

**There is a 'Bring & Share' Lunch**, on the first Sunday of the month, after the 11 am Mass, in the Parish Hall; Traidcraft on the second Sunday after the 9am & 11 am Masses, and a Parish Walk on the third Sunday starting at 12 Noon from the Parish Hall.

**Flower arranging:** Liz could use some help during the week if anyone is interested in developing their flower arranging skills.

**With all this very cold weather, our thoughts turn to the homeless** who need warm clothing and blankets. If you have anything like this, surplus to your needs, please bring them to the church, where they will be delivered to the right people to distribute them. Lent begins on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, so here's the challenge: In your household, every day of Lent, sort out an item of clothing that you no longer wear or need, placing it in a black sack. After the 40 days, bring the sack into church, contact Gill 312171 or leave labelled in the Parish Office or Porch. Thank you for all your kindness.

**Church cleaning:** We now have 6 parishioners willing to clean our beautiful Church, in teams of 2, each team covering a day a month, 2 more and our Church will have a weekly clean. Could you be one of a team to ensure this happens ? Thank you for those who have offered to help – many hands make light work.  
**Contact Gill – 312171.**

**Next Sunday there will be** a one hour walk on good, flat paths to Burham Church. Lifts are available after 11am mass. Meet at Medway Inn Wouldham before 1:15 pm for carvery lunch. Any queries, ring Paul on 404068.

**Tradecraft today** after morning Masses in the Parish Hall.

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**Newsletter – 10th February 2019 Fifth Sunday (C)**

**Readings: Isaiah 6:1 -8; Corinthians 15: 1 -11; Luke 5:1-11**

**Responsorial Psalm Before the angels I will bless you O Lord.**

**Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my father. Alleluia.**

**Next week's Readings:** Jeremiah 17: 5-8; Corinthians 15: 12, 16 -20;  
Luke 8: 17, 20-26

**Sacrament of Confession Saturday**  
after 10am Mass,  
during Adoration.  
Sunday 10.30 –  
10.45am  
& 5.30 – 5.45 pm.

**Only be impressed**  
by kindness, integrity,  
humility & generosity!

I would like you to reflect today on the words of Cardinal Robert Sarah, "All activity must be preceded by an intense life of prayer, contemplation, seeking, and listening to God's will. In his Apostolic Letter *Novo Millennio inuente*, St John Paul II writes: "It is important however that what we propose, with the help of God, should be profoundly rooted in contemplation and prayer. Ours is a time of continual movement which often leads to restlessness, with the risk of 'doing for the sake of doing'. We must resist this temptation by trying 'to be' before trying 'to do'." This is...the deepest aspiration of every person who seeks the

Eternal One....The more we are clothed in glory and honours, the more we are raised in dignity, the more we are invested with public responsibilities, prestige, and temporal offices, whether as laypeople, priests, or bishops, the more we need to advance in humility and to cultivate carefully the sacred dimension of our interior life by constantly seeking to see the face of God in prayer, meditation, contemplation and asceticism...

We all run the danger of being preoccupied with worldly business and concerns if we neglect the interior life, prayer, the daily face-to-face encounter with God, the ascetical practices necessary for every contemplative and every person who wants to see the Eternal One and to live with him.

*Cardinal Sarah is the Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. Quoted in Magnificat February 2019, Vol.9 No.4.*

### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

	10 <sup>th</sup> February	Feast Days
Sunday 9am 11am 6pm	People of the Parish Holy Mass No Intentions Mrs Nellie Dunne – R.I.P.	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 10am	Holy Mass No Intentions	Our Lady of Lourdes
Tuesday 10am	Holy Mass No Intentions	Feria
Wednesday 10am	Holy Mass No Intentions	Feria
Thursday 10am	Violet Joyce - wellbeing	Saints Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Pope
Friday 7pm	Holy Mass No Intentions	St Claude de la Columbiere, Priest
Saturday 10am	Holy Mass followed by Adoration	Our Lady
Sunday 9am 11am 6pm	Eddie Perry – R.I.P. People of the Parish	Sixth Sunday

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:

**Collection:** Loose – £271.73; Gift Aid - £199.50 = £471.23

**Building Fund: £183.69**

**Attendance:** 9am –86; 11am –78, 6pm –73 = 237

**100 Club:** £20 M. Campbell-Carr N<sup>o</sup> 95; £10 C. Pettit - N<sup>o</sup> 03

**Monday is World Day for the Sick.**

**Next Sunday** there will be a Second Collection for Racial Justice Day.

**One Big Family, helping the homeless,** send a **HUGE** thank you for all the wonderful donations that have been made during Advent to help with the emergency shelter, including the cheque for the Crib offering of £210.87p and donated money of £500. Gill will continue taking any donations of

clothing/shoes/household goods, etc, to help not only the homeless but also those newly rehoused having to start from scratch. Your generosity really makes a difference. Without peoples' support One Big Family could not do the amazing work they accomplish for those in need.

**CAFOD update-** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March will be CAFOD Lenten Fast Day and so, March's Bring and Share Lunch (Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March) will be in aid of CAFOD. Instead of the usual Bring & Share Lunch we aim to have a simple Bread & Soup Lunch, like we did last year. So, this is a call out to our soup makers and bread makers to keep Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March free and to bring their creations to the lunch. If you are thinking of making either soup or bread could you please contact me at [wilkinsonbrown@btinternet.com](mailto:wilkinsonbrown@btinternet.com). It doesn't matter if you don't make soup or bread, come along anyway, and bring something else to eat or drink and a donation. Any leftovers will be distributed to the homeless.

**All are invited to a Garden Work Party** in the memorial garden on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 10.30am -12.30pm. We will be tidying up and planting out, pruning fruit trees and bushes, so the more hands and spades etc. we have, the better. Please have suitable footwear and bring gardening gloves & secateurs. Muffins provided as usual.

**Happy St Valentine's day!** Dear married couples! You can give each other a wonderful Valentine's gift by spending a day exploring your relationship more deeply to gain valuable insights into your communication. Couples who have attended the course have noted the positive changes it made to their marriage. There is no group sharing and this is *not* marriage counselling or guidance but a chance to make your marriage even better.

Contact: Carole - Tel: 07983524727 – email: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

**St John Fisher RC** Comprehensive School is looking for a p/t Chaplain to support the liturgical and wider Catholic life of the School. Info can be found at: [www.stjohnfisher.school](http://www.stjohnfisher.school) and applications should be sent to [a.bovis@stjohnfisher.school](mailto:a.bovis@stjohnfisher.school).

**The greatest gift you can ever give to someone** is your time, your attention, your love and your concern, all with your prayers!