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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday Evening 20th April (White) (B)
Fourth Sunday of Easter
6.00pm Sylvia Martin, R.I.P. (J.B.)
Sunday 21st April (White) (B) **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
9.00am Andrew Fallon & family's intentions (K.H.)
Children's Liturgy
11.00am Chris & Catherine Neal's wellbeing
World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life.
Collection today for Priest Training Fund (Ecclesiastical Education)
Monday 22nd April (White) (B) **Mass of the Day**
9.30am Joe Barroto's wellbeing (Joel)
Tuesday 23rd April (Red) (B) **St. George, Martyr, Patron of England, Solemnity**
9.30am Catherine and Chris Neal's wellbeing (K.H.)
Wednesday 24th April (White) (B) **Mass of the Day**
9.30am Brendan and Teresa's wellbeing (K.H.)
Thursday 25th April (White) (B) **St. Mark, Evangelist, Feast.**
9.30am Fr. Michael's Int. (M&Mc)
10am-11am Exposition, Holy Hour
Friday 26th April (White) (B) **Mass of the Day**
9.30am Molly Whyte's wellbeing (B&T)
5pm-6pm Holy Hour and Exposition
6pm Cynthia R.I.P. (Roger)
Saturday 27th April (White) **Our Lady**
10.00am Leon Saba R.I.P. (M.S.)
10.30-11.30am Holy Hour and Divine Mercy Chaplet
10.30-11.00am Confessions
5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Saturday Evening 28th April (White) (B) **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
6.00pm John and Carole Coyne & Family (P.C.)
Sunday 29th April (White) (B) **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
9.00am Geoff Watts R.I.P.
Children's Liturgy
11.00am Deacon John and Deacon Felim's Int.
Collection today for the Maintenance of St. George's Cathedral

Week of 13th/14th April: Attendance: 182

First Collection: gift aid - £306.05, Cash £248.44

March Bankers Orders: £1,449.50

This week the **second collection** is for the **Priest Training Fund**, this collection helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy. We are blessed to have 5 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you! • Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF • Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504 • Cash/Cheque in our second collection or please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes.

If you would like to contribute to **Fr Michael's Retirement Collection**, or to **Kathleen's Collection** for all she has done for Father, then please use the named envelopes you will find in the pews and in the narthex. These should be placed in the collection basket at the weekend Masses. Any cheques should be made payable to St Augustine's R.C Church, please note on the cheque if the amount is for Father, Kathleen or how it is to be split. Thank you.

Fr Michael's Retirement: Fr Michael will move into St Peter's on Monday 29th April. Many of you will wish to visit him once he has settled in and he will certainly be delighted to see you. Kathleen will be your first point of contact as she will manage Father's diary and ensure visits are suitably spread out avoiding any double bookings etc. Accordingly, please telephone Kathleen in the first instance on 01634 710748. Father's new address will be St Peter's, Little Sisters of the Poor Convent, 2a Meadow Road, Vauxhall, London SW8 1QH. He will have a landline in his room and once we have the number we will share it with you.

Our **Parish Coffee mornings** will resume on **Wednesday 24th April** 10.15am to 11.45am. Please come and join us.

Hartlip Sunday teas walk: Sunday 5th May, meet 2.00pm outside our Church or for those not wishing to walk at Hartlip St. Michael's and All Angels Church around 3.15pm. If there are any bluebells in bloom, we will walk via Matts Hill Lane into Potters Wood.

Pope Francis has designated this year as the **Year of Prayer** in preparation for the Year of jubilee in 2025. Our Parish is promoting the **Give Prayer A Go** campaign launched by The Archdiocese of Southwark to encourage everyone to pray and welcome Christ into their hearts. Please take a copy of the paper entitled "Give Prayer a Go" from the table in the Narthex. We are hoping to follow this in the coming months by introducing other prayerful events.

Youth Day, lunch included for £5 – 6th July 2024, 11-5pm at St. John Fisher School, Chatham for 10-14-year-olds. Please email youth@rcaos.org.uk

Thank you from Fr Michael. I am extremely grateful to you all for arranging and coming along to my wonderful retirement celebration at Aylesford on Sunday and for your such kind generosity in contributing to my retirement collection. As I said on Sunday I have been truly blessed to have served in the Parishes I have been appointed to over the past 57 years. I have always been shown such great kindness, generosity and friendship. I will be eternally grateful to you all for everything you have done for me. I will forever keep you in my prayers. Thank you and God bless you all. *Fr Michael*
A personal message from Kathleen. I was humbled yet honoured to be included in Fr Michael's retirement celebrations at Aylesford on Sunday. It was a very special occasion, being joined by my family and surrounded by so many parishioners from St Augustine's and Father's previous Parishes. I regard you all as my dear friends and will miss you all greatly. Thank you very much indeed for my Mass Novena, Flowers, special Photo Cake and extremely generous collection. I am very sad to be leaving my role helping Father and you all at St Augustine's but will still come to the Saturday evening Mass from time to time so will be able to keep in touch. I will do my very best to ensure Father settles into St Peter's well and has a most enjoyable retirement which we will all agree he most thoroughly deserves. My sincerest thanks to you all once again. With all my love, *Kathleen*

St John Fisher - Exam Invigilators Required

St John Fisher, Catholic Comprehensive School, in Rochester are looking for reliable, committed individuals to join their team of Exam Invigilators. This will be on a casual, seasonal basis with remuneration of £12 per hour. Please see the Notice Board for further details including how to apply.

Please pray for the sick in our Parish and our families, especially Francis Feegrade, Mollie Whyte, Amy Frith, Jennifer Robson, Kath Fitzwater, Eileen Boorman, Meriel Barry, Ann Taylor, Marthese and David Murch, Philip Chant, Irene Arnold, Gisela Disley, Alexandra Taylor and Ina O'Donahue & all who care for them.

Please pray for the recently departed and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Richard Ng and John Mayson.