



Parish of St Peter & The Good Shepherd Bearsted & Harrietsham

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Newsletter

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www.catholic-bearsted.org.uk

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

9th JUNE 2019

FAITH IN FOCUS: OVER TO US, Unlocking Your Talent The disciples have locked themselves in an upper room for fear of the Jews. We know exactly where they're at. We too are good at making prisons for ourselves. We make prisons where feelings of inadequacy, apathy, guilt, pride or confusion rule our lives. We lock ourselves into debilitating patterns of behaviour where fear and other self-defeating traits become habit.

The disciples are behaving very much how we behave when we are facing difficulties. Then everything changes. Jesus comes amongst them and breathes the Holy Spirit into them.

Suddenly a group of frightened and inactive disciples begin to do amazing things. Suddenly they can reach out around the world regardless of language culture or race.

This isn't just a story about something that happened a long time ago, it's a promise. We each have a component that fits into God's greater picture. We each have a talent that lends itself to God's purpose. Unlocking that talent is a daily challenge. How do we use our skills to best advantage? How do we knock down the barriers that prevent us reaching our true potential? Where do we look for direction, focus and discernment? How do we find courage, faith, energy and foresight? The answer to all these questions is the 'Holy Spirit'. The same Holy Spirit that enables the early disciples liberates and empowers us. The Holy Spirit is God's presence in our lives whenever we ask.

(Chapel Bell)

The PASCHAL CANDLE which has stood by the ambo (lectern) throughout Easter is, from Monday, kept by the font, and the candles of the newly baptized are lit from it. It is also used at funerals, being placed near the coffin during the Requiem Mass as a powerful symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION The Blessed Sacrament is exposed **each Tuesday** after the 10.00am Mass at St Peter's until midday, for a trial period (probably mid-July). ✠ For those unable to attend St Peter's on a Tuesday, adoration takes place at St Francis' Church in Maidstone town centre on **Fridays** (7am - 10pm).

SALE of SECOND-HAND BOOKS Thank you to everyone who has supported this; about £30 has now been raised. The next sale will be on Sunday **7th July**.

EASTER DUTIES The last day for fulfilling the precept of Easter Communion is the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, **16th June**. 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, Sunday, **23rd June** (or the Saturday evening).

It's BARBECUE TIME AGAIN! It's summertime and it's also time for our annual parish barbecue! This will take place on **Sunday 30th June** in St Peter's Hall after Sunday Mass. Family tickets (2 adults plus 2 children) will cost £15, adult tickets £6 and only £3.50 for children not included in the family ticket. Please bring your own drinks with you. If you can help out by bringing a salad or dessert, please will you sign up on the list on the noticeboard or speak to Jenny Lovelock or Anne Hayden. Tickets will be available from **this Sunday**, 2nd June, or ring Ian on 736811. We can't guarantee the weather, but we can guarantee delicious food, a sing-along (courtesy of Bob Piggott) and plenty of good company!

BARBECUE + SUN = GAZEBO? We are hoping lots of you will join us for the above mentioned parish barbecue. One small snag - we had to cut back the trees in the hall garden, so now there is very little shade. If we have a hot day this could be difficult. We already have a promise of two 'pop-up' gazebos, but we really need 2 more. Can anyone lend us one for the day? Contact Terry Kinsman 730119, or Fr Geoff.



DIARY for WEEK BEGINNING 9th JUNE 2019
(Masses and Devotions marked '(H)' are at Harrietsham)

✧ PENTECOST SUNDAY (C) ✧

Sun 9th	Saturday	6.00pm	✧ Vigil Mass: Brooke Schumman
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✧ Mass: Pro Populo
		10.30am	✧ Mass: Fr Gary Gill RIP
Mon 10th	Mary, Mother of the Church	7.00pm	✧ Mass
Tue 11th	St Barnabas	10.00am	✧ Mass, followed by Adoration until 12noon.
Wed 12th	Feria	(H) 10.00am	✧ Mass
Thu 13th	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	7.00am	✧ Mass
Fri 14th	Feria	10.00am	✧ Mass:
Sat 15th	Our Lady	<i>5-5.30pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>
✧ The MOST HOLY TRINITY (C) ✧			
Sun 16th	Saturday	6.00pm	✧ Vigil Mass: Pro Populo
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✧ Mass
		10.30am	✧ Mass: Tom and Joan Lawson RIP

CONFIRMATIONS If you are in school year 9 or above, and would like to be confirmed, please speak to Fr Geoffrey or Deacon Cyril. Deanery confirmations are on Sunday **13th October**; the programme, beginning **today**, will be run in conjunction with St Francis' parish. Application forms are available.

GOOD COUNSEL On Saturday **22nd June**, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. For details see www.GoodCounselNetwork.com.

BEARSTED PRAYER VISITING *A message from Andrew Haines, our local organizer.* This valuable outreach takes place once again in the week commencing **1st July**. Those wishing to participate are asked to complete the Doodle poll: <https://doodle.com/poll/d4fveuygsdxcgfnp>. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY...

- **With the Holy Father for June:** *for the mode of life for priests, that through the modesty and humility of their lives, they may commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.*
- **For the Church,** *that by means of a new Pentecost, she may be renewed in holiness. And on the seventy-fifth anniversary of D-Day, remembering with gratitude the brave men and women who gave their lives for our freedom in the Second World War, that they may enjoy the everlasting happiness and peace of God's Kingdom.*
- **For all the sick and for all who are unwell at home or in our care homes;** *for Brigitte Hayward and Sidonia Banyard; for all those who have died recently, especially Anthony Tynan of Weaving and Patricia Cassidy, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about now (see below); for all our relatives and friends; for the intentions on the notice board; and for those baptized and received into the Church at Easter.*
- **Anniversaries (St Peter's Chapel memorial):** ✧ *Elizabeth Weedon, Clifford Diaper, Horace Coulter and Joan Hopkins.* ✧

Thank you for your offerings last week to help run our parish: **£407.91** (of which, **£161.00** was **Gift Aided**; in addition, weekly standing orders paid direct into our bank, amount to **£158.00**). ♦ The retiring collection to support the world of the Catholic Communications Network amounted to **£89.61**. ♦ **This Sunday** there is a retiring collection to support the Catholic Trust for England and Wales (CaTEW), funding the central administration of the Church in England and Wales.

ANNUAL MARTYRS' WALK The annual walk which commemorates the heroes of the faith who witnessed even to death follows the route they took from Newgate to the place of their execution at Tyburn. This year it's on **Sunday 23rd June**, meeting at 1.30pm for a 2pm start. For full details, please see the poster.

DAY for DISABILITY Southwark's annual day of celebration for the disabled will be held on Sunday **7th July** at The Friars, Aylesford from midday onwards. Archbishop Peter Smith will celebrate Mass in memory of Jean Vanier. People with disabilities and their carers from across the archdiocese and beyond are invited for a joyous day of prayer, art, music and fun.

MASS in CELEBRATION of the SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE at St George's Cathedral, Saturday **13th July**. If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year, get in touch direct at mflse@rcaos.org.uk so you can receive an invitation. Please let them have the location of your parish in the title of your email.

CAFOD, OUR COMMON HOME We are proud of the UK's commitment to endeavour to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C. This will limit the worst effects of climate change on our health, homes and communities and people living in poverty around the world. To support a *by 2045 net zero greenhouse gas emissions reduction target* please sign the petition in church.