



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

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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)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** There is a meeting this Monday evening at St Peter's.

**St PETER'S CHURCH** The new central heating boiler is due to be fitted this coming week.

DIARY for WEEK BEGINNING 20th AUGUST 2017 (Masses marked '(H)' are at Harrietsham)			
TWENTIETH SUNDAY ✕ ORDINARY TIME (A)			
Sun 20th	Saturday	6.00pm	✕ Vigil Mass: Deacon James Foley RIP
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✕ Mass: Pro Populo
		10.30am	✕ Mass: John Kimber RIP
		12.30	Baptism: Michael James Leathem
Mon 21st	St Pius X	7.00pm	✕ Mass: Fr Leo Targett RIP
Tues 22nd	Queenship of BVM	10.00am	✕ Mass: Paddy Gallagher RIP
Wed 23rd	Feria	(H) 10.00am	✕ Mass: Fr Joseph Gill RIP
Thu 24th	St Bartholomew	7.00am	✕ Mass
Fri 25th	Feria	10.00am	✕ Mass
Sat 26th	Blessed Dominic	5.00-5.30pm	Confessions
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY ✕ ORDINARY TIME (A)			
Sun 27th	Saturday	6.00pm	✕ Vigil Mass: Robert and Diana Dick RIP
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✕ Mass
		10.30am	✕ Mass: Pro Populo

**PLEASE PRAY...**

- *With the Holy Father for August – that through their creativity, artists of our time may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.*
- *For the victims of the mudslides in Sierra Leone and the terrorist attacks in Catalonia.*
- *For Michael James Leathem, being baptized this Sunday, and for his parents and godparents.*

**Thank you** for your offerings last week to help run our parish: **£373.54** (Gift Aided, **£220.50**; weekly standing orders, paid direct into our bank amount to **£149.00**).

**MINISTERING to the BEREAVED** A one-day course: **23rd September**, St Thomas of Canterbury, Rainham, ME8 7RH. Presenter: Elizabeth Partridge (Email: [earpartridge@gmail.com](mailto:earpartridge@gmail.com); phone: 01303 670880). For more Information and to book, contact: Mrs. Josie Boxall 51, Hickory Dell, Hempstead, Gillingham, ME7 3SL.

**DIOCESAN DAY for CATECHISTS** Saturday **23rd September**: for all catechists and those involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word. If you are involved in this way in our parish please pick up an information leaflet after Mass.

**LOVE and JOY** A meeting for the laity to explore and discuss the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation *Joy and Love*, **Saturday 30th September**, West Malling, 10am - 1pm. This event is suitable for all adult parishioners, and will include suggestions about how to put the Pope's message into practice. Booking is essential; for further information please email: [carolemflkent@gmail.com](mailto:carolemflkent@gmail.com). (Tea and coffee will be provided.)

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