



Parish of St Peter & The Good Shepherd Bearsted & Harrietsham

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Newsletter

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Catholic Schools in our local area:

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

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

St PETER'S CHURCH The new central heating boiler was successfully fitted last week.

MESSAGE FROM HOLY CROSS Starting on **Monday 28th August** Rev. Melissa Carter is running a week of prayer at Holy Cross Church, See the notice and pick up a leaflet giving details.

WORLD DAY of PRAYER for the CARE of CREATION: 1st September *"The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."*

To do:-

- Pray that politicians and all who make decisions that affect the future of the earth may they safeguard the planet for future generations.
- If you haven't already read it, read Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*.

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.)

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.

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.

DAY of RENEWAL Aylesford Priory: Saturday **9th September**. See poster.

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DIARY for WEEK BEGINNING 27th AUGUST 2017 (Masses marked '(H)' are at Harrietsham)			
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY ✕ ORDINARY TIME (A)			
Sun 27th	Saturday	6.00pm	✕ Vigil Mass: Robert and Diana Dick RIP
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✕ Mass: Cardinal Cormac, welfare
		10.30am	✕ Mass: Pro Populo
Mon 28th	St Augustine	10.00am	✕ Mass
Tues 29th	Passion of St John the Baptist	10.00am	✕ Mass
Wed 30th	St Margaret Clitherow	(H) 10.00am	✕ Mass: Bill Stenhouse RIP
Thu 31st	Feria	7.00am	✕ Mass: for the care of creation
Fri 1st Sept.	Feria	10.00am	✕ Mass: Brian Smith RIP
Sat 2nd	Our Lady	5.00-5.30pm	Confessions
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY ✕ ORDINARY TIME (A)			
Sun 3rd September	Saturday	6.00pm	✕ Vigil Mass: Pro Populo
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✕ Mass: Patrick Hall RIP
		10.30am	✕ Mass: John and Elizabeth Drummy RIP

APOSTLESHIP of the SEA See the letter thanking us for the recent second collection. The coordinator also suggests ways we can continue to support seafarers, such as sending in small items that would be useful or bring cheer to those away at sea for long periods.

PLEASE PRAY...

- *With the Holy Father for September – that our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.*
- *For the many people who have been caught up in the recent flooding, landslides, earthquakes and hurricanes, that they will find places of safety and help to face rebuilding their lives.*

<p>Thank you for your offerings last week to help run our parish: £343.36 (Gift Aided, £165.80; weekly standing orders, paid direct into our bank amount to £149.00).</p>
