St Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church, Biggin Hill

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Holy Days of Obligation
Mass 7.00am & 7.00pm

Confessions
9 - 10am St. Theresa's Every Saturday and also on request.

Religious Instruction
1st Holy Communion classes: See notice in porch & newsletter.

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals
Contact The Presbytery as soon as possible, 6mths notice for weddings.

Sick Calls ring us at St Theresa's or ring Farnborough – 01689 851776 or Orpington – 01689 817537.

Catholics Admitted to Hospital: Make sure you are registered as RC, ask to see the Chaplain & let us know.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)
FERIAL CYCLE 2 PSALTER: WEEK 2

Sunday 6th May	**Sixth Sunday of Easter** 6.00pm (Sat) St Theresa's — Father Francis Conway RIP 10.00am St Theresa's — All Parishioners There will be a **2nd Collection next week** for World Communications Day (see Note) *St John, Apostle and Evangelist, before the Latin Gate*		
Monday 7th May	In this month 10am 11am. St George's 7.30pm	Of May, the St Theresa's Cathedral (Hazel Room)	Rosary will be said ½ hour before each Mass Father Francis Conway RIP (M) Mass for Migrants Rosary Group *Feria*
Tuesday 8th May	8.30pm	St Theresa's	Christopher Graven RIP *Feria/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart*
Wednesday 9th May	8.30am	St Theresa's	May Twomey RIP (HH) *Feria*
Thursday 10th May	The 7.00am 7.00pm	Ascension St Theresa's	Of the Lord. **Holy Day of Obligation** Vocations to the priesthood and diaconate All Parishioners
Friday 11th May	6.30pm	St Theresa's	The Nichols family – welfare *Feria*
Saturday 12th May	9-10am 10am	St Theresa's	Holy Hour, Benediction & Confessions Thanks (FB) *Feria/ Our LadySts Nereus and Achilles, Martyrs/St Pancras, Martyr*
Sunday 13th May	**Seventh Sunday of Easter** 6.00pm (Sat) St Theresa's — For welfare of Marie – Donors Intentions 10.00am St Theresa's — All Parishioners 1.00pm — Baptism of Elissa Ozkun **2nd collection** (13th) for World Communications Day		

Ministers for this weekend: **Saturday Readers**: Vigilija and Olivia **Eucharistic:** Kathleen Hooper and Jill Cass **Sunday Readers:** Majella Wakeley and Colin Field and Andrew **Eucharistic:** Pat White and Ann Henderson

The Holy Father's Missionary Intentions for May, 2018
Evangelization: The Mission of the Laity
That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Church Collection… **29th April '18**

Cash	136.50
Gift Aid	110.00
S/O	100.00
Total	£346.50 …Thank you…..

On Pentecost Sunday 20th May at the 10am Mass, Father Victor Vella from Holy Innocents' Church, Orpington will concelebrate and preach, and after the Mass there will be an Alpha Course Reunion for all Alpha Course participants and to which the whole of the Parish Family is invited. There will be special refreshments and our friends from Holy Innocents Parish will join us and talk about what happens next. All are warmly invited to join us…everyone is invited and warmly welcomed…

Easter Duties…..It is the duty and privilege of Catholics to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion at least once a year in the Easter season which for 2018 is Easter Sunday 1st April to Trinity Sunday 27th May. Sacramental Confession would also be an obligation beforehand if judged to be a necessary preparation for a worthy Holy Communion.

Our Mass today: The Spirit of God's Love…

Please remember in your prayers …

Our Sick: Keith Sandland, James and Kathleen Johnson, Michael Maloney, Sister Veronica, Edmond Meehan, Terry Duffield, John Ward, Jay Pomroy, Susan O'Flanagan, Robyn McMahon, Rita Gomez, Daniel Ross Cavanagh, Leslie Pilditch, Teresa Dering, Joan Potts, Debora Pratt, Agnes Parker, Margaret Smith, Burke Stephenson ***… and all those for whom prayers have been asked…*** Aldona Bielskiene, Kim Egan, Eileen Sloath, Nicola Morgan, Maria, Anthony Scorefield, Josephine Sheridan, Jenny Johns, Graham Osman, John Kane, Sean Wakeley, Claire Valsler, Matthew Hills, Patrick Flaherty and Michael McQueenie.
Recently deceased: Mary Nichols, Christopher Irven, Rene Smith, Father Francis Conway OFM, Nick Reynolds, Charles Clements, Charlotte Davidson (Grand-daughter of Richard and Maureen Mulholland), Father Eric Nimmo, Margaret Daley, Mark Egan, Bishop Francis Walmsley, Margaret Burke, Bridget (Bridie) Bowie,
Anniversaries

