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17th November 2024 ✕ THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B ✕

Reading 1	Dan 12:1-3	<i>When the times comes your own people will be spared.</i>
Psalm	Ps 15:5. 8-11 r.1	<i>Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.</i>
Reading 2	Heb 10:11- 14, 18	<i>By virtue of one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Matt 24:42.44	<i>Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.</i>
Gospel	Mark 13:24- 32	<i>He will gather his chosen from the four winds.</i>

Readers this week; 6.30pm Gabriel Conception/Yolanda Danday

9.30am Vincent Obi/Ann Williams 11.30am Daniella Ibeh/Joan Aruma

6.30pm Ugochi Uche/Bridget Iwu

Readers next week: 6.30pm Oliver Perez/Kieran Shannon

9.30am Tania Jackson/Chiamaka Eke 11.30am Ellie Tetteh/Chelsea Atoe

6.30pm Chidubem/Maureen O-Krakue

✕ Please pray for Anne-Marie Hawker† who has recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

✕ George Jones, Michael Simmonds, Jacqueline Hunt, Alfredo Figueira, Peter Keating, Joseph Cardwell, Thomas Caulfield, Edward Staples and Eileen Benson.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

Collections; This week's collection amounted to £570.42 of which £72.00 was Gift Aided and Football parking amounted to £270.00. Thank you. Today our second collection for supporting the Music ministry.

The QR code for contactless payments is shown here.

Second collection next Sunday for Catholic Youth Services



PARISH NOTICES

November is the month of the Holy Souls when we pray for all who have died. There are sheets at the back of the church on which you can record the names of those for whom you wish to pray, together with any donations, and place them in the baskets by the altar.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER - For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

REPOSITORY -. It will be in the hall after all Masses this weekend. Christmas cards, and candles, Advent calendars and much more will be on sale.

PHOTOGRAPHY TRAINING – There is a short training in photography for the young people between the age of 12 – 18 years, after the 9.30 and 11.30 am mass in the Church. Those interested stay behind.

OLOG SEEDS YOUTH MINISTRY – The Christmas photography competition is open to the youth age 11 – 18 years old. Those who wish to participate contact the parish office or gillinghamyouth@rcaos.org.uk Also the registration for FLAME 2025 youth conference scheduled on 15th March, is ongoing at £31 per person. Interested youth contact the parish office. The parish shall provide the transport and safeguarding.

MUSIC MINISTRY – **There is a second collection today** for securing a piano for the 9.30 am choir. The cost of the piano is £791 Hence donate generously.

SUNDAY MASSES – When we come to attend mass we need to keep time and we want all of us to be harmonious and enjoy the mass, not upsetting others. We need to be considerate and our stewards are always there to welcome and help us to sit safely in the Church.

PASTORAL SUPPORT TO PARISHIONERS – Those in need of spiritual direction, pastoral guidance and counselling, please book an appointment with Fr. Dennis, Fr. Pascoal or Deacon Michael.

TO ALL READERS - You are warmly invited to A Basic Introduction to the New Lectionary – an introduction to the new translation and explanation of the changes. The same presentation will be given twice, on Saturday 23rd November at 3.30-5pm and again on Wednesday 27th November at 7-8.30pm. Both will be held at English Martyr's Parish Church, Strood.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 – Please note that the forms for applications for children making their First Holy communion in 2025 must be returned by **30th November**.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY AT MEDWAY HOSPITAL There is Sunday mass at the hospital chapel/prayer room, at 2.00pm every Sunday for the hospital staff, visitors and patients. Visiting the in-patients on wards is on Wednesday, morning and Sunday afternoons done by priests, deacons and volunteers Thus, there is a call for catholic hospital volunteers. If you are willing and interested in offering this service please see Fr Dennis or Fr Pascoal or contact the parish office on 01634852979.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL – meets every second Sunday of the month after 11.30 Mass

✘ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✘

Saturday 16th November

Vigil Mass 6.30pm Repose of the soul of Maureen Owen Dunne

Sunday 17th 9.30am Repose of the soul of David Keating

11.30am Pro Populo

6.30pm Repose of the soul of Frank Hanham

Monday 18th **Dedication of the Basilica of SS Peter & Paul**

10.00am Intentions of Jo Firth

Tuesday 19th **Feria**

10.00 Repose of the soul of Peter Keating

Wednesday 20th **Feria**

10.00 Repose of the soul of Brian Holden

Thursday 21st **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

10.00am Repose of the soul of Bernard McKenna

Friday 22nd **Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**

10.00am Well being of Colin Smith

7.30pm Holy Souls

Saturday 23rd **St Clement, Pope and Martyr**

10.00am Holy Souls

Followed by Exposition and Confessions

Vigil Mass 6.30pm Lee Family intentions

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

Kim Leadbeater MP introduced a bill last Wednesday 16th October to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the **29 November**. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs..Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk/volunteer **There are cards at the back of the church for you to send to our local MP expressing your views**

DIVINE MERCY - The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat **on** Saturday 30 November 2024 **from** 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Scholastica 17 Kenninghall Road Clapton London E5 8BS
The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

FOUNDATION SCHOOL GOVERNORS SOUGHT FOR ST MARYS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Marys are looking to plug the gaps within our governing body. Anyone aged over 18 can be a governor and you do not need to be a parent with children at our school. There is no requirement for you to understand the education system, just the necessary skills, character and time to contribute. There is plenty of training available to help you learn about education and the role of governors. The School needs and would benefit from a range of professional knowledge on their governing board including education, finance, human resources, legal, marketing and public relations, property and estates management, and organisational change. The only requirement to be a Foundation governor is that you are a practising Catholic. Please do speak to the chair Johnmark direct or at chairofgovernors@stmarysrcp.medway.sch.uk if you are interested.

World Youth Sunday 2024

Sunday (24 November) is World Youth Sunday. The second collection will support youth work in the Archdiocese and beyond, especially the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a variety of activities for youth and young adults. For more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/scys1 or join the Southwark Catholic Youth network for regular updates at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork or via the QR code. Additional World Youth Sunday resources have been produced by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) at www.wys.cymfed.org.uk.

