

Parish of St Peter & The Good Shepherd Bearsted & Harrietsham

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Newsletter

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The Holy Family Primary, Bicknor Road, Park Wood, Maidstone ME15 9PS (Telephone: 756778)

St Simon Stock Catholic Secondary, Oakwood Park, Maidstone ME16 0JP (Telephone: 754551)

Parish Website and YouTube:
www.catholic-bearsted.org.uk

HIROSHIMA and NAGASAKI REMEMBRANCE The annual remembrance of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings takes place in Aylesford Priory at 8.20pm this **Tuesday, 9th August** (see poster). All are welcome, whether Catholics, of any faith, or none. Please invite others to attend.

ROMERO CENTENARY MASS St George's Cathedral, **Saturday 12th August**, 12.30. The Mass will be followed by a drinks reception and a screening of the documentary film 'The Claim' depicting the martyrdom of Romero, shown early afternoon. For further information please see the website for The Romero Trust (www.romerotrue.org.uk). Everyone welcome.

DIARY for WEEK BEGINNING 6th AUGUST 2017 (Masses marked '(H)' are at Harrietsham)

TRANSFIGURATION of ✠ THE LORD (A)

Sun 6th	Saturday	6.00pm	✠ Vigil Mass: Joan Carter RIP
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✠ Mass: Truda and Joseph Ryans RIP
		10.30am	✠ Mass: Pro Populo
Mon 7th	Feria	7.00pm	✠ Mass
Tues 8th	St Dominic	10.00am	✠ Mass
Wed 9th	St Teresa Benedicta	(H) 10.00am	✠ Mass: Donor's Intention
Thu 10th	St Lawrence	7.00am	✠ Mass: Thomas Finbarr Egan RIP
Fri 11th	St Clare	10.00am	✠ Mass
Sat 12th	Our Lady	<i>5.00-5.30pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>

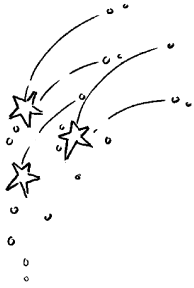
NINETEENTH SUNDAY ✠ ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sun 13th	Saturday	6.00pm	✠ Vigil Mass: Rebecca Laird RIP
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✠ Mass: Emily Thompson RIP
		10.30am	✠ Mass: Pro Populo

PLEASE PRAY...

- *With the Holy Father for August – that through their creativity, artists of our time may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.*

Thank you for your offerings last week to help run our parish: **£322.13** (Gift Aided, **£185.00**; weekly standing orders, paid direct into our bank amount to **£149.00**).



St LAWRENCE'S TEARS The feast of St Lawrence (**this week**) falls at the time of the Perseid Meteor Shower. This spectacular astronomical phenomenon was known in past times as the "burning tears of St Lawrence", as it coincides with St Lawrence's martyrdom on 10th August. The shower tends to peak around **9th -13th August**. The best time to view the Perseids, and most other meteor showers, is when the sky is the darkest. Most astronomers suggest that depending on the moon's phase, the best time to view meteor showers is just before dawn.

MINISTERING to the BEREAVED A one-day course: **23rd September**, St Thomas of Canterbury, Rainham, ME8 7RH. Presenter: Elizabeth Partridge (Email: earpartridge@gmail.com; phone: 01303 670880). For more Information and to book, contact: Mrs. Josie Boxall 51, Hickory Dell, Hempstead, Gillingham, ME7 3SL.

DIOCESAN DAY for CATECHISTS Saturday **23rd September**: for all catechists and those involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word. If you are involved in this way in our parish please pick up an information leaflet after Mass.

LOVE and JOY A meeting for the laity to explore and discuss the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation *Joy and Love*, **Saturday 30th September**, West Malling, 10am - 1pm. This event is suitable for all adult parishioners, and will include suggestions about how to put the Pope's message into practice. Booking is essential; for further information please email: carolemflkent@gmail.com. (Tea and coffee will be provided.)