

## DIARY for WEEK BEGINNING 12th JUNE 2011

### ✠ PENTECOST, WHIT SUNDAY (A) ✠ Day of Prayer for the Church

<b>Sun 12</b>	Saturday	6.30pm	✠ Vigil Mass: Intention of the Lee Family
	Sunday	9.30am	✠ Mass: Pro Populo
		11.00am	✠ Mass: Norah Golds RIP <i>Baptism of Angel Clark</i>
		12.15pm	<i>Baptism of Samantha Lynn Shrimpton</i>

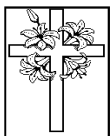
*Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time: weekday readings, cycle 1, psalter week 3*

<b>Mon 13</b>	St Anthony of Padua	9.30am	<i>Holy Rosary</i> (daily, 30mins before Mass)
		10.00am	✠ Requiem Mass: Philomena Rebello
<b>Tues 14</b>	Feria	10.00am	✠ Mass: William and Esther Deare RIP
<b>Wed 15</b>	Feria	10.00am	✠ Mass: Albert Owen RIP
<b>Thu 16</b>	Feria	7.00am	✠ Mass: Eileen Magee RIP
<b>Fri 17</b>	Feria	10.00am	✠ Mass: Mary A Regan RIP
<b>Sat 18</b>	Our Lady	10.00am	✠ Mass: Franco Verdolini RIP
		10.30am	<i>Confessions</i>

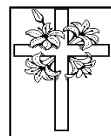
### ✠ The MOST HOLY TRINITY (A) ✠

<b>Sun 19</b>	Saturday	6.30pm	✠ Vigil Mass: Philomena Breach RIP
	Sunday	9.30am	✠ Mass: Eba Fantetti RIP
		11.00am	✠ Mass: Pro Populo <i>also Baptism of Ejemen Iredia</i>
		12.15pm	<i>Baptism of Scarlett Marie Kora</i>
		4.00pm	<i>Syro Malabar Mass</i>

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries occur this week:



*John Breen, Brian Rice, Phyllis Biram, Millicent Driscoll,  
William Wilson, Rose Corr, John Jordan, Alma Cade,  
Dorothy Hindle, Seamus Timmons, Lilian Haeften,  
Karl Langan, Edward Shevlane and Carmela Klimek.*



*May their souls and the souls of all the ✠ faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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12th June 2011

### ✠ PENTECOST, WHIT SUNDAY(A) ✠



#### WORD of GOD

Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them.

*(Acts 2:3)*

#### WORD for TODAY

When we see a great work of art, or hear of some inventive new gadget that will benefit people, we say that the artist or inventor has been inspired. In fact, all who have been baptised are inspired daily. The gift of the Holy Spirit means that day in and day out God is with us prompting us, but never forcing us, to act in a way that will bring us true happiness.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 103**

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

#### NICENE CREED

*(from the new Roman Missal)*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius

Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## AROUND the PARISH

**MOVING ON** As announced at Mass last week, the Archbishop has offered Fr Geoffrey the chance to move to a smaller parish, nearer his home in Maidstone (Bearsted and Harrietsham, east of Maidstone and south of Walderslade). From the middle of August Fr Sean O'Connor, currently assistant priest at Lewisham, will be taking over. Fr Sean will be visiting the parish this week.

**St MARY'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE** Saturday 25th June from 1pm till 4pm. Lots of fun activities: Grand draw, play-bus, assault course, games, music, bar and barbecue, plus lots more. Adults 50p, children free. Come along and support your parish primary school. ■ **Archbishop Peter** will be visiting the school on Tuesday morning (14th). He will be meeting the children and blessing the new nursery, ICT suite and classroom.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** take place on 25th and 26th June. Please keep the children in your prayers as they make their final preparations. Rehearsal this Saturday at 2pm in the church.

**SUMMER is HERE!** The annual outing to Joss Bay will take place on Sunday 24th July. To book your place, please telephone John Formosa on 01634 573378. The cost of the trip is £6 for adults and £4 for children. The coach leaves after 9.30am Mass and, after a full day on the beach and a short stop for refreshments and raffle on the way home, should arrive back at the church by approximately 8pm. So come on parishioners, dust off your buckets and spades, drag out your swimsuits from the bottom of your cupboard and let's get the summer holidays started!! ☺

## AROUND the DIOCESE and BEYOND

**SUMMER FAYRE at AYLESFORD PRIORY** The Friars are holding their annual Summer Fayre on Sunday 19th June.

Entertainment will include music, dance performances and workshops by Flava, previous semi-finalists from *Britain's Got Talent*, petting zoo, classic cars and lots more. Open from 11am-4.30pm at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7BX. Entrance £3 for adults, £1 for children.

