

MASSES & SERVICES

SATURDAY	5	5.00pm	SNODLAND : The Parishioners
SUNDAY Day for Life	6	10.00am 5.30pm	(Children's Liturgy) - The Parishioners Frances and Peter Shields R.I.P.
MONDAY	7	9.30am	Mass at More Park School for blessing of new classrooms
TUESDAY	8	9.30am 8.00pm	Sheila (Birthday) House Mass at 12, Goldings Close, (Kings Hill Local group)
WED'SDAY	9	8.00pm	SNODLAND - Communion Service (N.B.)
THURSDAY	10	9.30am	Communion Service
FRIDAY St Benedict	11	9.30am 2.00pm	For the World Youth Day Pilgrims from Kent & the Diocese. Marriage of Louise Raymond and Robert Savage.
SATURDAY	12	5.00pm	SNODLAND : Paul Hinton R.I.P. (anniv)
SUNDAY Sea Sunday	13	10.00am 5.30pm	Mass presented by More Park School—in Thanksgiving The Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WEST MALLING : 11—11.30am on Saturday
SNODLAND : 4.15—4.45pm on Saturday

PLEASE PRAY FOR : Jean Herrington, Paddy Feeney, Emily Taylor, George Albert Bleweett; Joan Wegrzyn; Terence Tobin; Ken Goodwin; Christina Shields; Paula White; Juana Martin; Phil Dineen; Sue Watson's brother; Anne-Marie Townend; Bishop John; Zoe Denne; Rev. John O'Donovan; Archbishop Kevin; May Cross; Joan Bretherton; Edward Dain; Iris Roots; Chelsea Kirby; Linda Shields; Tom Coles; Victor Lobo; Sheila Norrington, all our housebound and all at Maidstone Hospital. Please pray, too, for the people of China, Burma and Zimbabwe and for all young people taking exams this week.

RECENTLY DEAD: Marie Apicella; Dom Charles Macauley; Dom Derek Summers; Maurice Kirkham. Also Theresa Johnson and Fr Bill Howell, (Month's mind).

ANNIVERSARIES : Sheila Davies; Michael York-Miller; Danuta Jordan; Paul Hinton; Thomas Sullivan; Evelyn Furver; Raynah Martin; Michael Clark.

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

DAY FOR LIFE

6th July 2008

We are now in July which is the final month of our work in this academic year before our Summer Break. In this month we give thanks for all we have achieved as a Parish Family in our churches, Pre-school, Schools and Parish groups and pray for those who will be moving on to new stages in their lives especially to Pre-school, School, University and Adult Life. We also continue to keep in our prayers our young people and adults who are continuing to prepare for reception, confirmation and marriage in this month.

Today we celebrate the "Day for Life 2008" which this year will focus on mental health, helping to raise awareness of the needs of those affected by mental ill-health, their friends, their families and carers, and the support that the Parish Community and professional services can bring. There is a special leaflet with a prayer we shall use at all our Masses and a retiring collection for the Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics and other life-related activities supported by the church—if you are a gift-aider, please use the special envelopes provided in the Porch.

Next Sunday is "Sea Sunday" with its theme of "In Solidarity with the people of the sea" emphasising "Mission", "Solidarity", "Welfare" and "Hospitality" with Seafarers. There will be special prayers at the Masses and a retiring collection for the Apostleship of the Sea and the work of the church in this area. Please take one of the special leaflets/envelopes at the back of the Church and, if you are a gift-aider, complete the Gift Aid form on the Envelope part of the leaflet.

Today, (Sunday) the Junior Youth group welcome their new Year 6 members to a meeting in the School at 3.15pm where they will be looking at "The Joys and Sorrows of Secondary School". Next Sunday (13th) the Senior group meet in the Priest's House to discuss "Money in Sport" - open to all young people at present in Year 9 of Secondary School and above. I urge all young people in Years 6 & 9 to join these groups which are a real help to our young people in their lives and faith.

This week is a busy week with the Blessing of our New School Classrooms and the Mother Teresa Group outing on Monday—Parents & Toddlers, Child Protection Team and the beginning of the World Youth Day in Australia on Tuesday—the New Parents meeting at More Park School on Thursday—the Churches Together in Malling Agape Supper on Friday—the Kings Hill & Mereworth "Strawberry Tea" and the Snodland Carnival on Saturday—and the Snodland Ecumenical 'Open-air' Service next Sunday—details of all these in this Newsletter.

Also next Sunday the School will be helping us in the Thanksgiving of this July by presenting a special Mass at 10am—our thanks to them for this and all they do for our Parish and congratulate them on their new classrooms. (continued overleaf...)

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Finally, please see the special notice about The Human Fertilisation & Embryology Bill and the important Report Stage that is taking place this month inside this newsletter—copies of the letter from the Pro-Life Parliamentary Group are available at the back of the Church.

