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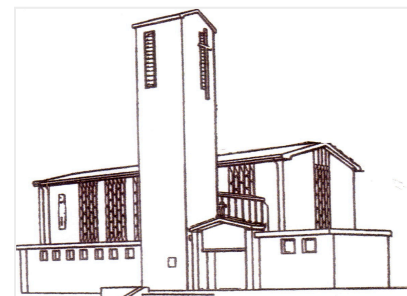
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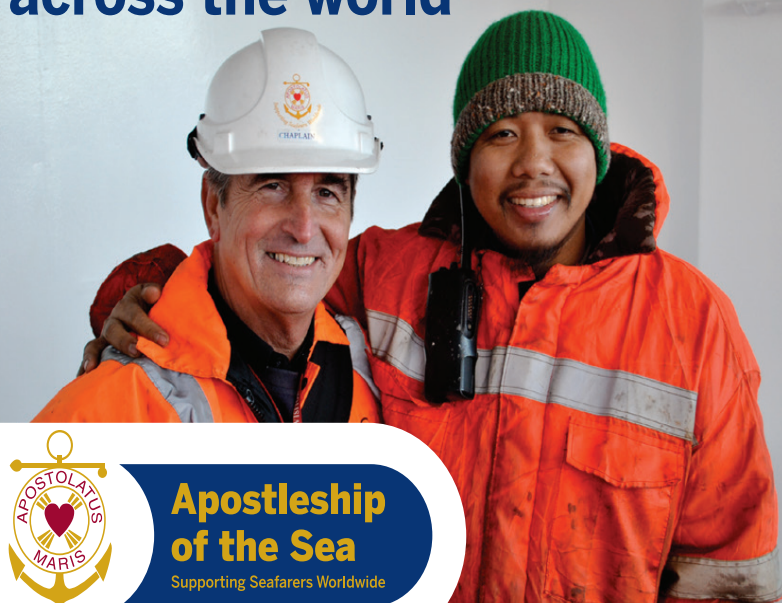
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WILTSHIRE
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CUMBRIA
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SHROPSHIRE
- 10 Which is the only land locked county in England?
SHROPSHIRE

Editor's Note:

Hi Everyone

It looks as if Summer has arrived at last and is hopefully is here to stay for a while.

We have my son's dog staying with us at the moment so I'm getting a lot of exercise. She loves her walks but the way she pulls, I'm not sure whose taking who but I've had enough by the time we make the return journey. Winnie loves her walks and her treats and thinks everyone lovss her!

My thanks to those who have contributed to the magazine, and if you haven't done so far, please consider writing something. It would be great to hear from you. I am always in need of articles. I don't seem to hear from many of the groups these days (First Communion Confirmations etc to name a few) and I'm sure some of you must have something to say.

Marriage Care are looking for volunteers if you find you have any time to spare please contact me for further information on how to apply.

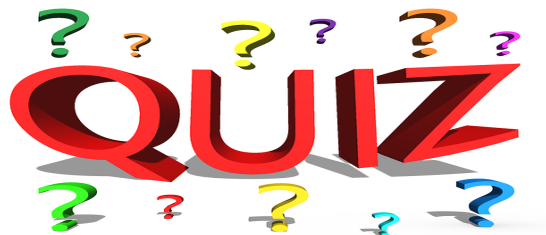
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ENGLISH IS HARD

The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.

He could lead if he would get the lead out

The bandage was wound around the wound.

Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.

When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.

I did not object to the object.

The insurance was invalid for the invalid.

There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.

They were too close to the door to close it.

The farm was used to produce produce

A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.

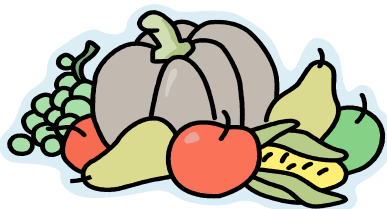
We must polish the Polish furniture.



We are hoping to have a talk on The Music Man Project and, if they can get transport, the young members will come along and play for us.

As usual the ladies of the UCM will be catering for the Harvest Supper which, this year, will be on the evening of the 30 September in St Thomas' Parish Centre. I believe tickets are on sale at the moment.

Any money left over will be split between our charity, The Music Man Project and Lindsay Marley's fund raiser for the matthew22 bone cancer charity.



Alma Payne
Secretary – UCM Rainham

I am sure that we, as a Parish, are very grateful to Mike Long for all the work he put in as Care-Taker for so many years. He was very helpful on many occasions especially when the UCM needed help with sorting out keys, cupboards and catering. The gardens were always beautifully kept and I know we will all miss you Mike. Thank you so much for all that you have done to help so many of us. You will be missed!

