

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 10th AUGUST

Sunday, 10 August – 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) ERNEST LATTER, R.I.P.

10 am inc. Children's Liturgy HUNTEA MOTAHARI Eileen Motahari

Monday, 11 August – St. Clare – White

*Saint Clare of Assisi (1194 – 1253) born in Italy, was one of the first followers of Saint Francis of Assisi. Her sister, St. Agnes joined her, as well as other young women, so the Order of Poor Ladies was founded in the Franciscan tradition. After her death the order was renamed the Order of Saint Clare, commonly referred to today as the Poor Clares.*

8 am Welfare of ANNE MARIE LORTSCHER Ruth O'Sullivan

Tuesday, 12 August – St. Jane Frances de Chantel – White

*Saint Jane Frances (1572 – 1641) was born in Dijon, France. The mother of six children (three died shortly after they were born), she was widowed at the age of 28, later forgiving the killer of her husband. She met Saint Francis de Sales when he preached in Dijon and was inspired to start a religious order for women who were rejected by other orders because of poor health or age, this was the Congregation of the Visitation.*

9 am EXPOSITION

9.30 am Welfare of MONICA & MAXIMILIAN

Wednesday, 13 August – Feria – Green

10 am JAMES COLLINS Junior, R.I.P. K. Collins

Thursday, 14 August – St. Maximilian Kolbe – Red

*Maximilian Kolbe (1894 – 1941), born as Rajmund Kolbe, was a Polish Conventual Franciscan friar who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz in Poland. He was arrested by the Gestapo having sheltered 2,000 Jews at his friary. In July 1941 ten men from his barracks were chosen to be starved to death because a prisoner was missing, Maximilian took the place of one of these men.*

9.30 am EXPOSITION

10 am ALBINO RIZZO, R.I.P.

Friday, 15 August – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – White

**+ HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION +**

*The feast celebrates the assumption of the body of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven upon her death. According to Pope Benedict XIV, it is a probable opinion, which it is impious to deny, though not an article of faith. The origin of the feast day is not known but it was celebrated in Palestine before the year 500.*

10 am OLIVE & ARTHUR GRIFFITHS, R.I.P.

7.30 pm PARISHIONERS

Saturday, 16 August – Our Lady – White

10 am MARY ZAMMIT Peter & Evelyn

10.45 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Sunday, 17 August – 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) CAROLINE BAILY'S INTENTION

10 am Children's Liturgy Wellbeing of RACHEL SWEENEY Divine Mercy Thanksgiving

**YIPEE . . . CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS BACK TODAY**

# PETRINEWS

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## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) – 10 August, 2008

The Gospel this week is a continuation of the events immediately after the news of John the Baptist's beheading. We know from the events described in last week's Gospel that Christ was next to the Sea of Galilee. As the evening drew in the vast crowd had been satisfied by the banquet they had received from Christ. A three-fold banquet of food from the loaves and the fishes, healing: for Christ is the greatest of healers, and knowledge: for He is the ultimate Rabbi, consummate teacher. So all their needs sated Jesus encouraged the thousands to return to their homes as the night clouds rolled in. He emphasised the end of His day's mission to the people by sending His disciples out in their boat to *go on ahead to the other side*. Now Jesus had the opportunity to pray alone – to get those precious moments when he could talk to the Father, maybe contemplate on the death which marked the end of the 'maker of the straight Way' (John 1, 23), John the Baptist, and contemplate His own future via another way which would lead to the Cross. Those night clouds must have become storm clouds as the night progressed – were they reflective of the mood of Jesus thinking about the death of John? We know the time had moved on, the Gospel tells us that it was in the fourth watch of the night. The Romans broke the period from 6pm to 6am into four parts or 'watches', so it was between 3am and 6am that the stormy seas were causing the disciples some problems. During their battle with the elements suddenly there appears a figure walking on the water towards them. Initially it must have been a very scary scenario: heavy seas with the waves whipping up causing limited visibility out of which a ghost-like figure appears. Perhaps after a long day catering to the vast crowd, then a night's fishing they felt it was a nightmarish illusion? But no, the apparition spoke to them: "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid." Peter, as ever, spoke up, and again very Peter-like challenges the Christ to give him a further sign of his ability to compromise physical laws. "OK if you are the Lord and not a ghost make me walk on water too" was the sort of response Peter gave Jesus. But we have to recognise that as well as his eagerness to be first, Peter had an equal eagerness of faith in his master – so the one word "Come" which Christ uttered to him brought an immediate response and Peter stepped out of the boat and began to walk on the water. But, like us all, or the vast majority of us, his faith, his belief in the ability to 'walk on water' evaporated as soon as the wind caught him. Perhaps we too experience deep moments of faith, when our belief seems 'unsinkable', where the word of God, the teachings of Christ our Saviour and the strength of the Holy Spirit wrap us with an armour of invincibility - then we may have our moment of stepping out of the boat, but the wind of worldly ways can so easily blow away our feelings of security if we, for a moment, doubt the power of the Lord, doubt His message and His messengers. If we simply look for the physical possibilities and ignore the greater spiritual truths then all we do is allow the word of God to touch our brains, whereas we should let the word of God, the examples of Christ, the guidance and fortitude of the Spirit go beyond our brains and find a home in our hearts. For like Christ's act to our patron, Peter, He will reach out to us, will save us, will calm the storm. Christ will come to hold us up from sinking – but we, for our part must want, really want to be saved by Jesus the Son of God.



**Fr. John Writes:-**

**Some words of wisdom in this year of Saint Paul. In times of great anguish, such as Saint Paul himself experienced, Christ is always with us, calming the storm and bringing the peace.**

**NEXT FRIDAY IS THE ONLY  
HOLY DAY OF  
OBLIGATION**

**apart from Sundays this year, when we celebrate**

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

In Mary's glorious assumption we celebrate the fulfilment of our Christian destiny, and with her we proclaim the greatness of the Lord.