**YOUTH FESTIVAL at AYLESFORD PRIORY** Sunday 26th June, 10am-8pm. Young people currently in school years 8-11 are invited to a day of varied activities, music and celebration of Mass. For further information, contact Southwark Catholic Youth Service on 01227 272900.

**DIOCESAN DAY of CELEBRATION** sharing in the gifts of people of all abilities at Aylesford Priory, Sunday 10th July: "*Spread God's Joy: it's up to you.*" This yearly event enables many people of all abilities to share in a day of activity and prayer. Activities on the day will include; art, music, prayer, a disco and all the usual attractions of Aylesford. The day will begin with a gathering service at 12.00noon and end with a Mass of Celebration at 4pm. Many people of all different abilities have been busy planning and preparing for the day and will be involved in the celebration of the Mass. It will be an enjoyable, fun day for everyone, so please come along with your fellow parishioners and celebrate the many gifts we all have to share. Please bring a picnic lunch. *See you there!*

**NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE** Aylesford Priory, Saturday 16th July. The day of faith and fun for all the family will start at 11am and finish at 4.30pm. The gathering service will start at 11am with children's activities during the afternoon. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm, honouring St Joachim and St Anne, parents of Our Lady and grandparents of Jesus. We shall also pray in thanksgiving for all grandparents, who over the years have passed on the faith from generation to generation. Contact the Friars, Ayles-

ford on 01622 717272 for further details or see the poster at the back of the church. There is also a Grandparents' Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham on Saturday 23rd July. See poster for further details.

**The DOWRY of MARY PILGRIMAGE** to Walsingham, Sunday 11th September. This year celebrates 950 years since the founding of the original shrine in Walsingham and our Archbishop, Peter Smith, will be the leader. It would be a great witness if we could welcome more groups and parishes this year than ever and especially those who haven't visited before. If anyone is interested in organising a coach party from the parish to this event, please contact Father Alan Williams on 01328 820217 for assistance. There is a poster at the back of the church giving more details.

**CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY FEDERATION** presents FLAME CONGRESS 2012 @ Wembley Arena on Saturday 24th March 2012. This is an opportunity for our young people to celebrate and experience Catholic faith in a way that has not happened on such a scale before. National and international speakers together with Catholic Olympians, Paralympians and other sporting figures will be sharing their faith. Further information and booking details can be obtained from the office. A poster and information sheet have been added to the notice board at the back of the church.

**FAITH IN FOCUS: ALL DOWN TO US?** Thank God that the Church is bigger than you and me. Thank God that the Church is no mere human institution. Thank God that it does not stand or fall by my efforts and yours. If it were all down to us then every scientific or medical advance that would see us running for cover. If it were all down to us then any scandal that hit the Church would find us dumb and unable to respond. If it were all down to us

then our worship would quickly become a dry and arid performance of rubrics. But it isn't all down to us. Pentecost celebrates the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit who is ever present to the Church, guiding and sustaining, emboldening and inspiring us in the myriad circumstances of our modern world. To celebrate Pentecost is remember that Jesus is still alive and active in his Church through the Holy Spirit. We call Whitsunday the birthday of the Church because on that day the first proclamation of the gospel took place after Christ's death and resurrection. And the apostles were just as daunted at the prospect as we sometimes are. They feared for their lives. Yet the tongues of fire which is the Spirit gave them the courage boldly to proclaim the good news of Jesus. For the Church is the living Body of Christ and anything we do as the Church will produce results only if it is grounded in the Spirit. We cannot boast of our own efforts; it is the Spirit of God working through us that is effective. So if we are reticent about bearing witness to our faith, if we want our prayer to be more heartfelt and our worship to come alive, if we feel that we need to recapture the joy and first commitment of our faith, then Pentecost is for us. Our prayer is that of the Church throughout the ages: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful!*

**ATTENDANCE** There were 422 people at Mass last week and the collection amounted to **£709.35**. The World Communications Day collection came to **£100.79**. We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Building Fund of **£100.00**. Thank you. ♦ There will be a retiring collection **Next Sunday** for Catholic Trust for England and Wales (CaTEW), formerly National Catholic Fund. This fund supplies the National Bishops of England and Wales with the revenue necessary for the central administration of the Church in this country.