

Friars News

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Carmelite News...

As many of you will know by now, Fr Francis Kemsley has been appointed as the new Prior of Aylesford for the next three years. He takes up his appointment immediately. The community here will also be joined by Fr Ged Walsh from September and Fr David Fox from October. It will be lovely to welcome Fr Ged and Fr David back to Aylesford.

Heritage Open Day

Sunday
10 September
Gatehouse open to the public
2pm—4pm



August Calendar

Wed 9	Hiroshima & Nagasaki Remembrance Service 8.20pm Choir Chapel
Sat 12	St John Kent Reunion 3pm Service
Sun 13	Pilgrimage of the Sick 12 noon Mass of the Assumption with Sacrament of the Sick, 3.15pm Rosary Procession & Benediction. Blessing with relic of St Simon Stock and Enrolment in the Brown Scapular
14 - 19	Gardening Week Volunteer event
Tues 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7.30am & 12 noon Mass
Sun 20	Catholic Tamil Marian Pilgrimage 11am Gathering Liturgy, 12 noon Mass, 3.30pm Procession & Benediction
Sun 27	Kerala Catholic Chaplaincy Pilgrimage 12 noon Mass, 2.30pm Procession & Benediction
Mon 28	Bank Holiday Divine Mercy Pilgrimage 10.30am - 4.30pm with prayer, devotions, Adoration & Mass.
Sun 3 Sept	Polish National Pilgrimage 12 noon Angelus & Confessions, 1pm Mass, 4pm Rosary Procession & Benediction
Thurs	Choir Practice , 7.30—8.30pm

RETREATS

14th – 18th August **Summer Stillness**

A time for going into the desert and, like the prophet Elijah, listening to the voice of God in the silence.

This is a personally guided retreat which involves a daily meeting with one of the directors. There will be no group talks.

Francis Kemsley, O.Carm. & Sr. Felicity Young OSU

19th August **Poetry and Prayer for all Seasons of Life**

During this day we will reflect on the different phases of our spiritual journey, and look at poems that might nourish us in times of joy and sadness, darkness and light.

Sr. Felicity Young OSU

See Retreat Leaflet for more details.

100 + Club The winner of the July draw was N. Grace, from Essex.

Gardening Week

Aylesford Priory

ME20 7BX

14th—19th August

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lunch and coffee provided

Volunteer for anything from

1 hour to 6 days

No tools needed: bring gloves if you have them

Please book with Jayne

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It was a very sad day when the large branch fell off our beech tree by the pond. The branch broke away one evening, luckily when no-one was around, and the tree was left leaning precariously with all the weight on one side towards the Shrine. Steve, the Estates Manager, quickly called in tree surgeons but on inspection of the tree they discovered rot within the branches and the tree had to be felled for safety.

Other news on the grounds is the pond which has been looking terrible covered in a nasty green bloom in the recent hot weather. The rain in the last few days have improved it immensely, as has the gardening group and grounds staff who have been pulling the weed out of the water.

If the improvement continues we hope to be able to get some new black swans in to to set up home there in the near future.



Just Joking...

A priest and a vicar are standing by the side of a road holding up a sign that reads "The end is near! Turn around now before it's too late!"

A passing driver yells, "You guys are nuts!" and speeds past them. From around the curve, they hear screeching tires—then a big splash.

The priest turns to the vicar and says, "Do you think we should just put up a sign that says 'Bridge Out' instead?"

Quiet Prayer in the Gatehouse
Wednesdays after the 12 Noon Mass
All welcome

Mass Collections	Mass Time	No. of People	Amount Received	Average per person
2 July	8.00 am	64	£257.04	£4.01
	10.15 am	105	£385.78	£3.67
	Combined	169	£642.82	£3.80
9 July	8.00 am	70	£195.41	£2.79
	10.15 am	118	£284.95	£2.41
	Combined	188	£480.36	£2.55
16 July	8.00 am	64	£272.64	£4.26
	10.15am	163	£202.63	£1.24
	Combined	227	£475.27	£2.09
23 July	8.00 am	56	£198.75	£3.54
	10.15 am	112	£203.47	£1.81
	Combined	168	£402.22	£2.39
Total		752	£2,000.67	£2.66

2017 Events Calendar

Sun 6 Aug	Vintage Motorbikes Open Day 10am - 5pm
Sun 10 Sept	Heritage Week Gatehouse Open Day 2 - 4pm Kent's Classic Car Show
4-19 Nov	Woodturners Winter Exhibition
25 & 26 Nov	Friars' Christmas Fayre
Sun 3 Dec	Light Up A Life
Fri 15 Dec	Carols by Candlelight
Farmers Market Dates: 20 Aug, 17 Sept, 15 Oct, 19 Nov, 17 Dec	

HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



Wednesday 9th August
8.20pm Choir Chapel for one hour followed by refreshments