**Masses at 10am & 7.30pm**

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!  
FROM THIS SUNDAY - 10 August at 10 am**  
After just one week's break our CHILDREN'S LITURGY restarts TODAY.

This after a phone call to Fr. John requesting that our 'little' Catholics celebrating their own Liturgy of the Word in the hall should be reinstated and that there were volunteers willing and able to manage the children. Fr. John welcomed the news recognises that this just goes to prove how vital an aspect of our Parish life the Children's Liturgy is.

**YEAR OF ST. PAUL  
2008 - 2009**

From the letter of St. Paul to the Romans (Ch 10: v 10)

**By believing from the heart you have been made righteous;  
by confessing with your lips you are saved.**

**■ A DAY WITH MARY  
NEXT Saturday, 16 August**

A day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. This special day of devotion to Our Blessed Lady takes place at St. Augustine's Abbey Church starting at 10 am in the Parish Room for Tea or Coffee. The day is filled with various acts of worship and finishes with Vespers at 5.30pm.

**■ SPONSORED BIKE RIDE  
Saturday, 13 September**

Friends of Kent Churches are holding their annual fund raising sponsored Bicycle Ride or Walk. Sponsorship forms available here at St. Peter's or contact Lucy on 01843 843447. If you want someone to sponsor see Eunice Whitaker (Saturday 5.30pm Mass).

😊 If you can't ride a bike or feel that walking is too strenuous you can still help out! We need some people to man the 'check-point' so that participants can have their forms signed and they can be given some water to keep them going. If you can help leave your name on the form at the back of the church please.

**■ WELCOME TO FR. JO**

With Father John away the week after next: Friday, 22 August to Friday, 29 August, we will have a priest from the Gambia, Father Jo Karbo.

**■ LOOKING AHEAD (1)**

Next month, September, on the first weekend we shall welcome Sister Maureen Marchant, a Missionary Sister of Our Lady of Africa who is giving an appeal with the emphasis on "Mission for us all today, here and overseas." MISSION is the GOOD NEWS of JESUS.

**■ WIDOWED, SEPARATED OR DIVORCED?  
Weekend, 19-21 September**

Beginning Experience is a ministry to the widowed, separated and divorced led by a trained team of volunteers. Their work is carried out at special weekend gatherings which encourage participants to share their need and deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. For more information contact: Ruth on 0208 8679 7157 or Sandra 01293 783965 or locally Susan 01227 264961.

**■ SPECIAL THANKS (1)**

Firstly thank you to all the members of last Saturday's 5.30pm Mass who took part in the 'Emergency Evacuation Exercise'. The event went very smoothly and the church was completely emptied in 1 minute and 24 seconds - very good, especially as there were some parishioners who have mobility difficulties. We were fortunate to have three observers from White Watch of Margate Fire Service who monitored the exercise. They were concerned about two aspects. Parking too close to the car park entrance - had there been a real incident they wouldn't have been able to get an appliance in. So, no parking in the area adjacent to the entrance way. Also in a real incident we have to evacuate the congregation to the Memorial Garden at the rear of the Presbytery. Special thanks to Colleen, Eunice, Emma and Mick who did a grand job marshalling the evacuation.

**■ MORE SPECIAL THANKS (2)**

Despite the cloudy, grey morning the 'Alfresco' Coffee/Tea served outside the church in the car park, last Sunday 3 August, was a success. So a big thank you to the ladies who made it work: Beryl, Rosemary and Wyn. **There'll be another one on the last Sunday of the month.**

**■ IT'S THE WAY HE TELLS 'EM!**

God called Moses up the mountain and said to him: "I would like you to take these commandments." Moses replies: "I don't think I need any at the moment." God responds by saying: "Moses, they're FREE!" to which Moses answers: "Oh, if they're free then I'll take ten".

**■ LOOKING AHEAD (2)**

On Monday, 8 September, the Birthday of Our Lady, Mass will be at 7.30 pm in the evening as it will be a Mass from St. Peter's Parish for Rev. John Richardson to mark his service to the people of Westgate as vicar at St. Saviour's as he gets ready to leave Westgate and looks forward to his new parish in Broadstairs. There will be refreshments served after the Mass and **EVERYONE** is invited. Please let Fr. John know if you are coming to the Mass and reception to help us plan it. Also do encourage or bring your Anglican, URC or Methodist friends along.

**■ MASS ATTENDANCES  
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday (2 August)	5.30 pm	61
Sunday (3 August)	10 am	87

**Anniversaries this week:**

Thomas Byrne (1990), Magdalen Walsh (1992), Theresa Johns (1992), Violet Gambriel (1994), Marian Ade-Brown (1999), James Collins (2001), Maureen Tweedie (2004)

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

For those who are sick: Sister Anna, Eva Brewer, Pat Whaley, Len Lane, Peg Bunnage and Alan & Myra Taylor. Gerry Brewer is out of hospital and at home.

Canon William Clements at hospital in Stanmore, Middlesex.

Father John Dermody, Rest in Peace.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Confessions on Saturdays from approx. 10.30am until 11am and 4.45pm until 5.15pm. Other times by appointment.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**We warmly welcome all non-Catholic to our services. It is not permitted, however, to receive Holy Communion until a person is received into full membership of the Catholic Church. If you would like to know more about this, please contact Fr. John.**

**DIARY DATES: Christmas Fair - Sunday, 23 November from 11.30 am  
Christmas Carol Concert - Thursday, 18 December, 7.30 pm**