Colours of the Season: Clergy's vestments serve as symbols of faith

It's a tradition that goes back to the origins of the Roman Catholic Church.

The vestments priests wear during Mass and other sacred events are more than just a colourful accent to the rites. They are the indication that the individual wearing the garments is Christ's minister on earth. "Since the earliest days of the Church, liturgical vestments have been worn by priests for the celebration of the Mass." "Even though priests of the Old Testament wore vestments in their liturgical rites, the 'Christian' vestments are not really adaptations of them; rather, the vestments of the Christians developed from the dress of the Greco-Roman world, including the religious culture".

After the legalization of Christianity in 313 A.D, the Church continued to refine "who wore what, when and how" until about the year 800, when liturgical norms for vesting were basically standardized and would remain so until the renewal following the Second Vatican Council. Other Christian religions have their own traditions that include the wearing of a stole - a long cloth about 4 inches wide that may include religious symbols. Priests in the Episcopal Church wear vestments similar to the Catholic vestments. There are four basic colours worn by priests in the Catholic Church: green, white, red and purple.

The green stands for ordinary time, which is a period of

growth. Ordinary time is divided into two time periods. The first period comes following the baptism of Jesus and continues until Ash Wednesday. The second period begins on Pentecost Sunday. It is the longest liturgical season, and it continues until Advent. "White is a reflection of the person of Christ and the purity of Christ," White is worn on the feast days of saints and worn during the Christmas and Easter seasons to represent Christ as the light; Christ as the source of creation.

"The general sense of the white garment is because Christ has washed our sins away, so it's to represent that purity and holiness in our life. The white garment is also worn for funerals to represent the start of an individual's new spiritual life.

Red is generally worn for the feast of the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit is depicted in the Bible in the Acts of the Apostle as the fire - the fire that burnt in the Holy Spirit. Red is also worn on the feast days of martyrs to represent the blood they lost for the sake of Christ. The only other time it's worn is Good Friday, because Christ is the ultimate martyr.

Purple is worn during the seasons of Lent and Advent because purple is the colour of penance and preparation.

Other colours used include a rose-coloured vestment and black. The rose-colored vestment is worn twice during the church year for the third Sunday of Advent and the fourth

The Union of Catholic Mothers

On Saturday 21 May we held our UCM Pilgrimage at Aylesford and what a lovely day it was. The weather was warm and Aylesford was at its beautiful, peaceful best. We started with an open-air Mass at 11.30am, followed by lunch and then at 2pm we walked around the Rosary Way praying the Rosary. This was followed by Benediction in the main outside area.

We rounded off the day with coffee and cake either in the large barn or outside as the coffee shop as weather was so beautiful. It couldn't have been a much nicer day even down to the cute little baby ducklings on the pond.

Since then we have had meals out and afternoon tea at Dobbies. We prayed the Rosary in St Thomas' Church during the month of May and we also just get together some months for coffee and friendship. Next month we are getting together and bringing in fish & chips.

Our charity this year is The Music Man Project which is an award-winning music education service for people with learning disabilities. They play with great talent and enthusiasm and we ask that you please support our fund-raising efforts for them.

We meet on the afternoon of the second Thursday of the month if any of you ladies are at home and would like to come along. Please see the newsletter the week before for details, contact me, or speak to a UCM member.

Each year the England and Wales SVP have September Awareness month. Here in Rainham for the last few years we have held our fundraising walk and our 250 draw. The walk will take place on Sunday 10th September after the 10.30am Mass, and we invite all parishioners to join us. This is our main source of income for the year and together with generous donations allows us to give the help to so many people.

We will also be organising a quiz night during November which will not only be to raise funds but will also be a social event. More details will be in the newsletter.

We are always looking for more members. Our workload is increasing. If anyone can spare just one or maybe two hours per week to pay a visit or take someone shopping and then attend our meeting each fortnight to report, we would love to speak to you.

Finally, if anyone is in need or lonely, we would be happy to help you. We can pay a visit or just chat on the phone, help with shopping trips, and provide fresh food or other household essentials. Give us a call on the number below or speak to Fr. Tom.

John Morley
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Sunday of Lent. “Those are breaks in those seasons to represent the joy of what we’re about to experience.” “For Advent, it’s the birth of the Lord and in Lent anticipation of the resurrection; a reminder of the hope of what’s to come.”

Black can be worn for All Souls Day and funerals. “The Pascal mystery is focused on Christ’s passion death and resurrection.” “Red would represent his passion, so we wear that on Good Friday. Black represents his death, which is what we wear for funerals and white represents his resurrection, which is what we wear for Easter.

