

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 27th JULY

Sunday, 27 July – 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm	(Saturday) RICHARD JONES, R.I.P.	Teresa Jones
10 am	inc. Children's Liturgy FOR THE PARISHIONERS	Sylvia Quickfall

Monday, 28 July – Feria – Green

8 am	THANKSGIVING FOR ANSWERED PRAYERS	Joan Grieve
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Tuesday, 29 July – St. Martha – White

*St. Martha features in three of the Gospels. Jesus was a frequent visitor to the house she shared with her sister Mary and brother Lazarus. Martha was the one who is always busy working to serve her guests, whereas Mary goes against tradition and sits and listens to Jesus. Like Martha, at times we too worry about protocol and forget to just listen to Jesus' words.*

9 am EXPOSITION

9.30 am	TONY WURR, R.I.P.	P. Antoinion
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Wednesday, 30 July – Feria – Purple

2 pm REQUIEM FOR EILEEN CZUCZMAN

Thursday, 31 July – St. Ignatius of Loyola – White

*Saint Ignatius of Loyola, also known as Íñigo Oñaz López de Loyola (1491 – 1556), was the principal founder and first Superior General of the Society of Jesus, a religious order professing direct service to the Pope in terms of mission. Members of the order are called Jesuits. He was born at the castle of Loyola in today's Basque province of Guipúzcoa, Spain, the youngest of 13 children. He was very vigorous in fighting the Protestant Reformation and promoting the following Counter-Reformation.*

9.30 am EXPOSITION

10 am	MARGARET GEORGE, R.I.P.	Anon
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Friday, 1 August – St. Alphonsus di Liguori – White

*Saint Alphonsus Liguori (1696 – 1787) Bishop, spiritual writer, theologian, and founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as the Redemptorists. This order's goal was to teach and preach in the slums of cities and other poor places.*

10 am	JAMES' BIRTHDAY	Phil
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Saturday, 2 August – Our Lady – White

10 am	FRANCES HOUCHIN, R.I.P.	Foundation
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10.45 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Sunday, 3 August – 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm	(Saturday) ERIC LIND, R.I.P.	Ray Lind
10 am	inc. Children's Liturgy GWYNNETH SAWKINS Tessa Attwood's baby granddaughter	Maureen Sloly

# PETRINEWS

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## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) – 27 July, 2008

The wisdom of Solomon. We often hear this quoted when emphasising a decision which has been deeply thought through, or is given by someone who, by dint of their experience, or by having the benefit of age and experience, arrives at a solemn conclusion to a problem, or solves a conundrum. Wisdom. That's the theme of today's readings. Starting with the man himself, Solomon. But the wisdom he shows in today's reading isn't the classic one: two mothers claiming the same child, as later described in this part of the Old Testament. No, this is the wisdom of a young man challenged by God; a young man catapulted to kingship after David's death. Solomon asks God for wisdom. We'd all like to have wisdom, perhaps we all do but don't recognise it! But this wisdom isn't a superficial wisdom; isn't a 'Simon Cowell' type of wisdom, able to determine who's going to be the next 'star' for a week or a year. It isn't the wisdom which gains you earthly riches; which tells you when to invest in stocks and shares or when to sell; or how to compute and forecast the winner of the Grand National. It's a simple wisdom which so pleases God: a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil. It is in that spirit of understanding that the Gospel moves us to comprehend that we are on a journey which leads to riches. These riches are those of the heavenly kingdom. It's difficult to judge them in worldly terms so Jesus used a multitude of examples to appeal to the widest audience. Never-the-less, they all amount to the same thing, the same answer, same solution, same truth, same wisdom: that we should get rid of the ideas which centre around our personal well-being, our self interest. That by living a life of good: good deeds, good thoughts, good actions, we can find the hidden treasure which Christ's message has proclaimed. We have to go out and discover it for ourselves – I say "go out" but perhaps it should be "go in". We need to go in to ourselves, to search our inner thoughts and feelings, to recognise the good thoughts and the good feelings while rejecting the bad thoughts and ill feelings. If we can eliminate badness, expel evil from our thought processes then we certainly will have cleansed ourselves of evil actions and deeds – for all our premeditated actions are really reactions to our thoughts. So, it's by a daily seeking to understand, to recognise the goodness in ourselves and, more importantly, in our neighbours that we can claim to be on the road to discovering that fine pearl, that hidden treasure, which is awaiting us. Christ makes us a promise if we repent – if we see the good from the bad – like the good thief hanging on the cross next to our Saviour, as our Lord promised him so too He promises us: paradise; as St. Paul says: *He shared His glory.*



**Fr. John Writes:-**

***The Treasure we have found. Solomon prayed for the wisdom to discern the true value of things. We scarcely need the wisdom of Solomon to realise that in finding the love of God and the kingdom of God we have found a treasure beyond price. It is in the joy of this realisation that we hold our celebration today.***

