

# Friars News

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On 25<sup>th</sup> October Bro. Michael McMullen died peacefully. He first came to Aylesford in 1955 and was professed in 1957. He trained as a potter under the well known potter, David Leach, alongside David's son John Leach. Some of the Holy Water fonts in the shrine were made by Bro. Michael. Due to ill health he retired from the pottery in 1977 and became the Guest Master. He continued in this role until a few years ago. Sadly, due to ill health, he moved to a nursing home four years ago. He was very much missed by the community and the many pilgrims he ministered to over the years. He is remembered for his gentleness and the warm hospitality he provided for the guests he welcomed. Many spoke of his listening ear.



## RETREATS

### 7-9 December **Advent Retreat**

A weekend starting with a joint ecumenical Advent service, exploring how the coming of God into our world gives us hope, enabling us to deepen our relationship with God. Maggie Cascioli & Paul de Groot, O.Carm. Suggested Day fee £15

### 26 January **Rejoice and be Glad**

This day will help us explore what it means to be holy in today's world. We will draw on the words of Pope Francis and the 'cloud of witnesses' who have travelled the road before us. Chris Chapman Suggested Day fee £15

*The 2019 Retreat Leaflet will be available shortly.*



## Advent Service

Friday 7th December

8pm Relic Chapel

With the joint choirs of Sts Peter & Paul & The Friars

## November Calendar

Wed 14 Nov	<b>All Carmelite Saints.</b> Masses 7.30am & 12 noon
Thurs 15 Nov	<b>All Carmelite Souls.</b> Masses 7.30am & 12 noon
Sat 17 Nov	<b>Lay Carmel</b> Holy Hour, Mass and Lectio Divina. 10.30am onwards
Sat 24-Sun 25	<b>Christmas Fayre.</b> 10am—4pm. Mass 4.15pm. <b>There is no 10.15am Mass today</b>
Sun 2 Dec	<b>Light Up A Life.</b> Heart of Kent Hospice Candlelit procession & service. 4.30pm
Fri 7 Dec	<b>Ecumenical Advent Service</b> 8pm
Thurs	<b>Choir Practice,</b> 7.30-8.30pm

**100 + Club** The winner of the October draw was Mrs D Hill from Swansea.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

£742.98 was raised at the Harvest Festival Mass and the lunch and this has now been sent off to CAFOD. Thank you to everyone who donated.

## November Second Collections

Sunday 11th Archbishop's Administration Fund  
Sunday 25th Catholic Youth Service

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



## Christmas Fayre—24-25th November

The Christmas Fayre is nearly here and we hope to see you all at some point over the weekend.

As usual, we would appreciate any help on either of the days over the weekend, perhaps on the gate or a stall. If you can help in any way please leave your contact details with Reception. We are also needing donations for the gift stall, so that's any unwanted gifts you might have at home that haven't been used, and for the Christmas Hamper. If you have anything suitable please drop it in to the Reception Office.

**Do please note there is no 10.15am Mass on the Sunday but there will be Mass at 4.15pm.**

### CHRISTMAS SHOP

If you are looking for traditional Advent calendars, religious cards or Nativity sets do have a look at the Christmas Shop in the Giftshop, where we have a wide range of goods and styles available now.

Mass Collections	Mass Time	No. of People	Amount Received	Average per person
30 Sept	8.00 am	56	£172.07	£3.07
	10.15 am	125	£317.00	£2.53
	Combined	181	£489.07	£2.70
7 Oct	8.00 am	55	£216.32	£3.93
	10.15 am	97	£365.43	£3.76
	Combined	152	£581.75	£3.82
14 Oct	8.00 am	46	£153.46	£3.33
	10.15am	114	£200.60	£1.75
	Combined	160	£354.06	£2.21
21 Oct	8.00 am	52	£195.58	£3.76
	10.15 am	101	£300.54	£2.97
	Combined	153	£496.12	£3.24
28 Oct	8.00 am	57	£176.07	£3.08
	10.15 am	65	£129.99	£1.99
	Combined	122	£306.06	£2.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>768</b>	<b>£2,227.06</b>	<b>£2.89</b>



### 2018 Events Calendar

3-18 Nov	<b>Woodturners' Exhibition</b>
24-25 Nov	<b>Friars Christmas Fayre</b>
2 Dec	<b>Light Up A Life</b>
14 Dec	<b>Carols by Candlelight Concert</b>
<b>Farmers' Market: 18 Nov, 16 Dec</b>	

Heart of Kent Hospice  
**Light Up A Life**  
 Candlelit Procession & Service  
 Sunday 2 December 4.30pm