The coloured vestment people see during Mass is called a chasuble and is one of four vestments’ priests wear for Mass. Three are put on before the chasuble. The first is the alb, a long white garment that flows from shoulders to ankles, and has long sleeves extending to the wrists. Its spiritual purpose reminds the priest of his baptism. Next is the cincture, a long thick cord with tassels at the ends that secures the alb around the waist as a symbol of the priest’s celibacy. The stole, which is the symbol of the priest’s office, follows before the priest dons the chasuble. Most churches have a set of vestments available for priests, but many priests prefer to have their own vestments.

In all, the vestments used at Mass have a two-fold purpose according to the General Instruction on the Roman Missal, No 335: “These should therefore symbolize the function of each ministry. But at the same time, the vestments should also contribute to the beauty of the rite.” Moreover, the vestments inspire the priest and all the faithful to

meditate on their rich symbolism.

Contributed by Clifford Mickleburgh



Barney

Clifford produces produce an electronic Weekly Newsletter: benefits being it has more news and interesting articles. The benefit of this being that when people are away they can still keep up to date with what is happening in the parish.

To receive this please email clifford@mickleburgh.me.uk and ask to be added to the distribution list.

**St Vincent De Paul Society
(Turning Concern Into Action)**

“Lord Jesus, help us through meeting together to deepen our Vincentian friendship and answer the call every Christian receives, to seek and find those who are forgotten and to bring your love to the suffering and deprived.

Help us to be generous with our time, our possessions and ourselves.”

The above is one of the prayers we say at the beginning of each of our meetings and is what we try to do.

Recent times have been difficult for everyone, the cost of basic food items, utility bills, together with increased rent and mortgage payments, all of which seems to affect those less fortunate even more.

We are getting many more requests for help, not only from SVP sources but also from local organisations who are also feeling the strain. These requests involve visiting beneficiaries as far as Sittingbourne and Maidstone, neither of whom have an SVP conference.

Apart from our regular visits to homes and care homes to provide company, we have provided material assistance with fresh food, children's clothes, bedding, and white goods. We also continue to support our twinned parish in Kerala, India with financial help.

Half empty – or half full?

Living on earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

How long a minute is can depend on which side of the bathroom door you're on.

Birthdays are good for you, the more you have, the longer you live.

Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you were left open.

Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?

Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside of us.

You may be the only one person in the world but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colours but they all exist very nicely in the same box.

A Prayer for the Stressed

Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I cannot accept, and the wisdom to hide the bodies of those I had to kill today because they got on my nerves.

And also help me to be careful of the toes I step on as they may be connected to the feet I may have to kiss tomorrow

And help me to remember When I am having a bad day and it seems that people are trying to wind me up, it takes 42 muscles to frown, 28 to smile, and only 4 to extend my arm and smack someone in the mouth.,

AMEN



My apologies if anyone is offended, but this made me smile on a bad day!.

From the Registers:

Deaths/Funerals:

08.04.23 Susan Brennan
16.04.23 Marie Gray
24.04.23 Joan Simpson
08.05.23 Violet Doohan
14.05.23 Margaret Arnold RIP
07.05.23 John Harriott
12.06.23 Raymond Plummer funeral
16.06.23 Keith Wright
19.06.23 Kevin Riley RIP
27.06.23 John Tapley RIP
25.08.23 Margaret Knox funeral

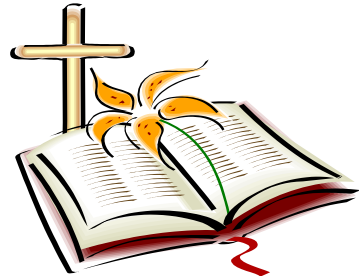
Anniversaries:

August

03.08.21 Ann Turk
10.08.20 Andrew Ian Angus
13.08.20 Kevin Wilson
29.08.22 Holleen Dacosta
29.08.19 Egle Fedora Zentilin

September

01.09.19 Caterina Carter
01.09.19 Michael Ward
07.09.19 Margaret Mary Furlong



09.09.19 Michael Ward
10.09.20 Monica Swain
11.09.22 Michael Cowham
17.09.22 Paul Farnham
18.09.22 Lisa Dixon
24.09.20 Joan Forbes
26.09.19 Anthony Rudyard B Walker
29.09.20 Gianfranco Sotgiu

October

08.10.20 Andrew Ian Angus (funeral date)
11.10.21 George Smith
18.10.20 Patricia Williams
20.10.19 Elsie Valeria Parks
20.08.22 James Pearce
29.08.22 Holleen Dacosta
31.10.20 Paul Tapley



*To LIVE in the HEARTS we leave behind
is not to DIE*