



Parish of St Peter & The Good Shepherd
 Bearsted & Harrietsham
 A Member of Bearsted Area Churches Together



Newsletter

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www.catholic-bearsted.org.uk

Year B

✠ TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY ✠

29th AUGUST 2021

DIARY for WEEK BEGINNING 29th AUGUST 2021 (Masses and Devotions marked '(H)' are at Harrietsham)			
✠ TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (B) ✠			
Sun 29th August	Saturday	6.00pm	✠ Vigil Mass: Christine Durbin RIP
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✠ Mass: Pro Populo
		10.30am	✠ Mass: Johanna's intentions
		12.30pm	Baptism: William Hogg
Mon 30th	SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward	10.00am	✠ Mass: Tony Roberto RIP
Tue 31st	St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne	10.00am	✠ Mass: Fr Christopher O'Brien RIP <i>(followed by Adoration until 11.30am)</i>
Wed 1st September	Feria	(H) 10.00am	✠ Mass: Ivy and Murray Fraser RIP
Thu 2nd	Feria		No Mass
Fri 3rd	St Gregory the Great	10.00am	✠ Mass: David Keith O'Connell RIP
Sat 4th	St Cuthbert	5-5.30pm	Confessions
✠ TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (B) ✠			
Sun 5th September	Saturday	6.00pm	✠ Vigil Mass: Pro Populo
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✠ Mass: Fr Christopher O'Brien RIP
		10.30am	✠ Mass: John and Elizabeth Drummy RIP
		After Mass	Baptism: Percy Alfred Summers

AFGHANISTAN CRISIS The UN Refugee Agency is urging the international community to urgently step up its support to respond to Afghanistan's latest crisis, and stands ready to help national authorities scale up humanitarian responses as needed. UNHCR teams remain in Afghanistan and continue to help displaced Afghans with emergency shelter, food, health, water and sanitation support, despite challenges accessing people in need. This includes the distribution of family tents, hygiene kits, core relief items like blankets, sleeping mats and kitchen sets. Your support matters. To support relief efforts, please donate today at <https://donate.unrefugees.org.uk/afghanistan-situation/~my-donation>. For more information about the ongoing situation in Afghanistan, visit <https://www.unrefugees.org.uk/where-help-is-needed/afghanistan-situation/>.

MARY'S MEALS: school meals for the world's poorest children In the developing world £15.90 is all it costs to feed a child for a whole school year. The vision is that every child in 19 of the poorest

countries of the world receive one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things. Working together with those who share this vision, there is no good reason why this cannot be realized. Donate online at www.marysmeals.org/.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world", Nelson Mandela.

WORLD DAY of PRAYER for the CARE of CREATION: 1st September Created by Pope Francis, this day of prayer "will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation" and reflect upon "the adoption of appropriate lifestyles." ● **CREATION TIME: 1st September – 4th October.** Resources are available to observe Creation Time 2021 at www.seasonofcreation.org/. Here you will find links to materials produced by the churches and other groups.

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE:

✠ For Father Christopher O'Brien, second parish priest of Bearsted and Harrietsham, who died recently. RIP ✠

For those murdered, injured and traumatized in the suicide bombing in Kabul. For the safe evacuation of all innocent victims in the area.

That the Lord may touch the hearts of those intent on violently pursuing their brutal dogmas and ideologies in Afghanistan.

For those who continue to suffer as a result of the earthquake and tropical cyclone in Haiti.

For David Keith O'Connell, remembered with love this weekend.

A prayer produced by Christian Aid for Afghanistan:

O God of mercy and of peace, we hold before you the peoples of Afghanistan.

Be living bread to those who are hungry each day.

Be healing and wholeness to those who have no access to healthcare amidst the ravages of pandemic.

Be a true home to all who have been displaced.

Be open arms of loving acceptance to those who fear because of their gender, ethnicity, religious or political views.

Be peace to those engaged in armed conflict and those who live within its shadow.

Turn our hearts and minds to your ways of just and gentle peace.

Open our eyes to see you in all acts of compassionate care.

Strengthen our hearts to step out in solidarity with your suffering people and hold us all in your unfailing love.

In the name of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself of all but love in order to bring life in all its fullness. Amen.

FRIENDS of KENT CHURCHES, RIDE & STRIDE: Saturday 11th September. 50% of all sponsorship money raised can go to the church or chapel of your choice, with the other 50% going to the Friends of Kent Churches. See: <https://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk/>.

MESSAGE for all FLOWER ARRANGERS (*or anyone interested in joining us at St Peter's*) As promised, we are having a coffee morning on **Thursday 16th September** at 10am in the parish room at St Peter's. Anyone who is interested in flower arranging is welcome to come for coffee, cake and a chat. Covid interrupted our little 'get-togethers' for a while ... but we are back ... and hopefully safer than before. No pressure - just come along and enjoy meeting up with each other again!

Any queries ... please phone:

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Save the Date! Advance Notice 'Death by Paintbrush', a chilling Murder Mystery is coming to St Peter's Parish Hall on Saturday 9th October. Full details will follow in a few weeks' time – except, of course, the identities of the victim and the murderer! To find out *whodunnit*, put this date in your diary and come prepared to play detective!