

### YOUNG SCRIPTURE SCHOLAR .....

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because, even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah". The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you ask him!"

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## The Sacred Heart Church, Wadhurst

### With St. Peter's, Rotherfield

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### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 –Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm (Vigil) – People of the Parish

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 8.45am (Rotherfield)

10.30 (Wadhurst) – Angelines Gonzalez Pachon R.I.P.

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> 10am – Holy Souls – Anne O'Rorke's intention

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> No Mass** – *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> No Mass – *St John Chrysostom*

Thur 14<sup>th</sup> 10am – Boyd Family Intention – *The Exaltation of the Cross*

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 10am – *Our Lady of Sorrows*

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm (Vigil)

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 8.45am (Rotherfield)

10.30am (Wadhurst)

#### Usual Sunday Mass Times:

(See above for any changes)

Wadhurst: Saturday 6:00pm (Vigil)

Rotherfield: Sunday 8:45am

Wadhurst: Sunday 10:30am

#### Weekdays (Wadhurst):

Monday: 10:00am

Tuesday: 10:00am

Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday: 10:00am

Friday: 10:00am

Saturday: 6:00pm (Vigil for Sunday)

#### Parish Office Hours:

Monday 9am – 12 noon

Thursday 9am – 12 noon

Friday 9am – 12 noon

#### Confessions:

Saturday: 5:00pm – 5:30pm

#### Rosary:

Every Thursday in term time at 9am in Carillon Cottage, Wadhurst High St.

#### Adoration (Holy Hour):

First Friday: 9:00am – 10 am

#### Mothers' Prayers:

Wednesdays 11am, Three Trees, Wadhurst

Tel: Colleen O'Farrell (01892) 784734

#### Prayers for Healing:

Fourth Thursday of month, Carillon Cottage. Box for prayer requests in Annexe

## News & Notices

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**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS:** *A series of Life in the Spirit seminars will be running at St Augustine's Church, Tunbridge Wells, for seven Monday evenings from 11<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> October. These seminars provide the framework for all of us to reflect on our lives, renew our relationship with God, and to rejoice in the hope which we have already been given through Jesus our Lord. Father Peter Stodart warmly invites us to attend all or as many of the seminars as we wish. He reminds us that Pope Francis encourages that these seminars be provided in parishes. Fliers giving details of the Speakers each week are available in the Annexe. A few members of our Parish will be attending. If you would like to go but would need a lift, please phone Colleen on 01892 784734.*

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**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be **no morning Mass on Tuesday** this week.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** The special collection **this weekend** will be for The Catholic Education Service. This organisation acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops Conference to support Catholic Education nationally.

**Next weekend** is Home Mission Sunday and a special collection will be taken to help fund the Home Mission Office, the Catholic Faith Centre and the work of Evangelisation in England and Wales.

**CAN YOU HELP?** We have been approached by the parents of a young 19-year-old man with Down's Syndrome who has just started at The Mount in Faircrouch Lane. He was recently Confirmed at his previous school, and his parents would like him to continue regularly attending Mass. We have been asked if we could help provide a lift for him and so are asking for volunteers. This would not be a permanent commitment on the part of any one person. So far we have received a five offers of help – thank you all for coming forward. If we could have just one more I will be able to work our a six-weekly rota, or perhaps have a few names on standby. I am waiting to hear from The Mount as to whether it will be possible sometimes to bring Robbie to the Saturday evening Mass, if we have any volunteers who regularly attend on Saturdays. If you would be willing to help, please contact Colleen on (01892 784734).

**2017 DEANERY PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE:** The Questionnaire is included with this Newsletter and needs to be completed by all parishioners. Once completed, please return it to Father Martin via the Parish Office.

**READERS' DAY OF REFLECTION:** There are still places available for Readers to attend this Day of Reflection. If you have enrolled, or are intending to, please be in touch with Colleen (01892 784734) so a car-share system can be worked out.

**RAISE A GLASS FOR THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL:** As Daphne Bagshawe told us last weekend, there will be an opportunity after Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September to enjoy a glass of wine or soft drink in the garden – weather permitting – or in the Annexe. All that is required of you is a donation of £5 (soft drinks for children free). The money raised will go towards the School's fundraising. Do come, enjoy a glass and help in our commitment of support for the school.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** As the new academic year has now begun, our Children's Liturgy will commence again this Sunday. We hope all the children will join Kim and her happy band of helpers in this fun way of discovering the joy of the Gospel.

**RED MISSIION BOXES:** Now that it's September it's time to bring in the red Missio Boxes which I hope to collect and bank before Mission Sunday in October. When you bring yours in please take it in to the Sacristy so that it can be kept safe. Missio are very grateful for any contributions of any size.

**CUBAN JAZZ AND SALSA NIGHT:** Tickets are now available from the Parish Office for this Jazz and Salsa evening which promises to be great fun See the Poster on the Annexe Notice Board.

**MEMORIAL STONE FOR FR KEVIN:** A small memorial stone has been ordered for Fr Kevin Gaskin's grave at a cost of £600. If anyone would like to make a donation towards this, please contact the Parish Office.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:** If your child turned seven years old before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and you would like him/her to be prepared for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: A reminder to all 14 year-olds in the Parish.** Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation will take place in conjunction with St Mary's Church, Crowborough. If you would like more information about this, or would like to enroll on the Confirmation Programme, please contact the Parish Office.

**200 CLUB WINNERS:** The 200 Club winners for August were Ann Pickering (£50) and Monica Stride (£25).

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers all who are sick in our parish and amongst our families and friends, especially Pat Bowler, Margarita Fane and Jon Elsby. We pray also for their families and those who love and care for them.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember in your prayers Joan Wicker, Patricia Darling West, Maureen Burnett, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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