

Parish of St Peter & The Good Shepherd Bearsted & Harrietsham

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Newsletter

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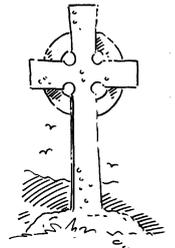
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Year B THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY ✕ ORDINARY TIME 11th November 2018

FAITH IN FOCUS: LOVE RULES In this anniversary year, 100 years since the end of the First World War, we must ask ourselves if we are any closer to ending war. To end war, every person on the planet would have to be agreeable to ending any expressions of violence at the same time. It seems an unlikely goal, and yet we are asked to strive for peaceful and nonviolent solutions. If the abolition of war seems unlikely in our lifetime, that is no excuse not to strive for world peace. That might begin with our own attitudes, and our own efforts to create a climate of peace within our own families and communities. One peace action a day will bring us gradually to that goal where war is not an option. (*Chapel Bell*)



✕ **NOVEMBER** ✕ is the month of the Holy Souls when we commemorate and pray for our beloved dead. Envelopes are available for you to enclose a list of your deceased loved ones. These may be placed in the box as you enter church. The envelopes remain in front of the altar throughout the month. Any donations in the envelopes are used as stipends for Masses for the Holy Souls during November and throughout the year. *Remember to Gift Aid your offering if appropriate.*

NEW PARISH E-MAIL ADDRESS To bring us in line with the new diocesan policy for security and data protection, the parish e-mail address is changing. The new e-mail address is bearsted@rcaos.org.uk. Please use this e-mail from now on, as e-mails sent to the previous address might not be seen after the end of this month. The parish website address remains the same, for the time being.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2019 There is a meeting for those who are preparing for our next First Holy Communion **on 23rd November** in the afternoon; parents will be advised by email.

PARISH MEETING There will be a parish meeting on **Sunday 25th November** (Christ the King) in the hall after the afternoon Benediction and Sacred Heart Devotions. The points being raised include a proposed change of Mass time on Sunday at St Peter's (because of the shortage of clergy and the age profile of serving clergy), and the possibility of instating at monthly Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite (as other parishes have done for some years), to provide for parishioners who wish to attend Mass according to their own language and ancient rite.

A DATE for YOUR DIARIES Christmas Quiz and Sing-along: Saturday **1st December** at 7pm in St Peter's Hall. We will be providing a fish/sausage and chips supper, so everything is catered for, just bring your own drinks. Tickets will be priced at £10 adults, £22 per family (2 adults + 2 children) and additional children £5. All profits will be donated to parish funds. Teams will consist of up to 8 people, so if you can't bring your own team, just come along anyway and we will find a team for you to join. Tickets are now on sale, so consult your diaries, bring along your ticket money and reserve your table for a good evening

FINANCE COMMITTEE After 7pm Mass, on **Monday 3rd December**, there will be a meeting of the parish Finance Committee.

ADVENT APPEAL More news about this as it emerges.

DIARY for WEEK BEGINNING 11th NOVEMBER 2018
(Masses and Devotions marked '(H)' are at Harrietsham)

✕ THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (B) ✕

Sun 11th	Saturday	6.00pm	✕ Vigil Mass: Pro Populo
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✕ Mass: Holy Souls
		10.30am	✕ Mass: The Dead of War
Mon 12th	St Josaphat	7.00pm	✕ Mass: Holy Souls
Tue 13th	Feria	10.00am	✕ Mass: Fr Colin Murphy RIP
		12noon (Cranbrook)	✕ <i>Mass: For Deceased of Deanery Clergy</i>
Wed 14th	Feria	(H) 10.00am	✕ Mass: Holy Souls
Thu 15th	Feria	N O M A S S	
Fri 16th	Feria	10.00am	✕ Mass: Holy Souls
Sat 17th	Feria	<i>5-5.30pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>
✕ THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (B) ✕			
Sun 18th	Saturday	6.00pm	✕ Vigil Mass: Mary Roche RIP
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✕ Mass: Anthony and Kathleen McParland RIP
		10.30am	✕ Mass: Barbel Milautzki RIP

COMING UP:

- **St PETER'S CHOIR PRACTICES:** Tuesday 13th November and Tuesday 4th December, 8 to 9pm.
- **FÁTIMA REUNION:** Wednesday 14th November in St Peter's Hall. (Do see the report in this month's village news.)
- **WORLD DAY of the POOR: Sunday 18th November.** In his message for the second World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis asks all of us, whatever our means or background, to rediscover and celebrate in a spirit of joy our capacity for togetherness, for example by sharing a meal after Sunday Mass.
- **FEAST of CHRIST THE KING - Sunday 25th November.** Please pray for Patricia Royle, who is being received into the Church at the 10.30am Mass. There will be Benediction at St Peter's in the afternoon, with Consecration to the Sacred Heart and Litany of the Sacred Heart. We will follow this in the hall and an informal meeting of the parish to discuss various forthcoming events.
- **YOUTH DAY – Sunday 25th November.**

PLEASE PRAY...

- *For the dead of war, especially of the First World War in this centenary year.*
- *With the Holy Father for November – In Service of Peace: That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.*
- *For all the sick and for all who are unwell at home or in our care homes; for those who have died recently especially Fr Colin Murphy; 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.*
- **Anniversaries (St Peter's Chapel memorial):** ✕ Peter Barratt, James Brennan, Iris Stubbs, Nora Horgan, Bernadette Boyle and Frederick Greenrod. ✕

Thank you for your offerings last week to help run our parish: **£479.36** (Gift Aided, **£159.50**; in addition, weekly standing orders paid direct into our bank, amount to **£158.00**). ♦ **This week** there is a retiring collection for the **Archbishop's Fund for Diocesan Administration**, which helps meet the cost of the central administration of the diocese.

REFLECTION and PRAYER WITH St JUDE The fourth talk for the series is taking place on **17th November**, led by Fr Gerard Walsh, O.Carm. at the national shrine in Faversham. The day begins at 11am with Mass, and concludes around 1pm, when there is the first ever pilgrimage from the parish to Canterbury. There will be Mass in Canterbury Cathedral. For details, see the poster on the noticeboard.