



Parish of St Peter & The Good Shepherd Bearsted & Harrietsham

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Newsletter

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Year A

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

16th November 2014



PRISONS WEEK: 16th – 22nd NOVEMBER The Prisons Week Prayer: *Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen.*

PRISONS WEEK

- **MONDAY:** For Those Who Work In Prisons : • **TUESDAY:** For Those Who Are Prisoners
- **WEDNESDAY:** For Victims Of Crime : • **THURSDAY:** For All Working In The Criminal Justice System
- **FRIDAY:** For The Families : • **SATURDAY:** For Our Communities

CAFOD A letter received this week expressed thanks for our continued support 'during this time of economic uncertainty'. CAFOD are looking at every part of their work at home and overseas to reduce their costs wherever possible. This may involve redundancy and they ask us to keep their work in our prayers over the coming weeks and months.

YOUTH GROUP Monday 17th November 7 - 8.30pm: **playing all your favourite games!** Let us know if you can, please, so we can bring along what is needed, thank you! We welcome young people aged 10 – 15; older teenagers welcome to join in as young leaders. ✿ On **National Youth Sunday** (next week) we are asked to make a point of welcoming, encouraging and celebrating the young people around us. The theme for this year poses the question 'How happy are you?' It is intended to enable a reflection on how we can find true and lasting happiness. The postcards to be given to young people respond to this question with 'Be Attitudes', inspired by the Beatitudes in Matthew's gospel. How can you take part in making the most of this opportunity to reach out and bless our young people? Your prayers for young people are really important and you are welcome to take postcards to give to young people you know. Please visit www.nationalyouthsunday.org.uk for resources to be used in schools and parishes.

CHOIR NEWS Sung Mass, Christ the King, **Sunday 23rd November**. Next rehearsal, **this Sunday** after 10.30 Mass; **Tuesday 25th November**, 8pm. All are welcome. Thank you. ✿ **MULLED WINE** and **CAROLS: Tuesday 9th December**, 8pm at St Peter's; *all are welcome!*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2015 Preparations begin in January. Application forms are **now available**. Parents who live in the parish with children who are baptized and in school Year 3 or above are invited to apply. A meeting will be called once we have received back the applications.

BENEDICTION There will be Rosary and Benediction at St Peter's on the First Sunday of Advent, **30th November**, at 3pm. Please try to join us as a way of beginning this short but prayerful *period of devout and expectant delight* (Roman Missal, p 135) in the run up to Christmas. ✦ 'Walk with Me', a journey of prayer for Advent and Christmas is available. It is prefaced by Archbishop Peter and costs £1.

DIARY for WEEK BEGINNING 16th NOVEMBER 2014
(Masses marked '(H)' are at Harrietsham)

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)

Prisons Week

Sun 16th	Saturday	6.00pm	✕ Vigil Mass: James and Gladys Marie Grogan RIP
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✕ Mass: Kathleen and Anthony McParland RIP
		10.30am	✕ Mass: Joey Fitzpatrick and Kath Middlehurst
Mon 17th	Feria	SORRY, NO MASS	
Tues 18th	Dedication of Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul	10.00am	✕ Mass: Pro Populo
Wed 19th	Feria	(H) 10.00am	✕ Mass: Donor's Intention
Thu 20th	Feria	SORRY, NO MASS	
Fri 21st	Presentation of BVM	10.00am	✕ Mass: Holy Souls (November lists)
Sat 22nd	St Cecilia	<i>5.00-5.30pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>
✕ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A) ✕			
<i>National Youth Sunday</i>			
Sun 23rd	Saturday	6.00pm	✕ Vigil Mass: Barry Smith RIP
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✕ Mass: Pro Populo
		10.30am	✕ Mass: Deceased members, Catenians
		2.30pm	Baptism: Jessica Stafford

CHRISTMAS ★ We are taking bookings for our 'It's almost Christmas' Social on **29th November**. ★ Raffle tickets for our draw are also now available. ★ Our pre-Christmas carol service will be on **Sunday 21st December at 6pm**. ★ **Mass During the Night** ('Midnight Mass') will be at **10.30pm** this year.

PLEASE PRAY...

- **With the Holy Father for November:** *That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others; and that young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.*
- **For all the sick** and for all who are unwell at home or in our care homes, especially Margaret Moses; 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 justice and peace in the world:** *for all countries who are at war, especially Syria and Turkey, and all places where there is hatred between races and religions. May we prepare for the Lord's coming by working to promote respect for each person's dignity*
- **For all those who are suffering:** *in particular today for those in prison, especially for those held unjustly. We ask the Lord to comfort them and their families that they may feel his loving presence.*

Thank you: the sum received last weekend at Mass was **£382.78** (£263.70 was Gift Aided). ♦ The collection for the **Archbishop's Diocesan Administration Fund** which helps meet the cost of the central administration of the diocese amounted to **£107.76**. ♦ This week is Prisons Week. If you would like to make a donation to the Prison Advice and Care Trust ('pact'), which is supported by the Archbishop, please pick up an envelope. ♦ **Next week** there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Youth Service which helps support Youth Work in the diocese and beyond.

DAY for READERS St Andrew's, Tenterden, 10.30-1.30, Saturday **29th November**, led by Fr David Gibbons.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS at St PETER'S *From Joyce:* "Hi everyone, despite the disappointment last year [at St Peter's] when money in my collection carton was stolen, I have decided that the response was good enough to do it again this year. I will be putting up a large Christmas Card/Poster and invite you to sign your good wishes for the festive season to fellow parishioners instead of sending individual Christmas cards. As last year all donations will go the Maidstone Homeless Night Shelter Appeal. Please make your donation using the secure collection box provided this year."