

Parish of St Peter & The Good Shepherd Bearsted & Harrietsham

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Newsletter

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Diocesan Website: www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

The Catholic Church in England and Wales: www.catholicchurch.org.uk

Prayer: www.life4seekers.co.uk; www.holyspiritinteractive.net

Catholic Schools in our local area:

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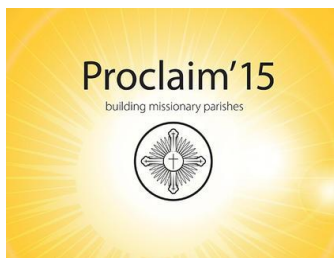
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TWELFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

21st June 2015



THE MAIDSTONE DEANERY: PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S MERCY – BUILDING MISSIONARY PARISHES (continued) So what can you do? Well to begin with, you can pray for the success of the conference. Then you can look at the PROCLAIM 15 section of the Bishops' Conference website which gives lots of background and ideas. You can get hold of the Pope's document THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL, which is available from the Catholic Truth Society and is quite an easy read. You can write to Deacon Tom c/o St Francis' Presbytery, Maidstone. In the autumn, you can join one of the gatherings which we shall be arranging and see how you can help in proclaiming the Gospel.

All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite all our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength and gives meaning to our lives.

In your heart you know it is not the same to live without him..... (The Joy of the Gospel)

THE YEAR OF MERCY From time to time the Church has special Jubilee Years in which she prays and reflects on special themes. We have had recently a Year of Faith. Pope Francis has proclaimed that 2016 will be a Jubilee Year of Mercy. It will open on Tuesday 8th December 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and close on Sunday 20th November 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King. During the Year, there will be special diocesan, deanery and parish events. In our deanery, there will be a special Mass on the evening of 8th December for the parishes of the Maidstone district, and a special Mass at St Andrew's Church, Tenterden for the rural parishes of the deanery. So what is the purpose of the Year? It is obviously to concentrate our minds on God's mercy. We sometimes think of mercy as something we do to another person, or another person does to us, but mercy is something very active. It is the father in the story of the Prodigal Son running to his son, clasping him in his arms and welcoming him home. During this year, the Church will be reaching out to those who no longer take part in her life; she will be reaching out to them, and welcoming them home.

To be continued.

*** PRAYER VIGIL** There will be a prayer vigil before the Blessed Sacrament exposed at St Peter's from 5pm until Mass, on Saturday **11th July** to pray for the success of the National Catholic Evangelization Conference beginning at the same time. **Please put this date in your timetable and join us.**

MISSING MISSIO RED BOX ROUND UP! Many of you have a Red Box in your homes. It's a way we support the Pope's official charity for overseas missions and the Mill Hill missionaries. Thank you to everyone who is a Red Box member. Over the next two weekends, 20th - 28th June, Missio would like to round up all the Red Boxes from those of you who have forgotten you have one and which therefore have not been opened for some time! Please search high and low for these elusive boxes and then bring them to Mass over the next two weeks. All the funds we donate go towards the training of missionaries, to building churches, schools and hospitals in impoverished areas and towards supporting religious and lay people working in these communities. Thank you for your invaluable support.

THANK YOU to Paul Dixon for setting up the streaming of Mass to the entrance lobby at St Peter's. It is hoped eventually to stream the Mass over the internet.

DIARY for WEEK BEGINNING 21st JUNE 2015 (Masses marked '(H)' are at Harrietsham)			
✕ TWELFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (B) ✕			
Sun 21st	Saturday	6.00pm	✕ Vigil Mass: Pro Populo
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✕ Mass: Gilbert Monckton RIP
		10.30am	✕ Mass: Craig McGuire RIP
Mon 22nd	SS John Fisher and Thomas More	9.00am	✕ Mass
Tues 23rd	Feria	NO MASS - SORRY	
Wed 24th	NATIVITY of SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	NO MASS - SORRY	
Thu 25th	Feria	NO MASS - SORRY	
Fri 26th	Feria	10.00am	✕ Mass: Canon John Naughton RIP
Sat 27th	Our Lady	5.00-5.30pm	Confessions
✕ SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ✕			
Sun 28th	Saturday	6.00pm	✕ Vigil Mass
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✕ Mass: Ray Smith RIP
		10.30am	✕ Mass: Pro Populo

CHOIR NEWS Rehearsals: **28th June** after 10.30 Mass. Sung Mass, 12th July.

PARISH BARBECUE **12th July** at St Peter's. **Tickets available this weekend.**

CONFIRMATIONS Maidstone area Confirmations will take place on Sunday **11th October**, with a retreat at Whitstable on **11th** and **12th July**. The preparation day will be on Sunday **4th October**.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY A day focusing on people with disability at the heart of the Church: Aylesford Priory, Sunday **5th July**, 12 till 4.

PLEASE PRAY...

- **With the Holy Father for June:** that the personal encounter with Jesus may give rise to the desire in many young people to offer their lives in the priesthood or the consecrated life.
- **For all the sick** especially Barbara Casey and all who are unwell at home or in our care homes; for those recently dead especially Ann Moritz and Canon John Naughton; for all those whose anniversaries occur about now; for all our relatives and friends and the intentions on the notice board.
- **On Father's Day, that Catholic fathers** will teach their children to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist with reverence, and encourage them to discover their vocations in Christ.
- **For families whose members have been radicalised** or exploited to injure themselves or others: may God watch over them all, wherever they are.

Thank you for your offerings last week to help run our parish: **£436.93** (Gift Aided, **£265.00**). ♦ The retiring collection for the **Catholic Trust for England and Wales** came to **£150.06**. ♦ **Next weekend** there is a retiring collection for the **Peter's Pence**, our traditional offering to the Holy Father which assists him and the Apostolic See to exercise their service of the Universal Church.

25th ANNIVERSARY St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Headcorn will be celebrating its 25th anniversary on **25th June** at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. ♦ Pick up a copy of Fr Michael Woodgate's book *A Rabbit's Eye View*. £4.50 – funds to Aid to the Church in Need.

CATECHISTS The Diocesan Day for Catechists is Saturday **27th June** at St George's Cathedral and runs from 11am till Mass at 4pm. Registration forms are available.

CAFOD EVENTS THIS SUMMER ♦ *CAFOD Southwark Summer pilgrimage: Saturday 27th June*, 12.00noon – 4pm. St Francis de Sales Church, Church Road, Hartley, DA3 8DW. ♦ *Campaign workshop and talk* from CAFOD partner Fr Edwin Gariguez about Typhoons and Climate Change in The Philippines: **Saturday 11th July**, 11.00am – 4pm (provisional timings), Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB. If you would like any further information, or want to book a place at any of these events, please get in touch at the CAFOD Southwark Office on **020 8466 9901** or email southwark@cafod.org.uk. Many thanks for your continued support of CAFOD.

GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE Aylesford Priory, **11th July**. See poster.

ADVISER for DISABILITY, CATECHESIS & ADULT FORMATION Applications are invited from for this vacant post from practising Catholics with suitable experience and qualifications in the fields of evangelization, lay formation, and adult faith formation as well as disability inclusion. Salary: £31,749.20 pa. Closing date: Sunday **28th June**. Further details on the CCF website (www.ccftootingbec.org.uk).