Have a good week and a good July everyone.



MEETINGS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 6	3.15—5.45pm	Junior Youth meet at More Park School with new Year 6 members - Topic : “The Joys and Sorrows of Secondary School”
MONDAY 7		Mother Teresa outing to Hastings (Meet at Jenny’s Barn)
TUESDAY 8	1.30—3pm 7.30pm	Parent & Toddler Group meet in Priest’s House Child Protection Meeting in Priest’s House
THURSDAY 10	2.30pm	New Parents meeting at More Park School
FRIDAY 11	7.30pm 6.00pm	Churches Together in Malling AGAPE SUPPER at Dorcas Centre Wedding Rehearsal in Church
SATURDAY 12	2—5pm	Kings Hill & Mereworth area group—”Strawberry Tea” on the Green, Kings Hill (open to all) SNODLAND CARNIVAL
SUNDAY 13	3.00pm 7.45—8.45	Snodland Ecumenical “Open-air Service” at the Pavillion. Senior Youth group meet in Priest’s House—Topic: “Money in Sport”

THANK YOU for your generosity of £481 in the Offertory last Sunday. Second Collection (Peter’s Pence) £86.00.

CHURCH CLEAN This week it’s Tania’s Group.

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS are now available for viewing. If parents have not had details of this, please could they contact Elaine at the School Office.

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

PILSDON CONCERT—a Classical Music Concert will be held at The Chapel Barn, Water Lane, West Malling in aid of The Pilsdon Community. Young musicians will be led by St. Thomas More parishioner, Lucia D’Avanzo. Also performing will be Soprano, Letitia Perry.—on Saturday 13th September 2008 at 7.30pm Tickets cost £12.50—available from Andrew Cornish (01732 840067)

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALLING—Agape Supper—CTIM warmly invite you to the Agape Supper at The Dorcas Centre, Brookfield School Site, Swallow Road, Larkfield on Friday 11th July at 7.30pm. Please bring a little food and drink to share.

KINGS HILL & MEREWORTH AREA GROUP HOUSE MASSES

- (1) House Mass to set up the Braeburn Way; Cleve Court; Discovery Drive; Melrose Avenue; Oslin Walk; Redwell Grove and Rougemont local group on Tuesday 1st July—details and venue will be sent by post to families in these roads.
- (2) House Mass to set up the Alton Avenue; Goldings Close; Laxton Walk; Milton Lane; Orient Court; Rubin Place and Townsend Square local group on Tuesday 8th July—details and venue will be sent by post to families in these roads.
- (3) House Mass to set up the Baxter Way; Cardinal Walk; Greensleeves Way; Kendall Avenue; Tower View and Woodland Grove local group on Tuesday 15th July—details and venue will be sent by post to families in these roads.
- (4) We are still looking for a venue for a House Mass in the Lapins Lane, Mercers Place, Montford Drive; Peregrine Road and Victoria Drive area—if you can help, please see Fr Peter.

KINGSHILL & MEREWORTH STRAWBERRY FAYRE on Saturday, 12th July from 2.00—5.00pm on The Green, Pippin Way. Games for Children, soft drinks provided. Donations please!

MOTHER TERESA OUTING - The Mother Teresa outing to Hastings on Monday 7th July (tomorrow) will commence at Jenny’s Barn at 10am with a short communion service for those who wish to attend. Everyone else will meet at the barn for departure by coach at 10.30am. Plenty of parking at the Barn. **Please note we will not be leaving from the Church.**

PARISH SICK LIST IN NEWSLETTER - NEW

ARRANGEMENTS - Please continue to let Fr Peter know if you wish the present names on the Sick List to remain—the list has been changed.

HUMAN FERTILISATION & EMBRYOLOGY BILL—If we do nothing—we cannot blame anybody else for a horrendous Bill becoming law. The Report Stage of the Human Fertilisation & Embryology Bill will reach its Report Stage from any time early in July. We must understand that the Bill, dreadful as it is, could be made even more horrendous by amendments tabled at Report Stage. It is vital that we send pro-life cards or write to or telephone our MPs opposing the following

- An amendment that requires only one doctor (instead of two as at present) to sign the form permitting abortion
- An amendment which stipulates that nurses may carry out early medical abortions

Urge MPs to support

- An amendment requiring “informed consent” whereby women are entitled to receive information on pregnancy and the possible effects of abortion. Most countries in Western Europe—all of which have abortion rates far lower than in the UK—have “informed consent” written into their legislation.... (See more on this in the Porch)

A *St Paul* Prayer Book—if you would like to order a copy, please fill in your details so we can do a bulk order!

Shalom Centre, Maidstone, Newsletter.

SPADEWORK HAVE A BEDDING SALE & ARE ALSO OFFERING CAKES FOR SALE!