- Laity include: Vincent Perry, Cecilia Martins, Winefred Norton, Robert Fisk, Elsa Waitt, Alan Pearcey and all included in the Memorial Book in the porch.
- Priests include: Revv. Reginald Grimmette, deacon, Thomas Clifton, Maurice Williams deacon, Patrick Flanagan, Ronan Magner, William Dinan and all deceased Priests of Religious Orders.

Spiritual Events and Retreats…

The Morning Offering. A prayer that can help us follow St Theresa's 'Little Way' daily: *'O Jesus, through the most pure heart of Mary I offer you all the prayers, works, sufferings and joys of this day for all the intentions of your divine heart in the holy Mass.' Amen……*
Information on Religious Instruction Courses and other forthcoming events in Parishes, Deanery & Diocese e.g. Aylesford Shrine's Pilgrimage & events 2018 and news from our Catechetical Centre etc. are filed in the Folder in the Church Porch. Please consult it, but please do not remove anything from the file.

Parish Rosary Group meets every Monday at 7.30pm in The Hazel Room. We pray the Divine Mercy and 5 decades of The Rosary for all our intentions, and then socialize over tea & coffee. All are very welcome to join us. **Parish Whats App Rosary Group**: The Rosary Group also keeps in contact and prays the Rosary every day. To join Contact Frazer on 07544 090960

Repository….. When the Repository is not open, Ros Bellfield has a key. Thank you for your support. Jane 01959 541148

Great and wonderful news!!!
Unbeknown perhaps to the majority of us, is the little-known fact that we, as a Church have been sponsoring a student priest in Sri Lanka – Brother Sanath Udara. He was ordained Deacon on Saturday 9th December '17. Please remember him in your prayers…

There will be a special Mass for Migrants on **Monday 7th May at St George's Cathedral at 11am** preceded by a banner procession at 10.45am. See poster in porch. All warmly welcomed.

National Parish Evangelisation Cell System Day 12th May. Holy Innocents Primary School, Orpington. Details in the Porch Folder. All welcome… could be of interest to Alpha participants…

2nd Collection - 13th May…
The Catholic Church celebrates World Communications Day on 13th May in 2018, when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media and when a second collection is taken after Mass to fund this important work.
The communications office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales supports the bishops, in their witness and engagement with current issues, and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through digital, social, print and broadcast media. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image. Please help us continue this work through contributing generously to the collection on the day.
Donating online at: http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/donate-wcd

The Pope also takes inspiration from a Franciscan Prayer for World Communications Day so we might turn to the Truth in person:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.
Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.
Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.
You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:
Where there is shouting, let us practise listening;
Where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;
Where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;
Where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;
Where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;
Where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;

Where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;
Where there is hostility, let us bring respect;
Where there is falsehood, let us bring truth. Amen.

Thanks to the generosity of St John's Guild, Christians Supporting People with Sight Loss Redemptorist Publications is pleased to supply 5 Large Print missalettes each week. Please ask for a copy if it would be of help to you…

Mass Intentions: If you are a Gift Aider,
you can also gift aid your donation to Father for a Mass Intention. Please put your donation in one of your envelopes and clearly mark 'Mass Intention' on the outside of the envelope together with the amount of your donation and the date and then give it to Father. If you need spare envelopes please let me know. Thank you. Edwin 573958

FR ALEXS WELL donation making current total - £13,538.65.
…Thank you so much!!

