

ST FRANCIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St Francis Parish Halstead online:

<http://stfrancishalstead.org/home/welcome/>

Mass @ 11.00 am St Francis of Assisi – Before Mass each Saturday @ 5.15 pm
The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Parish Rosary at 5:30, (Please contact Fr Felix directly to book a date/time for reconciliation)
(Tel 01787 472477 / halstead@brcdt.org).



<u>Date</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Saturday 31st May	6pm Vigil Mass	Eternal repose of Sean Dullea
Sunday 1st June Seventh Sunday of Easter World Communication Day	9am Mass St Nicholas	Wellbeing of all
Sunday 1st June Seventh Sunday of Easter World Communication Day	11am Mass Halstead	Eternal repose of Clive Whybrow 10 th Anniversary.
Monday 2nd June SS Marcellinus and Peter	No Mass	The sanctuary light prayer intention is for the eternal repose of Lilies list
Tuesday 3rd June St Charles Lwanga & Companions	No Mass	
Wednesday 4th June	No Mass	
Thursday 5th June St Boniface	No Mass	
Friday 6th June St Norbert, Bishop	Exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament @ 8am and Mass @9.30	



First reading: Acts 7: 55-60

Second reading: Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20

Gospel: John 17: 20-26



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

- There will be a second collection for World Communication Sunday
- Our Parish Youth club takes place at the last Saturday of the month. The next one is coming up on the 28th June 2025 at 11am. It is open to ages 5-18.
- We are calling for sponsorship for the sanctuary lights for 2025. Write your intention and hand it over to Fr. Felix.
- We need new choristers and youth club coordinators. If you feel disposed, please speak with Fr. Felix

The parish has a Facebook page that gets updated daily with Mass readings and other items of information.

<https://www.facebook.com/Stfrancishalsteadparish/>

- If you recently joined our parish, we would like to have your name registered in our records. Please pick up a form at the back, fill it and return it to me or drop it at the back of the church.
- It will be beneficial for you to identify with an aspect of our parish life by committing your time and resources to the good of our parish. We need reinforcements on our volunteer team. If you would like to join our Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, please speak to Fr. Felix.
- We are still in need of new Mass readers, a fundraising team, social organisers, church cleaners, gardeners, and youth club organisers. If you can, please help us.
- It is a wholesome thought to pray for the dead (2 Maccabees 12:46). Consider offering a Mass for your departed loved ones and also for the living. It seems the culture of offering Masses in our parish is fading. Pick a form at the church's back and fill out your intentions.
- There is a chance for communion of the sick at homes for the housebound. Please

let me know if any parishioners require a visit.

- It costs approximately £4,000 monthly to run our parish. Please consider sending an offering or a standing order to the parish. You can also make a donation to St. Francis of Assisi Church. Sort code: 40-13-22. Account Number: 71387014
- Everyone is welcome to participate in the Sanctuary Light sponsorship for 2024. You have the option to contribute £5.00 towards our weekly prayers for your specific intentions. Many thanks to those who signed up last year.
- Candles/ votive: £14.50
- Mass intention for May: £20.00
- Weekend collection: £387.00
- Many thanks for your generosity to the parish.
- The Holy Water font is now available for us to use. From the tap, take some home for your use. Before using, please let Fr. Felix know. Feel free to bless yourself with the Holy Water font; however, sanitise your hands before use to minimise the risk of possible infection.

For your diaries:

Youth Club: Every Last Saturday of the Month. Next one is coming up on 28th June 2025.



Prayers for World Communication Sunday

For all work in communications;
may they listen with understanding
and speak truth from the heart.
Lord, in your mercy.

For all of us who receive the news in
whatever format;
may we learn to discern the good
news in all that we hear.
Lord, in your mercy.

We pray for all those in the Church
who communicate to others,
through multiple means, the saving
truth of the gospel, that they may be
diligent servants of the Word and
conscientious champions of the
truth. Lord in your mercy.

We pray for politicians that they may
communicate candidly with the
electorate and have the courage
publicly to address controversial
issues which need to be resolved if
human dignity and the common good
of society are to be upheld.
Lord in your mercy.

