

Friars News

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December Calendar	
Sun 3	Light Up A Life HOKH Candlelit Procession and Service, 4.30pm Shrine
Thurs 7	Prayer & Praise, 7pm Choir Chapel
Fri 8	Ecumenical Advent Service, 8pm Relic Chapel
Fri 15	Carols by Candlelight Concert, 7.15pm Relic Chapel
For Christmas Services see below	
Thurs	Choir Practice, 7.30-8.30pm

ADVENT SERVICE
Friday 8th December
8pm Relic Chapel



All Welcome

CHRISTMAS MASSES

SATURDAY 23rd DECEMBER

No 7.30am Mass

12 noon Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

8pm Night Prayer followed by Confessions

CHRISTMAS EVE

8am & 10.15am Mass

6pm Evening Prayer & Blessing of the Crib

11.30pm Carols then Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

8am Mass & 10.15am Mass

TUESDAY 26th DECEMBER –

SATURDAY 30th DECEMBER

12 noon Mass

SUNDAY 31st DECEMBER

8.00am & 10.15am Mass

MONDAY 1st JANUARY

12 noon Mass

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

Carols by Candlelight Concert

Friday 15th December
7.15pm Relic Chapel



with the Medway Towns Brass Band

£4.00 adults children free

Refreshments and mince pies
available following the concert

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2017



We were delighted to get two new black swans for the pond. They are sisters, born this year so still young and community are feeding them twice a day to build them up to full strength but they seem to have settled in beautifully.

Message from Archbishop Peter Smith

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools. Thank you. † Peter

100 + Club The winner of the November draw was Maggie Cascioli from Maidstone.

Christmas Fayre Results

Saturday Gate	£4,385.28
Sunday Gate	£5,168.20
Tombola	£1,049.00
Hamper Raffle	£169.15
Gift Stall	£294.69
Tombola	£1049.00
BBQ	£3,395.84
Mince pies/mulled wine	£1285.04
Gingerbread House	£515.00
Bouncy Castle	£51.50
Father Christmas	£1161.00
Ceramic Workshop	£361.60
Friars Draw	£398.30
Name the Teddy	£23.55
Donation Gallaghers	£500.00

Total for the weekend £18,758.15

These are rough figures and there are still costs to pay out and stall fees plus more draw money to add in but it was a brilliant weekend all round and we were £1,140.29 up on last year. Thank you so much to everyone who helped and worked so hard over the two days. We couldn't have done it without you.

Mass Collections	Mass Time	No. of People	Amount Received	Average per person
5 Nov	8.00 am	51	£169.82	£3.32
	10.15 am	113	£297.30	£2.63
	Combined	164	£467.12	£2.84
12 Nov	8.00 am	72	£245.85	£3.41
	10.15am	105	£244.78	£2.33
	Combined	177	£490.63	£2.77
19 Nov	8.00 am	55	£176.73	£3.21
	10.15 am	103	£243.24	£2.36
	Combined	158	£419.97	£2.65
Sat 25	4.15 pm	42	£89.07	£2.12
26 Nov	8.00 am	66	155.49	£2.35
Total		607	£1622.28	£2.67