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Fr Neil Vincent

Rev Felim McCarthy (Deacon)

Mass Intentions

Sunday 13th - Eleventh Sunday (B)

9:00am Mass - People of the Parish
11:00am Mass - Amy Mockler wellbeing.
6:00pm Mass - Mary Reilly RIP

Monday 14th - Feria

10:00am Mass

Tuesday 15th - Feria

10:00am Mass

Wednesday 16th - Feria

10:00am Mass -

Thursday 17th - Feria

10:00am Mass -

Friday 18th - Feria

10:00am - Mass -

Saturday 19th - Feria

10:00am Mass - Meg McGill RIP

Sunday 20th - Twelfth Sunday (B) Day of Prayer for Human Life

9:00am Mass - Margaret McDowall—Thanksgiving
11:00am Mass - People of the Parish
6:00pm Mass - Mickey Masterson RIP

Collections 06/06/21: Gift Aid £ 202.00 , Loose £ 195.54 + Direct Debits £ 290.00 = £ 687.54 Thank you.

Gift Aid Envelopes from April 2021: Are ready for collection.

St Gregory Nazianzen one of the great fathers of the church teaches us that, *“Man casts seed into the ground, when he places a good intention in his heart; and he sleeps, when he already rests in the hope which attends on a good work. But he rises night and day, because he advances amidst prosperity and adversity, though he knows it not, for he is as yet unable to measure his increase, and yet virtue, once conceived, goes on increasing. When therefore we conceive good desires, we put seed into the ground; when we begin to work rightly, we are the blade. When we increase to the perfection of good works, we arrive at the ear; when we are firmly fixed in the perfection of the same working, we already put forth the full corn in the ear.”* The Lord enlightens us with his word, when we listen, wait patiently for his power to act in us through the Sacraments, when we give time to prayer and good works despite things not going our way, we will in time reap the benefit that is assured to each one of us. The kingdom of God is not a sudden appearing, but a gradual building through our patience and trust in God. As gardeners would know, they take great care in planting and watering the seeds. They make sure the seeds get enough sun for maximum



growth. So we too pray that the Lord may help us to take care of our relationship with him and one another. Gently building his kingdom here as he has enabled each one of us, through our gifts and talents. God bless.
Fr Neil.

Fr Ki Fundraising: We raised a total of £1495 for Fr Ki's work to help those affected by covid in his parish. Thank you for your kindness despite these difficult times.

Parish Records Update: We are in the process of updating the parish records. Please take a Registration (Pink) Form home with you to complete and return next week. This will ensure we have the correct details for everyone in the Parish. If you would like an electronic copy sent to you, please email: rochester@rcaos.org.uk to request one.

Chatham Deanery Clergy Meeting: Took place in the garden of our church last Tuesday with most of the churches in Medway represented. Thanks to Julie for help setting the tables and for Margaret, Jane and Cath who helped organise a wonderful barbecue for the clergy. Thank you all so much.

Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 front-line health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

Wednesday Word: There has been a request that a commentary of the Sunday reading be provided. I did do this when I started here, but felt there wasn't much interest. I am providing them again, if you like me to do this regularly please let me know. Copies of the commentary for this Sunday reading and next is available for you this week by the newsletters. You can also download your own copy at <http://www.wednesdayword.org/>

Day for Life: The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's Day for Life is celebrated on **Sunday, 20 June** in England and Wales. The proceeds of the Day for Life collection to be held in parishes in England and Wales assists the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

VACANCY: The Shrine of St Augustine, Ramsgate, is seeking to appoint a practicing Catholic as Visitor Centre Manager with effect from September 2021. The contract is for two years initially. The salary is £15k p.a. An interest in heritage and administrative experience would be an advantage. To express an interest in the post please contact office@augustineshrine.co.uk