

November Please collect an envelope and list deceased family & friends (and donation if you wish) and hand to one of the Priests or an altar server. They will be remembered at all Masses during November and a Mass at 10am on 21st Nov. The names will be left at the front of the altar in a folder.

Parish Bazaar Saturday 28th November at St John's Comprehensive School. We will start collecting your generous donations this week. A box will be available for donations for the bazaar - raffle prize, bottles, toys, teddies, games unwanted gifts etc all gratefully accepted and needed. **Draw tickets are now available.** Tickets are 50p or £2.50 a book. We would be delighted if you could take and sell them to your family and friends and encourage them to come to the Bazaar. Please return counterfoils and money by placing in a marked envelope in the collection plate, one of the priests or parish office.

Deacon James Gurney Congratulations to James. There will be a thanksgiving Mass for James on Sunday 1st Nov (All Saints) at 11am followed by a reception in the Conservative Club. We are encouraged to bring and share some food.

Advent Retreat We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for our Christmas Retreat, led by Fr Thomas Ettiyil VC from Divine Retreat Centre, Ramsgate, and his team. Monday 7/8/9 December 5.30pm-9pm. The retreat will include praise and worship, inspiring spiritual talks, Eucharistic Adoration, healing prayers and Holy Mass.

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme 26/27 St John's Primary School. Application forms and letter are available at the back of the Church. Please return as soon as possible (the last date for applications this Sunday). The classes will start on **Sat 14th November at the School 9am-9.45am.** Parents are invited to stay with their child if they need extra help. Please make sure you have your yellow attendance card (or ask one of the Priests). Thank you.

First Holy Communion Preparation for Children not at St John's Catholic School The Children have now started their preparation. Please remember them in your prayers.

RCIA You are welcome to the Catholic Church Are you searching or want to review your faith or may be interested in joining the Catholic community, or wish to be Confirmed. Contact the office or speak to one of the priests. Forms and letter are available at the back of the Church.

Baptisms Application forms for Baptism are available from the Sacristy. Please see the Priest after Mass to ask for a form. Families need to attend a preparation session before the baptism. The next date is Mon 9th Nov at 7pm in the Church.

Remembrance Mass will be celebrated at St John's on Saturday 14th November at 10am to remember and pray for all our family and friends who have died. We read out the names of those who have died in our parish during the last year and you are invited to light a candle for them and your family. We warmly invite everyone to join us for this annual Mass. Please, if you have lost anyone in the past year, let us have the names through the secretary, welcomers, sacristans or Priests so that we could include in the names to be read out.

St John's Catholic Primary and Nursery School Open Mornings Book a 'Stay and Play' place at the school for the 14th Nov open morning. Includes tours of the school and meet the Headteacher's. Other dates available. Please see the poster in the porch or www.stjohnsprimary.kent.sch.uk



Last weeks collections St John's: £1022.15, **St Mary's:** £178.40. **Next Week:** Second collection for Archbishop's Appeal: to support Youth, Evangelisation & Clergy Care & Formation. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Adoration *There will be 24hours continuous Adoration this Friday 6th November from 10am until 10.00am Sat 7th. If you are able, please sign the clipboard at the back of the Church so that we can be sure that there will always be someone with Our Lord.*

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held in the Church this Fri 6th Nov. It will start at 2.30pm with Rosary, 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and Exposition. Mass will be 3.30pm. All are welcome to join us.

First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary On the first Saturday of each month a service will be held immediately after 10am Mass in the Church. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer Saturday 3rd Oct.

Come and Join Our Choir! Our choir sings at the Saturday 6pm Mass, usually twice a month and at Easter and Christmas, with a lively mix of traditional and modern hymns and rehearsals before Mass. We'd love to welcome new members of all ages - singers and instrumentalists alike. No previous choir experience needed, just enthusiasm and a love of music! Interested? Contact Mark on 07985 563063. Come along and make music with us!

School Forms The priest will be available to sign school forms this Tuesday between 2-3pm. Please ring on the Presbytery bell.

Wednesday Teas Please join us after 12 noon Mass. All welcome.