***Many of our parishioners have gone away on holiday, but to 'hide' the void caused by their absence it is always good to welcome visitors who are enjoying a 'break' in Thanet. Please introduce yourselves and tell us where you have come from; and do feel part of our "family" during your stay – if you are here on Sunday please enjoy a coffee or tea after Mass in our Hall. May you return refreshed and ready to continue life's journey.***

***There is another group of visitors who, I have found, are not here in Thanet on holiday, but summer work. I am shocked, appalled and embarrassed at both the working and living conditions some of these young people from the European Community have been expected to bear. Much is needed to be done for justice and fairness for these our brothers and sisters.***

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

From the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (Ch 2: v 15)

***We are Christ's incense to God for those who are being saved and for those who are not.***

## ■ DO YOU KNOW HIM?

We have had an enquiry about a former parishioner who became an author. Keith Botsford is seeking information about his father, also called Keith, who was living in Westgate in the late 1930s. He was Confirmed at St. Peter's on 17 October, 1937 (among others confirmed on that day was Eric Gambrell). He went to school in Westgate before moving to a school, Ladycross, in Sussex. His elder brother was called Richard and went to Worth College and his mother's name was Caroline. They lived in a house called "The Nook".

If you have any information please contact Keith at: Aptdo 29, Cahuita 7032, Costa Rica Tel: (506) 2755.0123 or 0100. You can Email him at nickmatchwell@gmail.com.

## ■ REBECCA & PHILLIP'S HAUL

Headline praise was rightly given to two of our young parishioners in honouring their sporting prowess. Eighteen-year-old Rebecca Kearney and her brother, fifteen-year-old Phillip scooped a real haul of medals at a recent swimming gala in Dover. Rebecca won two golds and a silver while brother Phillip went one better with two golds, a silver and a bronze.

## ■ 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 shared 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 0227 264961.

## ■ EILEEN CZUCZMAN, R.I.P.

**This Wednesday, 30 July**

The Requiem Mass and Funeral of Eileen, who died last weekend, takes place on Wednesday at 2 pm.

## ■ AYLESFORD PEACE MASS

**Sunday, 21 September**

The Annual Peace Pilgrimage will take place at The Friars, Aylesford. Bishop William Kenney CP, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham will lead the day. Holy Mass will be at 12 noon and Liturgy for Peace at 2.30pm.

## ■ SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

**Saturday, 13 September**

Friends of Kent Churches are holding their annual fund raising sponsored Bicycle Ride or Walk. The idea is to cycle or walk between the various churches in our local area – each participant chooses their own route and decide which churches or chapels they wish to visit. They get their friends and family to sponsor them. The money raise is split 50-50 between the church of their choice and the Friends of Kent Churches charity. Sponsorship forms available here at St. Peter's or contact Lucy on 01843 843447.

## ■ ALFRESCO TEA & COFFEE

Next Sunday after the 10am Mass we will be having an 'Alfresco' **FREE tea and coffee** serving outside the church in the front car park. We want to encourage more parishioners to 'tarry' a while after Mass and just spend a few moments getting to know your fellow Mass-goers, the people you see week in week out yet never get to meet! It's all free you, don't have to go out of your way... it'll be right outside the door. There will be parking restrictions so please use the garden parking and leave the limited parking out front for the disabled drivers.

## ■ BABY DAVID

Two weeks ago we welcomed our newest member of the Parish family, ten week old David Serrano. Baptised during the 10am Mass this enabled many of his 'catholic' family to witness his reception through the Sacrament in to Christ's church. Please keep his parents and two brothers in your prayers along with those for baby David.

## ■ EVACUATION TEST

**NEXT SATURDAY EVENING**

The 'emergency evacuation' of the church at the 5.30 pm Mass on Saturday next, 2 August. Use only the fire doors on either side of the main nave. We need two volunteers as marshals for the evacuation exercise. See Fr. John or Colleen.

***Saturday evening Mass goes please see the leaflet with this newsletter.***

## ■ MASS ATTENDANCES

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday (19 July) 5.30 pm 64

Sunday (20 July) 10 am 95

## ■ Anniversaries this week:

Romeo Vettese (1991), Mary Jane Corrigan (1994), Norah Johansen (1997), Derek Bunnage (2003), Frances Houchin (2004)

## ■ Your Prayers are asked for:

*Eileen Czuczman, whose Requiem and funeral takes place this week. May she rest in peace.*

*For those who are sick: Archishop Kevin, Sister Anna, Gerry & Eva Brewer, Pat Whaley, Len Lane, Peg Bunnage and Alan & Myra Taylor.*

*Canon Clements who has been transferred to a hospital in Stanmore, Middlesex.*

*Eric who has just been diagnosed with Lung Cancer.*

## ■ 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.

**TEA & COFFEE after the 10am Mass on Sunday in the Hall**  
**It's only 20p for a cup of tea or coffee . . . that's cheaper than a stamp!**  
**THIS WEEK ONLY: 1 Bottle of Italian Sparkling Wine FREE with our special coffee £1.35**