings Hill 'Old Town' Community group meeting on Wednesday (again details inside). Please also pray for the governors of St Simon Stock in their work to appoint a new Head Teacher this week.

Have a good Third Week of Lent everyone.

Fr. Peter

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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| SUNDAY 7 | 6.45 to 8.45pm | Senior Youth Group meet in Priest's House—Lent 2 |
| MONDAY 8 | 7.30pm | (Mass & Social for Headteacher applicants and governors at St Simon Stock) Parish Meeting in Priests / Bishop's House |
| TUESDAY 9 | 1.30-3pm 1.30pm | Parent & Toddler group meet in Priest's House Year 5 Lent Penitential at More Park School |
| WED'DAY 10 | 1.30pm 8.00pm | Year 6 Lent Penitential at More Park School. (Governors' meeting at St Simon Stock to agree appointment of new Head Teacher). Kings Hill 'Old Town' group meet at 38, Mitchell Road, West Malling |
| SUNDAY 14 | 10am | Children's liturgy for Lent continues at Mass No Youth Groups today. |

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection of £480. CAFOD : £303.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be in Church every TUESDAY at 7.30pm throughout Lent.

REPOSITORY There are new cards for St Patrick's Day as well as for First Holy Communion on sale.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED! If you or your son or daughter would like to serve on the altar at Mass, please see Peter Avery.

PARENTS - Children under age 8, who need to visit the toilet during mass, need to be accompanied by their parent.

CHURCH CLEANING—This week it's Hilary's group. We are looking for more volunteers! Please phone Fiona on 01732 873645 if you can help! *"Many hands... etc"*

OUR PARISH MULTICULTURAL WEEKEND – to celebrate the diversity of the Parish, including an evening event where people can bring their national dishes and wear national costume – this could take place around Pentecost. If you have some ideas and would like to be involved in this, please contact the office - **we need to starting organising this soon!**

SPONSORSHIP APPEAL! - Lucia D'Avanzo, known to many as one of the parish's musicians, is celebrating gaining a postgraduate place at the Royal Academy of Music in London. However, this comes at a cost! Her parents, Jacky & Giovanni, are appealing to any parishioners who may be involved with companies or foundations which may be able to offer support by way of sponsorship.—Watch this space, as Lucia will be staging a fundraising concert in the summer term. Any queries, please contact 01732 844070.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT DINNER & DANCE : Friday 12th March at 7.00pm—See Poster for details—tickets available from Marie Cross, Kate Senior, Tania Dowd or via school reception. **Book early to avoid disappointment!**

SHOE BOXES! ... I will be giving out leaflets to anyone who would like to make up a Shoe Box for Christmas for a third world child. All information is in the leaflet and I'll collect the Shoe Boxes at the beginning of November. 'Smile' is an organisation that the Mother Teresa group have been using for a long time to distribute the knitted blankets and jumpers that we collect. *Dee*

PARISH MAGAZINE— Articles are now needed for the next magazine. Please could all groups and individuals either give a hard copy via the office or preferably send their articles straight to Michael Barrett by Friday 26th February, who is kindly going to collate the magazine. His e-mail address is: Caesar-barrett@blueyonder.co.uk . **We are also looking for Adverts or Sponsorship for the magazine, so if you are able to help us with this please contact the office.** *If you have not received a magazine in the past then please let us know so that we can add your address details to our delivery lists.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR : Baby Oscar Bartholomew; Roy O'Connell; Ellen Battock; Margaret Bradshaw; Daniel Capper; Derek Thompson; Allan Smith; Margaret Shard; Mary Dorton; Georgina Mowat; Hadonou Family; Marla Armas; Jennifer Hansen; Rachel Notman; Linda Rout; Micheala Heffernan; Sally Patrick; Dave Cradock; Jennifer Sibilant; Michael Edwards; Jimmy Alexander; Margaret O'Donovan; Paul Royle; Gerard Henry; Moira Stevens; Mary Rogers; Vincent Conroy; Gabriel Hughes; Carlos Isava; Maureen Hook; Archbishop Kevin; Chelsea Kirby, all our housebound and all at Maidstone Hospital, the Hospice and local nursing homes. Please pray, too, for all those affected by the present recession, illnesses, the weather and other challenges in our country and World.

Dates for your Diary

The next Christian Ladies Breakfast is on Saturday 27 March at 8:00am at the Larkfield Priory Hotel. Our guest speaker will be Sue Tickner from St Luke's Church, Maidstone. All ladies welcome. Contact Angela for more details on 01732 872800.

Saturday 3rd April at 10am—Workshop in the Priest's House to make decorations for Easter and a short rehearsal for any children who would like to be involved in the Easter Sunday Family Mass.

AREA GROUPS—LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP MEETINGS

1. LENT AREA MASS FOR EAST AND WEST MALLING AT HERMITAGE FARM BARN, LUCKS HILL, WEST MALLING THIS WEDNESDAY (10th MARCH) at 8.00PM.
2. Kings Hill 'Old town' group - this **Wednesday 10th March** at 8pm at 38, Mitchell Rd, Kings Hill—contact Maggi Jones on 846918.
3. Kings Hill 'New Town' group—Thursday 22nd April at 8pm at 17, Alfreton Rd—contact Stephanie Blackburn on 521799.

PLEASE SEE THE SPECIAL HANDOUT FOR DETAILS OF AREA LENT MASSES FOR LEYBOURNE & VILLAGES; EAST AND WEST MALLING; LARKFIELD AND DITTON AND KINGS HILL AND MERE-WORTH.

PARISH SICK LIST IN NEWSLETTER - Please let Fr Peter know if you want the names on the list to continue in Lent.

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