



Parish of St Peter & The Good Shepherd Bearsted & Harrietsham

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Newsletter

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Year A

THIRTIETH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

26th October 2014



✕ **NOVEMBER** ✕ is the month of the Holy Souls when we commemorate and pray for our beloved dead. Envelopes are available for you to enclose a list of your deceased loved ones. These may be placed in the box as you enter church. The envelopes remain in front of the altar throughout the month. Any donations in the envelopes are used as stipends for Masses for the Holy Souls during November and throughout the year. Remember to Gift Aid your offering if possible.



'Therefore Judas Maccabeus made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.' (2 Macc 12:46) From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead.

Let us help and commemorate them, If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them. (St John Chrysostom)

From the *Catechism*, 1032

MASS COUNT The fourth and final national Mass counts is to be taken today. **Collectors, please note.** (Last week there were **41** on Saturday evening; on Sunday morning there were **29** at Harrietsham and **90** at St Peter's.)

CHOIR NEWS Sung Mass **today**. If you are able to help with music for our anniversary Mass on Tuesday **4th November** please talk to Bob or Erika. Next rehearsal, Tuesday 25th November, 8pm. All are welcome. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP Half term this week, no meeting. Back again Monday **3rd November**, 7pm: board games. We welcome young people aged 10 – 15; older teenagers welcome to join in as young leaders.

ALL SAINTS' DAY is transferred to **Sunday 2nd November** this year; **All Souls' Day** is on **Monday 3rd**. There will be an additional Mass on 3rd November at **10am at Good Shepherd** as well as the usual **7pm Mass at St Peter's**.

DIARY for WEEK BEGINNING 26th OCTOBER 2014
(Masses marked '(H)' are at Harrietsham)

✧ **THIRTIETH SUNDAY (A)** ✧

Sun 26th	Saturday	6.00pm	✧ Vigil Mass: Fr Joseph Aduse, Silver Jubilee
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✧ Mass: Pro Populo
		10.30am	✧ Mass: Alfred Noakes RIP
Mon 27th	Feria	7.00pm	✧ Mass
Tues 28th	SS Simon and Jude	10.00am	✧ Mass: Celebrant's Intention
Wed 29th	Feria	(H) 10.00am	✧ Mass: Fr Paul Spellman RIP
Thu 30th	Feria	7.00am	✧ Mass
Fri 31st	Feria	10.00am	✧ Mass
Sat 1st Nov.	Our Lady	<i>5.00-5.30pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>

✧ **ALL SAINTS** ✧

Sun 2nd	Saturday	6.00pm	✧ Vigil Mass: Francis & Margaret Almeida RIP
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✧ Mass: Pro Populo
		10.30am	✧ Mass: Christy Whitnell RIP

FLOWER FESTIVAL There will be a get-together for helpers at St Peter's this **Friday, 31st October at 7.30pm.**

30th ANNIVERSARY We will be concluding the celebrations to mark our 30th Anniversary with a Mass celebrated by our first parish priest, Bishop John Hine. Mass will start at 7pm on **Tuesday 4th November**, which is the actual date of the consecration of St Peter's Church. After Mass there will be light refreshments in the parish hall. If you can supply a plate of 'finger food' for the buffet, it would help enormously with the catering. Please see Anne Hayden or sign your name on the list on the parish notice board. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY...

- **With the Holy Father for October:** *That the Lord may grant peace to those parts of the world most battered by war and violence; and that World Mission Day may rekindle in every believer zeal for carrying the Gospel into all the world.*
- **For all the sick** and for all who are unwell at home or in our care homes, especially Pierre Niebergall, Cyril Adam and Barbara Casey; for those recently dead; for all those whose anniversaries occur about now; and for all our relatives and friends.
- **For those suffering the ravages of war and hatred, terrorism and injustice**, especially in the Middle East and now Canada: *that God may rescue them from the horrors they are experiencing.*
- **For the work of the Vocations Office** that it may inspire the young men and women of our diocese to grow in Christian discipleship and so learn how to discover the vocation God wills for them.

Thank you: the sum received last weekend at Mass was **£437.91** (£237.00 was Gift Aided). ♦ Last Sunday's collection for **Missio** amounted to **£283.60**; In addition the cake stall took **£121.00**; our thanks to Ann and all who made purchases in support of Missio. ♦ We had a call from Clare Ward at the Home Mission office thanking us for our generosity on Home Mission Sunday last month.

MESSAGE FROM MISSIO Thank you very much for your contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel and continue their work at the service of the poor and vulnerable. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year please contact Missio directly on 020 7821 9755.

DEANERY MASS for DECEASED CLERGY At St Thomas More, West Malling, on Tuesday **11th November** at 12noon.

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE An invitation to married couples to explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communication; it also reinforces the call of the Church to married life. It's an opportunity, with informal guidance, for couples to discuss privately the highs and lows of marriage. It takes place on Saturday, **15th November**, at St Teresa's Church Hall, Ashford, Kent, from 9.45am to 4.30pm and costs £25 per couple. Booking is essential; please ring Phil Pond on 020 8651 2477 to book or for more information.

CHRISTMAS There have been requests to change the timing of the Christmas 'Midnight' Mass. In view of this and since what was termed 'Midnight' Mass is now referred to as Mass 'During the Night' in the new Missal, it was agreed at a recent meeting of the Pastoral Committee that our Mass During the Night will be at 10.30pm this year. Hopefully this will attract more worshippers. ★ Look out next week for details of our 'It's almost Christmas' Social. (Keep Saturday 29th November free!)