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MASS TIMES& INTENTIONS
Saturday Evening 9th March(Purple) (B)

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday

People of the Parish

Sunday 10th March(Purple) (B), Fourth Sunday of Lent,

Laetare Sunday

9.00am Patricia Harte, R.I.P. (E.F.)

Children's Liturgy

11.00am Eileen & Bill Harris, R.I.P.

Mothering Sunday, we pray for all Mothers today.

Monday 11thMarch (Purple) (B) Mass of the Day

Tom Carter's 100th Birthday (Flisher Family) 9.30am

Tuesday 12thMarch (Purple) (B)Mass of the Day

In thanksgiving to Fr Michael (Flisher Family) 9.30am

Wednesday 13th March (Purple) Mass of the Day

Communion Service 9.30am

Thursday 14th March (Purple) Mass of the Day

9.30am **Holy Souls**

10am-11am Holy Hour, Exposition Friday 15th March (Purple) (B) Mass of the Day 9.30am Carmel Mailing's Int (R.P.) 5pm-6pm Holy Hour, Exposition Veronica Neeley R.I.P. (A.F.) 6.00pm Saturday 16th March (Purple) Mass of the Day

10.00am People of the Parish

10.30-11.30am Exposition & Divine Mercy Chaplet

10.30-11am Confessions 5.15pm-5.45pm Confessions

Saturday Evening 16th March(Purple) (B)

FifthSunday of Lent

Joel Da Silva's Wellbeing (M.A.) 6.00pm Sunday 17th March(Purple) (B), FifthSunday of Lent,

9.00am Special Intentions (J&J.F.)

Children's Liturgy

Patrick Sherlock R.I.P. & Patricia Sherlock's 11.00am

58th Wedding Anniversary.

3.30pm Penitential ServiceFr Tom from Rainham and

Fr Michael Ryan will be assisting Fr Michael.

Week of2nd/3rd March Attendance:187

1st Collection Gift Aid £278.38, Cash £254.95 2nd Collection £250.56. (St. Francis Leprosy)

Congratulations to Roger Hooper (No296) on winning £25 with the 200 club for February.

The **Lenten Alms box**, is for the Catholic Children's fund.

Please leave your donations for the St. Margaret's Food Bank and Gillingham Street Angelsin the Narthex.

Deacon Charlie Bianco's funeral will be in our Church on Thursday 21st March, 10am. His body will be received in the Church on Wednesday evening at 4.45pm.

Our new Parish Priest has been confirmed as Fr. Peter Murphy, he is presently serving in the Parish of Bromley. Fr. Peter Murphy will arrive towards the end of April or early May.

Thank you for all who have responded to our Parish Plan invite and please continue to let us have your suggestions to support the spiritual and community growth of our Parish. These will be collated and passed to our new Parish Priest, Fr. Peter Murphy.

First Holy Communion, this year will be on Saturday 8th June, 11am Mass. Classes will start on Saturday 2nd March at 1.30pm. They will be held at 60 Wyvill Close, ME8 9NE. Please contact Deborah Dainesi on 01634 388496 for further details.

Parish Register: I need your help in preparing a new Parish Register which will contain your contact details and where appropriate a note of the roles you undertake within the Parish. This will be of great assistance to your new Parish Priest as he gets to know everyone and settles into the Parish. Accordingly, I would be grateful if each of you would kindly complete a Parish Register form which can be collected from the Narthex. Please try and return these to me as soon as possible or place in the white box on the table in the Narthex. The box will be kept in the sacristy after Masses.

The next **Prayer Group Meeting** will be Wednesday27th March at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start.

Fr. Michael's retirement celebration. Sunday 14/4/24, 1pm to 4pm at the North Barn, Aylesford Priory, ME20 7BY. Please do add your names, contact details and numbers attending to the list in the narthex if you are able to come. We have two shifts: 1pm - 2.30pm is full, leaving 2.30pm - 4pm for anyone who hasn't already added their name. Please only add your names to the list if you are certain that you can come.

Youth & Young Adult Events, there is a day of praise, prayer, sports, games and pizza on Saturday 9 March in New Maldon to book, visit www.tinyurl.com/scysyouthday Details of a Young Adult Mass at 6pm the first Sunday of every month can be found on the RCAOS website, Facebook and Instaram@stgeorgesya.Flame 2025, a Catholic Youth event at Wembley with guest speakers and award-winning musicians, worship and Eucharistic Adoration is open for booking- more information see, www.tinyurl.com/flame25 or email youth@rcaos.org.uk

The next **UCM Meeting** will be at St. Augustine's Church, from 1.45pm-3.30pm on Thursday 14th March when we will be holding Stations of the Cross. Any queries ring Mrs. Alma Payne on Medway 362896.

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 13th 2024 at St George's Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know, and no later than May 31st 2024, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Helen Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating. You can then receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Email at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish e.g Parkwood & Wigmore St. Augustine's.

Please pray for the sick in our Parish and our families, especially Amy Frith, Jennifer Robson, Kath Fitzwaters, Eileen Boorman, Meriel Barry, Ann Taylor, Marthese and David Murch, Philip Chant, Irene Arnold, Gisela Disley, Alexandra Taylor, Sr. Ellen (& her niece Ashley & her husband) &all who care for them.

Please pray for the recently departed including Deacon Charlie Bianco and for those who whose anniversaries occur at this time especially, John Ellery, Walter Harcort, Susan O'Sullivan, Victoriana Mateo, John Houlahan, Emily Carter, Annie McGinnis and David Collingborn