

#### PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY - THANET

Let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn. (Joel 2:13)

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you and your families are all well. This coming Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, marks the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday we will receive ashes, an ancient tradition, showing we want to repent of our sins and seek to deepen relationship with our Lord and God. This is what Lent is about. It is a time of spiritual MOT.

The three main ways we do this is through prayer, almsgiving and fasting. I would encourage you to begin today to prayerfully decide about what you can do in these areas during this Lent. A good preparation to enter into Lent makes it a fruitful time. When we go through Lent well, our Easter is much more spiritual and meaningful.

I wish you every blessing for Lent.

In Christ,

Fr. Joe Owusu-Ansah

# We are safely open for Mass as permitted by the national lockdown regulations

You are warmly welcome to Mass. We are adhering strictly to all Covid-19 safety measures making sure everyone is safe. If the church is full on a Sunday you can use the adjoining hall which has a large television screen on which the Mass is streamed on to.

# Food Parcel Scheme at Ss Austin & Gregory, Margate

Has been operating since 1994. They distribute food parcels on Monday and Thursday 9.30am-12 noon. We would appreciate donations of tinned food, rice, pasta and toiletries. If you wish to make a donation please hand it into the porch at Holy Family at the times the church is open.

#### **Gift Aid Envelopes**

Are expected to be distributed sometime in March.

# **Collection for poor parishes next Sunday**

Formerly the Needs of the Diocese collection; this collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some poorer parishes in the diocese.



# Saturday 13th February

SIXTH WEEK IN ORD. TIME People of the Parish

Vigil Mass 6pm

# Sunday 14th February

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

Michael Baily RIP

Mass 10.30am

# Wednesday 17th February

ASH WEDNESDAY

People of the Parish

Mass 10am

# Friday 19th February

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Mass 10am

# **Saturday 20th February**

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Elsie O'Connell RIP

Vigil Mass 6pm

# **Sunday 21st February**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Ivan Plewis RIP

Mass 10.30am