We pray for journalists who put
themselves in danger to bring to
others' attention wrongdoing and
human suffering, that their efforts to
humanise society may bear fruit and
that they may be kept safe from
harm.
Lord in your mercy.

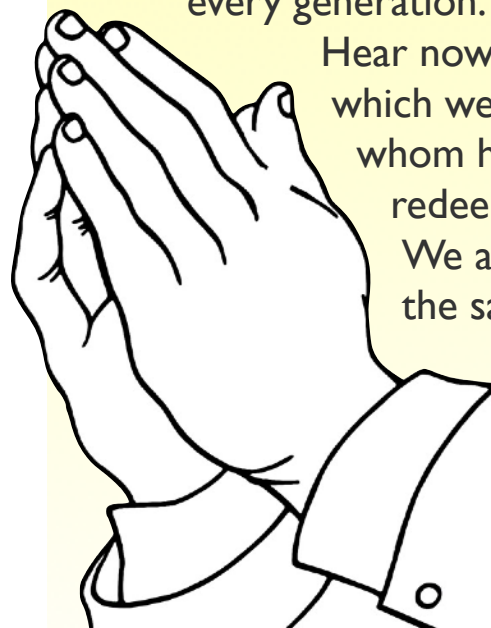
We pray for those who have been
interiorly imprisoned as a result of their
exposure to evil on the internet, that
they may be given the strength of will to
break out of their addictive behaviour
and find peace and healing.
Lord in your mercy.

We pray for ourselves, that we may,
through God's grace, use modern media
judiciously, so that our horizons may be
expanded and we may grow in empathy
with others, especially those who are
most vulnerable.
Lord in your mercy.

We ask Our Lady, who proclaimed
God's mercy whilst yet our Saviour was
in her womb, to pray with us and for us
now as we say: Hail Mary ...

Concluding Prayer

Almighty and ever living Father,
the Great Story of your Son's defeat of
the Kingdom of Darkness through his
cruel death and glorious resurrection
is proclaimed from east to west and in
every generation.



Hear now the prayers
which we offer for those
whom he has
redeemed.
We ask this through
the same Christ our
Lord.
Amen.

Flower Festival in St Francis Church

Saturday 7th June and Sunday 8 June
2025 Set up 10 to 12.30 61 June .

We invite all parishioner to take part, to decorate our church. A theme has been suggested, to celebrate the late Pope Francis. To select a quote or a bible a text, reflected in a floral display. Please add a copy with your flowers to your chosen text. You need not be a flower arranger to take part, a vase of garden flowers, or wildflowers will contribute to decorating the church. Please bring your flowers to the church on Friday 6th June 10am to 12.30pm. if you cannot make this time, call 07702244880 to arrange delivery. Large or small, it will be appreciated, and children can fill a jam jar with flowers, and bring on the Saturday if that's more convenient. If you cannot make the date, then a money donation will enable us to buy flowers. Hand to Alex in Halstead and to Mary in Castle Hedingham.

BOOK AND PLANT SALE Sunday 8th June 2025

On the lawns at the front of church. Set up
10am to 12 noon

Sale 12 noon following 11am Mass until
2.30pm

We invite all gardeners, and plant enthusiasts, to bring along vegetable and flowering plants. Delivery of plants leading up to the day can be left at the back of the Presbytery, or delivered on the day. We will need helpers to set up 10 am to 12 noon and to clear away after 2.30pm. Refreshments will be served, so we welcome any contribution of cakes and pastries.

THIS IS A PARISH EVENT, SO PLEASE GET INVOLVED.

Any further information, please speak to members of the fundraising group or call 01787 460351

Flower Festival



Common Logical Fallacies about the Catholic Church:

Post Hoc Ergo Propter Hoc:

Assuming historical events caused by other factors were due to the Church alone, like blaming Catholicism for the Crusades without the broader context of Islamic aggression.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION cards and gifts are available from the repository at the back of the church. We will also have a selection of cards and gifts at the coffee morning after 11am mass on Sunday 1st June.

