

### MASSES & SERVICES

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>13</b>	12 noon 5.00pm	<b>BAPTISM:</b> Abigail Mills First Mass of Sunday - John Rudenko R.I.P. (Gertie)
<b>SUNDAY - 4th Sunday in Lent Mothers' Day</b>	<b>14</b>	10.00am 5.30pm	(Children's Liturgy) - for all our Mothers The Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>15</b>	9.30am	Margaret Tonery R.I.P. (anniv)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>16</b>	9.30am 7.30pm	Deceased Relatives & Friends of the Lobo Family Stations of the Cross in Church
<b>WEDNESDAY St Patrick</b>	<b>17</b>	9.30am	St Patrick's Mass for our Irish Parishioners. (8pm Area Mass for Larkfield & Ditton at Methodist Church, Larkfield)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>18</b>	9.30am	St Patrick's Mass in School
<b>FRIDAY St Joseph</b>	<b>19</b>	9.30am	St Joseph's Mass—Augusto Isava R.I.P.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>20</b>	5.00pm	First Mass of Sunday - Michelle Grillo R.I.P. (anniv)
<b>SUNDAY 5th Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>21</b>	10.00am 5.30pm	Mass presented by School—The Parishioners Mgr Pat Keaveney R.I.P. (recent)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

**Saturdays from 4.15pm to 4.45pm**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Julian Unter; Lilian Low; Jock Chudacek; 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 house-bound 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.

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

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

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (C) A LENT BUILDING 'PEACE' AND 'STRENGTH' IN OUR LIVES AND FAITH MID-LENT AND MOTHERS' DAY 14th March 2010

This weekend we reach the half-way point on our Journey through this Lent of rediscovering our inner spiritual selves and building the Lord's Peace & Strength in our lives and faith. We pause to 'take a breather' and get our strength up for the second half of Lent and also to celebrate 'Mothers' Day' with Rose Vestments and flowers in Church. We wish all our Mums a happy day and pray for all of them—on earth and in Heaven. We remember in a special way all those who have lost Mothers or Fathers, Sons or Daughters in this past year.

We then continue our Lent with the theme of "Light" for this fourth week of Lent and ask for the Lord's light and guidance as we continue to build our spiritual selves energised by the light of the new peace and strength we shall receive this Easter from this.

We continue to use the 'pink' prayer sheet (please take one home if you haven't done so already and there are spare copies of the 'purple' ideas sheet at the back of the church) and collect a prayer candle and self-denial envelope to help us in this week at Mass today. And there are Lent Magazines and calendars for sale in the Porch.

There are no Youth groups today (a weekend off for Mothers' Day) but both groups (Junior & Senior) will be meeting next Sunday (21st) for the first rehearsal of the Good Friday Passion Play. Could all members of the Youth groups plus any young people in secondary school who would like to join them let me know today if they can make it as I'm getting the script together at the moment and would like to know how many actors we will have—thanks!

During the week there are Stations of the Cross in church on Tuesday, a St Patrick's Mass for the Parish on Wednesday and in the School on Thursday and Mass for St Joseph on Friday. Also meetings for the First Communion children and Deanery Pastoral Council on Monday and the Parent & Toddler group on Tuesday—details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

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On Wednesday we have the Lent Area Mass for the Larkfield and Ditton Area (details inside). Please collect the special Blue Leaflet about this and the Area Mass for Kings Hill & Mereworth on Wednesday week (24th) in the Porch if you haven't done so already and support these Masses to build up our areas.

Next Sunday the School will present the 10am Mass helping us to come together in this Lent and continue to build our lives. Thanks to them for this. There will be no Children's Liturgy but the children will continue their Lenten Journey with us in the Mass.

Have a Happy 'Mid-Lent' and 'Mother's Day' and a good Fourth Week of Lent.

*Fr. Peter*

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY 14</b>		No Youth groups.
<b>MONDAY 15</b>	5—6pm 8.00pm	First Holy Communion Children meet in Church & Priest's House. Deanery Pastoral Council meet at Cranbrook.
<b>TUESDAY 16</b>	1.30-3pm	Parent & Toddler group meet in Priest's House (Clergy Lent Penitential Day at Aylesford Priory)
<b>WED'DAY 17</b>		(Cardinal Hume House Assembly at St Simon Stock School at 2.45pm)
<b>THURSDAY 18</b>		
<b>FRIDAY 19</b>		
<b>SATURDAY 20</b>		
<b>SUNDAY 21</b>	10am 3.15—5.15	School Mass in Church (no Children's Liturgy—Children in Mass) Youth Groups—Passion play First Rehearsal - Priest's House

**THANK YOU** for your generosity in last week's collection of £505. Lenten Alms £229.

**100 CLUB WINNER**—Congratulations this month go to Colette Hall No 47.

**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, Easter and 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 Fiona's group. We are looking for more volunteers! Please phone Fiona on 01732 873645 if you can help! *"Many hands... etc"*

**'MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION'** – new developments happening—watch this space! Volunteers needed to help organise this. Please contact eileen\_scholes@yahoo.com if you can.

**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.

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

### AREA GROUPS—LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP MEETINGS

1. LENT AREA MASS FOR LARKFIELD & DITTON AT METHODIST CHURCH, LARKFIELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th MARCH at 8.00PM. (Corner of London Rd & New Hythe Lane).
2. Kings Hill 'New Town' group—Thursday 22nd April at 8pm at 17, Alfreton Rd—contact Stephanie Blackburn on **521788**. (N.B. This is preferred telephone number).

**PLEASE SEE THE SPECIAL HANDOUT FOR DETAILS OF AREA LENT MASS FOR KINGS HILL AND MEREWORTH.**

**NOTICES** (see in Porch)

**DAY RETREATS AT AYLESFORD PRIORY :**  
Saturday 27th March

**THE BAPTIST CHURCH**, West Malling have sent an invitation to visit their Church every first Tuesday of the month for a Coffee Morning.

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**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*

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fran Murrin; Florence Smith; Patrick O'Neill; Jean Jackson; Vera Devlin; Nellie Harkin; Eunice Nicholls; Jurek (George) Makuch; Michelle Grillo; Lucretia Kaigh; William Smith; Alison Micallef; John Carroll.

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