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16th August 2026 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Anthony's Jubilee

Photographs and Memories

In preparation for the celebration in December, we will be holding an open afternoon in September, at which you can bring along your memories, photographs and anything else relevant to the history of the church. You may even have spoken to parishioners who were here before the current church was built. Don't wait until September but start writing your memories and searching out your photographs now!
History & Heritage Group.

Altar Servers Required

We are looking for Altar Servers for our 50th Jubilee celebration Holy Mass. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Nicholas. We are especially looking for Altar Servers who served in our Parish previously, and those who currently serve. Training will be given if needed and there will be rehearsals prior. Any new servers are also most welcome*. Please contact Deacon Jim.*

David Welch RIP - Funeral

The Requiem Mass for David Welch will be on Wednesday 19th August at 10.30am. May his Soul, and the Souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide

A Private Members' Bill on assisted suicide has been reintroduced to the House of Commons. The *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Bishop Nicholas Hudson urges people to write to their Member of Parliament. "The dignity and protection of human life is central to our Faith. I urge Catholics and all people of goodwill to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose this legislation. Even if you've written to your MP before, please write again now."

Hope for Food

Thank you all for your help and support for Hope for Food over the summer months. The demand on families with children at home during the holidays can be significant. The extra food which must replace a free school meal, comes at a cost, and Hope for Food tries to help by supplying basic food items and the occasional treat. If you were someone who dropped off a tin of sweetcorn or packet of cereal, you have made a difference, thank you! To everyone who donated toiletries or cleaning products, the Tee shirts and underwear all of which makes life more bearable for those that struggle, again, thank you.

On a positive note, there are fewer Rough Sleepers in the area, as BCP council has provided more hostel places as temporary short-term housing. However, there are a greater number of homeless people in the area who are surviving by sleeping on friend's floors and sofas. Hope for Food are supporting both these groups, the mid-week Community Meal has an average of 80 people attending while that on a Sunday has 100 people.

If you haven't considered donating to our collection for Hope for Food, may I ask you to do so now please? The extra tin, jar, packet of tea added to your supermarket shop could make life easier for someone in need. Just drop it off in the Hall when you attend Mass!

Once again, I would like to thank the St Anthony of Padua Foundation who made another sizable donation to Hope for Food. Their continuing support makes a profound difference to many who struggle.

My sincere thanks go to Maeve, who, quietly every week, shops for the SVP contributions of tinned meat etc. Her commitment and dedication is heartwarming and she does it unseen by most in the parish. Your prayers for Maeve and the Trustees of the St Antony of Padua Foundation would be most appreciated. If you haven't yet supported us, maybe this week you could think about doing so? If you aren't sure, I am always

happy to answer any questions. God bless you all. Deirdre.

Mission Made Possible Roadshow – Save the Date.
Saturday 26 September 10 am to 2.15 pm (Diocesan Evangelisation Team event). All welcome! More details to follow but save the date if you would like to hear more about mission and outreach in the diocese... and get involved. This event will be held at St Benedict's in Gillingham.

HCPT - Group 9 - Lourdes Easter Pilgrimage for children
We would like to thank you for your generous support in the past. Please say a prayer for all of us. We will again offer to take your prayers with us next Easter. There will be a fundraising ***Garden Party on Saturday 5th September, 12:30 to 4:00.*** Live music, fantastic food, good company and it goes to a good cause. Please see the poster. This year the theme is 'Ascot Hats', so Dress to Impress! Tickets are £30 per person, but feel free to give more! Please talk to John Maguire (jme.ict@gmail.com) to find out more or to purchase a ticket. Thank you.

Catholic Children's Society Annual Appeal
Grateful Hearts - Serving Others
"These are challenging times for many families experiencing financial hardship. Such families are often in temporary accommodation after fleeing abuse or the breakdown of relations or the loss of their jobs due to illness and circumstances beyond their control.
The Essential Grants Programme exists to provide essential items to help relieve families' needs. CCSP warmly encourage applications from such families for school uniforms, shoes, beds, mattresses and bedding, clothes for children and newborn babies, cots, bottles, chests of drawers, wardrobes, alongside white goods such as cookers and fridges. They require all such applications to be accompanied by a referee. The process from application to supply is usually within two to three weeks.
CCSP also need trustees. If anyone is interested in offering their time, please contact the office on 01364 645420 and ask to speak to the Chair, Shelagh Fearnley. They would love to hear from you."

Prayer Intentions *– Please pray for those members of our Parish community who are sick, in hospital or housebound: Canon Patrick Chrystal, Jim Danson, Philip Coward, Alan Gilbey, Richard Gilbey, Noreen Hewitt, Nora Kenney, Michael Peters, Ramon Suñer, Krzysztof Zablocki, Ian Brown and Pat O'Rearden*

Those whose Anniversaries or birthdays occur around this time, and those who have died recently. Nota bene: let us know the names of anyone we should pray for. Please ensure we have their permission to make their names public.
Thank you for your prayers & for the work of the Church.

Mass Times & Confessions & Rotas

Sat	15th August	6.30 pm	**Vigil of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Holy Mass	Int: Sigrid Farr RIP
Sun	16th August	8.30 am 11.00 am	**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: People of the Parish Int: Members and Benefactors of the Secular Clergy Fund
Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th August - No Holy Mass				
Wed	19th August	10.30 am	Requiem Mass - David Welch RIP	
Thursday 20th August and Friday 21st August – No Holy Mass				
Sat	22nd August	6.30 pm	**Vigil of The Twenty First Sunday of the Year** Holy Mass	Int: Norah and Jack Mahony RIP *
Sun	23rd August	8.30 am 11.00 am	**The Twenty First Sunday of the Year** Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: People of the Parish Int: Val Wormley RIP

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CONFESSIONS		**SATURDAY**		**Before Vigil Mass**		
	Sat 15th August 6.30 pm	Sun 16th August 8.30 am	Sun 16th August 11.00 am	Sat 22nd August 6.30 pm	Sun 23rd August 8.30 am	Sun 23rd August 11.00 am
Readers	Ted McG Jan J	Michael L	Rita B Chris M	John J TBC	Deirdre B	Kevin W Anne M
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat H Maeve O'D	Anthony K	Maris O'B TBC	Fiona M Emma B	Ann E	Rita B Peter B

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