The Life of Christ…. The greatest story of all time **19-23rd June '18 10-3.30pm** at the Wintershall Estate, Bramley Surrey GU5 0LR. Booking and details 01793 418299
www.wintershall-estate.com

*Oberammergau 2020
Brochure with *Details in the Porch Folder*

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:* The Archdiocese Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Clifton, East Anglia and Northampton Diocese is being led this year by **Archbishop Peter Smith. 24th -31st August 2018 - Flights from Stansted.
Visit: www.catholicassociation.co.uk
Or: www.tangney-tours.com/CA
Or call : 01732 886 666 or 0800 917 357

**Also Details of a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2019…in Porch Folder*

Knights of St Columba **Pilgrimage to Iona** in 2019. Details in the Porch Folder

Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes 24-31st August '18. Details in the Porch Folder

"From Deacon Duncan:
I have heard from Deacon Joseph from Brixton Prison and we can arrange a visit to Mass at the prison. If you are interested e-mail or text/phone me. Thanks. Duncan"

Young Readers Rota and Faith in Action Award: As part of the new Faith in Action Award, some of our young people have volunteered to read at Mass. They will be reading the Responsorial Psalm at the weekend Masses. The Psalm is indeed a response to the 1st Reading and therefore, should be read by a different person (at present it is a bit like asking a question and same person gives the answer).
Great news!! We have 2 young people, Olivia and Tristan, who have registered on the Diocesan Faith in Action Awards for 2018. Both are Altar Servers, Readers and attend Mass on a regular basis and also assisted the Alpha course on Friday evenings.
Please remember them in your prayers and if you see them wish them well – they need all the encouragement we can offer. Hopefully this will be the start of more young people wanting to register for the Award.

A Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held at St. Joseph's on Wednesday evenings from **18th April to 30th May 2018, beginning at 7.00pm** with Refreshments. See poster and leaflet in Porch Folder. Tel: 020 8402 0459
admin@stjosephsbromley.org
www.stjosephsbromley.org

Also *A Life in the Spirit Seminar* at **Our Lady of the Crays** Church, St Mary Cray, Orpington **Sundays 4.30-6.30pm from 15th April- 10th June.**

Porch Boxes: emptied 23/04/18

Lenten Alms.	7.80
Candles.	56.43
Cafod.	38.77
Holy Souls.	25.29
St Antony Brd.	38.51
Papers.	25.31… Thank you

Events at Aylesford Priory:

The Spring Newsletter with information on Retreats is available to read in the Porch Folder

Educational:

Bishop Challoner School are seeking a **Teacher of Chemistry**. Details in the porch folder.
Bishop Challoner School also has an **'Open Door Afternoon'** at 1.45pm - 3pm on Friday 18th May. Flyers in the porch.
Post-graduate Diploma in Catholic Social Teaching at St Mary's University, Twickenham. Details in the porch folder.

Parish Social Events…

Please try to join us in the Hall for Refreshments after the Mass on a Sunday morning- it is a good way to get to know other members of the Parish Family and "gel" even more as a family.

Bonus ball: 29th April
No 20 – Rita Sandland
Congratulations!! Please consider taking part in this fund-raising venture – if you would like to buy a number for £1 a week and stand a chance of winning £25 please contact Jo 702223
Please note: Should an unsold number be drawn, we will hold a draw ourselves (from the numbers sold) so that there will always be a winner each week.
Please can you make sure that you are up to date with your payment?

There is a **Petition in the Porch** *asking for an hour's free parking in the car park by the Doctors' surgery. Please read it and support if you would like.*
Those of us who are old enough will remember that it always used to be free….!!!!

+Note for the Diary… Our next Quiz Night will be Friday 18th May at 7.30pm. Tickets now on sale after Mass…Tickets cost £10.50 and this includes fish and chips. Please bring your own drinks and glasses and nibbles. Teams are generally made up of 6 people but if you can't make up a full team just come along and join up with others on the night. There will be a prize for the winning team!! We need to sell a minimum of 60 tickets for the quiz to go ahead so please consider attending and encourage friends and family to come along too. Please note that tickets cannot be sold on the night and tickets must be shown on entry. Proceeds to church improvements

Fairshare*….* A charity that saves good food from going to waste, redistributes it around the UK to charities and community groups who turn it into meals for vulnerable people, has launched a campaign calling for the public ***to sign a petition*** that could help deliver an extra 100,000 tonnes of good surplus food to charities across the country.
Please visit the website – www.fairshare.org.uk and follow the instructions to add your support. ***The Feed People First campaign video is live on YouTube with directions to sign their petition. https://youtu.be/BApWXV8NC14 .***

Foal Farm animal Rescue Centre seeks **volunteers.** Poster and details in the porch folder….