



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

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## Newsletter

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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 B**

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

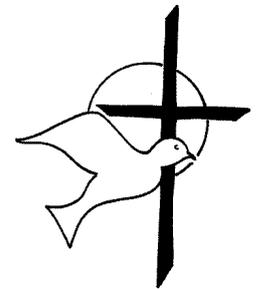
**27th May 2018**

**FAITH IN FOCUS: Don't Keep It To Yourself!** If we have heard a wonderful concert, read a great book or laughed at a new comedy, we are keen to share the experience. We want to talk about that comedy in work the next day or lend the book to a friend so that they can enjoy it too. We are not so keen to share what our faith means to us. We don't want to be accused of 'bible bashing' or to be considered odd. Past experience has taught us that we can easily bore our friends with religious rhetoric. Many a heated row has ensued between family and friends of different faiths. As a result, we have learned to keep our mouths shut; yet in today's gospel we are told to "go and make disciples of all in the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit."

The message is clear. We are told that the God who will be with us until the end of the age wants us to teach all that Jesus has commanded. We have been asked to do this in the name of the Father who made us, the Son who taught us, and the Holy Spirit that enables us. We have not been asked to keep our mouths shut!

We don't have to be boring or start a family feud to pass on what we know. There are many absorbing subjects in the bible that we can discuss at different levels. Many would advocate setting a good example as the best method of teaching. Whatever ways we choose, the message today is 'don't keep it to yourself.'

*Chapel Bell*



**FIRST COMMUNIONS** Congratulations to our children who made their First Communion last Sunday and are making their second (or more if they were at Mass during the week) this weekend. Our thanks to the parents and all those who contributed to the children's catechesis. ☹ Apologies that the live stream failed last Sunday; a backup copy has now been uploaded for friends and families to 'catch up' and view.

**CELEBRATING 200 YEARS of METHODISM in BEARSTED** Bearsted Methodist Church is celebrating the past and embracing the future with the following events, and invites us to join them at their church in Ware Street: • Flower Festival: next **Friday 1st** and **Saturday 2nd June**, 10am - 4pm: see poster.

**EASTER DUTIES** The last day for fulfilling the precept of Easter Communion is the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, **today**. Canon 2042 of *The Catechism* states: The third precept ('You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season') guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and centre of the Christian liturgy.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST** Customarily, at Mass on Corpus Christi, ministers renew the commitment to their ministry. Ministers are therefore asked to renew their commitment at whatever Mass they attend on Corpus Christi, next Sunday, **3rd June**.

**GIFT-AIDERS** Please pick up a letter addressed to you.

**DIARY for the WEEK BEGINNING 27th MAY 2018**  
**(Masses and Devotions marked '(H)' are at Harrietsham)**

✕ **The MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)** ✕

Sun 27th	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	✕ Vigil Mass: Dennis Peerman RIP
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>(H) 8.45am</b>	✕ Mass: Pro Populo
		<b>10.30am</b>	✕ Mass: Mary Jenner RIP
		1.00pm	Baptism: Zachary Chandler
Mon 28th	Feria	<b>10.00am</b>	✕ Mass: Holy Souls
Tues 29th	Feria	<b>10.00am</b>	✕ Mass
Wed 30th	Feria	<b>(H) 10.00am</b>	✕ Mass
Thu 31st	Visitation of BVM	<b>7.00am</b>	✕ Mass
Fri 1st June	St Justin	<b>10.00am</b>	✕ Mass
Sat 2nd	Our Lady	5-5.30pm	Confessions
✕ <b>The MOST HOLY BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (B)</b> ✕			
Sun 3rd	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	✕ Vigil Mass
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>(H) 8.45am</b>	✕ Mass: Pro Populo
		<b>10.30am</b>	✕ Mass: Christine Thompson RIP

**CONFIRMATIONS** If you are in year 9 or above, and would like to be confirmed in October, please speak for Fr Geoffrey or Deacon Cyril. If you would like to join the programme that is being launched in St Francis', you must apply before **31st May**. *Pick up an information sheet after Mass.*

**PLEASE PRAY...**

- **With the Holy Father for May** – *the mission of the laity; that the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.*
- **For all the sick and for all who are unwell at home or in our care homes**, especially Bryan Robshaw and Cyril Adam; for Zachary, being baptized this Sunday, and for his family; for those who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about now (see below); for all our relatives and friends; and for the intentions on the notice board.
- **For all leaders of the Church**; that they always act with humility and faithfulness. May past wrongs be addressed so that healing and reconciliation can follow.
- **Anniversaries this week** (St Peter's Lady Chapel memorial): ✕ June Locke, Jack Hayward, Alice Mulvihill, Mary Nicholson, David Sugar, Joanna Gale, Percy Keepin, Bridget Ryan, Ron Duerden, Mary McCafferty, George Larkman and Peter Lamburn. ✕

**AN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION** *The Eucharistic Miracles of the World*. This is taking place in **May** at St Anselm's Dartford, DA1 2HJ. One can enter the church during the day to pray and see the exhibition. There are also events during the month to promote devotion and love of the Eucharist. For more details contact Fr Stephen Boyle Tel: 01322 220075, email: stanselm01@googlemail.com or see the website: [www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com](http://www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com). Also: <http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/>. See poster.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY of UN PEACEKEEPERS, 29th May** Use this day to promote peace in our families and communities. Use this day to support a peace agency such as Pax Christi or the National Network for Justice and Peace. If everyone took one peace action on this day we might begin to see a fairer world.

**BEREAVEMENT RETREAT** A retreat for those who have lost someone close to them is being held at Minster Abbey on **1st - 3rd June**. For further information go to [www.minsterabbeynuns.org](http://www.minsterabbeynuns.org) or write to Minster Abbey, Church St. Minster, Ramsgate. CT12 4HF; Telephone: 01843 821254.