



# Parish of St Peter & The Good Shepherd Bearsted & Harrietsham

*A Member of Bearsted Area Churches Together*



## Newsletter

**St Peter's Church, Button Lane, Bearsted, Maidstone, ME15 8NJ**

**Church of The Good Shepherd, Rectory Lane (off East Street), Harrietsham, ME17 1HS**

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**Catholic Schools in our local area:**

**St Francis Primary**, Queen's Road, Maidstone ME16 0LB (Telephone: 771540)

**The Holy Family Primary**, Bicknor Road, Park Wood, Maidstone ME15 9PS (Telephone: 756778)

**St Simon Stock Catholic Secondary**, Oakwood Park, Maidstone ME16 0JP (Telephone: 754551)

**Parish Website and YouTube:**  
[www.catholic-bearsted.org.uk](http://www.catholic-bearsted.org.uk)

**Year C**

**THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER**

**10th April 2016**

### FAITH IN FOCUS:

#### The seven Corporal Works of Mercy:

1. To feed the hungry.
2. To give drink to the thirsty.
3. To clothe the naked.
4. To harbour the harbourless.
5. To visit the sick.
6. To visit the imprisoned.
7. To bury the dead.

*(From the Penny Catechism.)*

**THOMAS FINBARR EGAN (FINN)** ✕ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Finn Egan who died during the week. May he rest in peace. His funeral will be at St Peter's on **Wednesday 20th April** at 12noon. Please keep Alicja, Finn's wife, in your prayers

**THANK YOU** See the card from St Francis' thanking us for our donation to their roof fund.

**RED BOXES** Would all Red Box holders please bring them in to church: it's time for them to be emptied again. Thank you.

**JUBILEE YEAR of MERCY PILGRIMAGE** Holy Family Parish has spaces on the coach for this event at St George's Cathedral, leaving Holy Family at 9.15am next **Saturday, 16th April**, returning by 5.30pm. Contact Peggy Arnold for details: 01622 734340 / 07702 306194 or e-mail [peggyarnold1@me.com](mailto:peggyarnold1@me.com).

**MARMALADE MORNING** at St Nicholas' Church, Otham, from 9.30, **Saturday 16th April**. Probably the best marmalade and chutney in Kent! For more information, contact Joan Palmer, 202239.

**DELICES de FRANCE** 7pm, Saturday **30th April** in St Peter's Hall. Tickets for this extravaganza of French wine, food and song (with a very easy quiz, too!) will be available after Masses or can be obtained from Ian Bruce-Russell on 736811 or Jenny Lovelock on 734908. A family ticket, including food and wine or soft drink, will cost £20 (2 adults and 2 children), adults £8 and children £4. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for all other details.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** Second Tuesday of each month 8pm to 9pm in St Peter's. Next practice, **Tuesday 10th May**. All are welcome.

**CHRISTIAN AID** Next month (**15th-21st May**) there will be a house to house collection in Bearsted and Thurnham asking people to make donations to Christian Aid's work. If anyone can help, please give your contact details to Father Geoffrey who will pass them on to the organiser. There will also be an ecumenical Christian Aid Week Service on **Sunday 22nd May** at 5pm at Holy Cross Church to which all are warmly invited.



#### The seven Spiritual Works of Mercy:

1. To convert the sinner.
2. To instruct the ignorant.
3. To counsel the doubtful.
4. To comfort the sorrowful.
5. To bear wrongs patiently.
6. To forgive injuries.
7. To pray for the living and the dead.

**DIARY for WEEK BEGINNING 10th APRIL 2016**  
(Masses marked '(H)' are at Harrietsham)

✕ **THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER (C)** ✕

Sun 10th	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	✕ Vigil Mass: Pierina Binnebesel RIP
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>(H) 8.45am</b>	✕ Mass: Pro Populo
		<b>10.30am</b>	✕ Mass: Elizabeth Adibe RIP
Mon 11th	Feria	<b>7.00pm</b>	✕ Foundation Mass: Kathleen Mary Byrne RIP
Tues 12th	Feria	<b>10.00am</b>	✕ Mass: Colin Goddard RIP
Wed 13th	Feria	<b>(H) 10.00am</b>	✕ Mass
Thu 14th	Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Fri 15th	Feria	<b>10.00am</b>	✕ Mass: Druscilla Hatcher RIP
Sat 16th	Our Lady	5.00-5.30pm	Confessions
✕ <b>FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER (C)</b> ✕			
Sun 17th	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	✕ Vigil Mass: Luis and Conchita Vecino RIP
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>(H) 8.45am</b>	✕ Mass: Pro Populo
		<b>10.30am</b>	✕ Mass: Patrick Dempsey RIP

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS** Sunday 22nd May, 10.30am (The Most Holy Trinity).  
**PLEASE PRAY...**

- *With the Holy Father for April: that amid political and religious conflicts, Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ.*
- *For all the sick and for all who are unwell at home or in our care homes, especially Baby Fergus Ainsworth (now home); for those recently dead especially Thomas Finbarr Egan; for all those whose anniversaries occur about now; for all our relatives and friends and the intentions on the notice board.*
- *That the Church may show more understanding for the realities of modern family life, as urged by the Pope in his latest guidelines for families.*
- *We pray for the children of Syria and Iraq; that they will be healed from the traumas of war and that their generation will grow up with loving and forgiving hearts.*

**Thank you** for your offerings last week to help run our parish: **£337.23** (Gift Aided, **£167.03**). ♦ We received a further **£100.00** towards the Good Friday collection for the Holy Places. ♦ Next Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations and there will be a collection for **Ecclesiastical Education**; this collection helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE** People in Kent concerned about issues of social justice get together to discuss these matters from time to time at the Area Bishop's house ("The Hermitage", More Park, West Malting ME19 6HN). The next such gathering is scheduled to run from 2 till 4 pm on **Sunday 17th April**. All are welcome to join us then, or to contact Phil Kerton on 01474 873802 to get informed about future events. [Our Concerns: Prayer, Peace, Poverty, Prisoners, Persecution, Pollution.]

**I BELIEVE** Archbishop Peter invites those recently confirmed or to be confirmed to an afternoon of catechesis, testimony, prayer and music at The Amigo Hall, next to the cathedral, on **Sunday 24th April** between 3 and 5pm, followed by refreshments. Visit <http://scys.org.uk/mercy> for more information.

**ALTAR SERVERS' RALLY** Aylesford Priory, **Monday 2nd May**. See poster.

**MERCIFUL MINISTRY** A day for the people of the diocese: **Sunday 8th May**, 2.30 – 5pm (afternoon tea provided), Little Sisters of the Poor, 2a Meadow Road, Vauxhall, London, SW8 1QH; parking available. To Book, email: [father.john@finance-rcdsouthwark.org](mailto:father.john@finance-rcdsouthwark.org) by 30th April. See poster.

**MARRIAGE MASS at St GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL** Saturday 18th June, 3pm. If you are celebrating your 1st / 10th / 25th / 40th / 50th / 60th + wedding anniversary this year, **please give in your names by the end of April** so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. This annual event fills the cathedral and is a great affirmation of the value of marriage. All are welcome to attend.