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✻ THIRTIY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B ✻

Reading 1	Deut 6:2-6	<i>Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.</i>
Psalm	Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.2	<i>I love you, Lord, my strength.</i>
Reading 2	Heb 7:23-28	<i>Because he remains for ever, Christ can never lose his priesthood.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	cf John 6:63.68	<i>Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.</i>
Gospel	Mark 12:28-34	<i>This is the first commandment. The second is like it.</i>

Readers this week; 6.30pm Oliver Perez/Kieran Shannon

9.30am Sharon Chinwuba/Nnamdi Eke 11.30am Sinachi Uhuoma/Chelsea Atoe
6.30pm Ugochi Uche/ChidubemUche

Readers next week: 6.30pm Betty Sequiera/Augustine Eghomare

9.30am Edeji Family 11.30am Shakira Kara/Dinah Kansiime
6.30pm Devine Uche/Bridget Iwu

✻ Please pray for Pat Dray† who has recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

✻ Fr Michael Morahan, Pat Harris, Patrick Macken, Gemma Oliver, Basil Farmer, Betty Smith, Guiseppe Tamaro, Judy Luckhurst, Mary Draeger, Pasqualina Scalera, Ninba Lepore.& Emily Green (7 yrs)

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

Collections; This week's collection amounted to £691.76 of which £139.10 was Gift Aided..

Thank you.

The QR code for contactless payments is shown here.



.Second Collection next Sunday for Archbishop's Appeal

PARISH NOTICES

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY – is for the **Archbishop's Appeal** which funds Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action and Clergy Care and Formation.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE GRAVES - The Annual blessing of the graves will take place next Sunday 10th November at 2.30pm.

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.

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

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

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.

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**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Volunteers are needed for welcoming and stewarding for 9.30am Masses on Sundays. Please give your details into the office or email us at gillingham@rcaos.org.uk

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL - The Charismatic renewal group does the prayer and healing ministry and meets on every second Sunday of every month after the 11.30am Mass.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY AT MEDWAY HOSPITAL There is Sunday mass at the hospital chapel/prayer room, at 2.00pm every Sunday for 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.

THANKS - A huge 'thank you' to everyone for the, good wishes, gifts, Masses prayers and donations to my chosen charity which have made my birthday so very memorable. I am totally overwhelmed by everybody's kind thoughts. Jo

✘ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✘

Saturday 2nd November

Vigil Mass 6.30pm Repose of the soul of Pat Dray

Sunday 3rd 9.30am Repose of the soul of Pat Harris

11.30am Intentions & thanksgiving Mr & Mrs
Nwachukwu's baby & Repose of the souls of the
departed Legion of Mary members

. 6.30pm Pro Populo

Monday 4th

St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

10.00am Thanksgiving for Henry Nnamdi's new job

11.00am Requiem for Pat Dray followed by cremation at
Medway Crematorium

Tuesday 5th Feria

10.00 Repose of the souls of Mary & Aubrey Jamieson

Wednesday 6th Feria

10.00am Repose the soul of Theresa

Thursday 7th .

Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St George

10.00am Repose of the soul of Anthony Alvares

Friday 8th

10.00am Jo Firth's intentions

7.30pm Repose of the soul of Harold Aruma

Saturday 9th

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

10.00am Birthdays of Benita Edeji, Evelyn Ibe &
Ifeanyi Okoro

Followed by Exposition and Confessions

Vigil Mass 6.30pm Pro Populo

MIDDLE EAST HUMANITARIAN APPEAL.

You may have seen appeals on television for donations. CAFOD have sent a message to all parishes appealing for prayers and donations, Caritas and Church partners in Lebanon, Gaza and the wider region are best placed to actively respond with water, food and shelter for families who have lost so much. Please see the poster in the porch for details of how you can help.

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL

Never regret being a good person to the wrong people.

Your behaviour says everything about you, and their behaviour says everything about them.