

PARISH NOTICES

TODAY 8th October is a Day of prayer for prisoners and their families. It is also the last of four Mass counts..

October Devotions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by praying the rosary every day. The time for reciting the rosary here at the Church is 9.30 am.

The Month of October should be considered in all countries as the month of **the World Mission**. The Penultimate Sunday, the day proclaimed, '**World Mission Sunday**', is the high point. That day will be celebrated in all the local churches as a feast of catholicity and universal solidarity. On that day Christians the world over will recognise their common responsibility about the evangelisation of the World.

LAST FRIDAY WAS CAFOD'S HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY. Please put your donation in an envelope from the back of the church

This Harvest Day collection will go towards helping families get expert help from Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic after disasters like floods occur.

SAFEGUARDING – We would like to remind parents/carers that young children must be accompanied by an adult should they need to leave the church for any reason. It is your responsibility to keep them safe while on church premises.

CONFIRMATION – The meetings for the candidates for **2023 Confirmation** have commenced every Tuesday evening at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall. For further information see Deacon Michael Knight after mass.

HOLY COMMUNION – We are now accepting application for the programme starting in January 2024. Regular Mass attendance is a must to join the programme. The forms are only available at church. Deadline for accepting application is **31 October 2023**. **Any applications after this date will be considered for next programme in 2025**. For further information contact Pennie Clarke or use gillinghamfhc@rcaos.org.uk

THANKS for the safe return of Fr Dennis from his pilgrimage to Lourdes. We hope he and his fellow pilgrims had a holy and fruitful week

BAPTISMS – Parents who wish to have their children baptised should see Deacon Michael after one of the Sunday Masses.

MASS AT THE HOSPITAL – There is mass every Sunday at Medway hospital chapel, at 2 pm especially for the staff, the patients, and the visitors.

SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE – We really appreciate the Sunday Mass attendance. However, we need to plan how to accommodate all our worshippers in a safe environment. We hope to organise a meeting for parishioners to discuss the most convenient time for an extra Sunday Mass.

INVITATION: Guest talk by Msgr. Dr. Michael Nazir-Ali Friday 13th October -The Catholic men's group at St John Fisher parish, Rochester, invites men of the parish to come along for Eucharistic adoration, dinner, and a guest talk by Msgr. Dr. Michael Nazir-Ali. He is the former Anglican bishop of Rochester and converted to the Catholic Faith in 2021. He has lectured at a number of universities around the world and authored many books. He will speak about his new book on the mission and ministry of the Church, in the context of the Synod on Synodality taking place at the Vatican. Starts 7.30pm with adoration in church, followed by dinner, talk and discussion in the hall. Parking is available outside. No cost to attend.

SYNOD – Please keep in your prayers Pope Francis and all those who are attending the Synod in Rome which will continue until the end of October.