

Finishing with a Smile ...

... A woman wasn't feeling well and went to A&E. The nurse asked her: "Have you experienced a sudden loss of taste?"

"No," admitted the woman sadly. "I've always dressed this way."

... My young daughter needed new boots. When her friend arrived one morning in a lovely pair of new boots, I asked where she had got them. "At the store," she answered.

"Which one?" I asked patiently.

She looked confused, and then down at her boots. "Both of them," was her reply.



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SALTWOOD PARISH MAGAZINE

Saltwood and Lympe benefice



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ITEMS FOR THE MARCH MAGAZINE

If you have any items for the March edition of the magazine, please forward to Beth Lewsey, by the **21st February** by email if possible, to: parishmagazine@saltwoodchurch.org or deliver to 20 Castle Avenue. (Tel 01303 264577).

*N.B. Copies of the parish magazine can be found under the tab 'Newsletters' on our website: lympneandsaltwoodchurches.org.uk
The 'e' version may contain extra material, so it's always worth a look!*



Castle Green WI

<https://castlegreenwi.org.uk/>

President Julie Andrews welcomed forty-two members to the January meeting. She said that our two

newest members had agreed to take on the organising of refreshments. Dee and Molly were thanked for helping with refreshments this month and Gill R was thanked for the flowers. The record of the December meeting was approved and signed. Kay and Julie T's husbands were thanked for putting up the tables and chairs each month.

Members were reminded by the treasurer that subs were due next month and are £51.00 for members and £25.10 for dual members. Unfortunately due to charges now being levied by Lloyds Bank members paying by cheque will have to pay an extra 50 pence. NFWI is taking up the matter with Lloyds Bank.

The February meeting will be our Annual Meeting; Julie reminded members that she is standing down after three years and that without a President Castle Green WI will be closed.

We then voted on the resolutions to be put forward at the NFWI Annual Meeting in June. The clear "winner" was "to eliminate landfill of medication packaging."

After coffee and a chance to catch up with friends we welcomed Wendy Sanders who led us in chair yoga. This was a good start to the new year. Gill R gave the vote of thanks.

The next meeting is on February 14th and as it is the Annual Meeting is only open to members. After the business part of the meeting, we will be having a Beetle Drive.

Margaret Alcock

SHAL: Studying History and Archaeology in Lympne

We again opened the year's talks with 'Our Memories of Lympne' in the 50s/60s and welcomed Brian Butcher, who set the scene, as he was born in the village in this period. The village, like many others, was still recovering from rationing and other restrictions. It was not surprising that a few general stores started up in Stone Street, The Street and Belcaire Close, Lympne's only estate at that time. Brian's first job was carrying out certain tasks, doing deliveries, and filling up for customers a gallon of paraffin for heating. What would Health and Safety think about that? There was also a store in Newingreen with which the Belcaire Close store liaised regularly, whilst the Post Office was at the top of Stone Street.

Brian had started Lympne school earlier, around 1956, in the Victorian building, now a house, which was accessed from Castle Close or The Street. There were two teachers: one for infants and the headmaster for juniors. Girls and infants' toilets were separate from the boys' remote block across the playground. For Sports Day a section of the playing field was mown and marked out in Beacon Way. Brian left the school at 11 when the school had a roll call of 36. A number of people, particularly from those in general stores, were bellringers in the church, and Brian joined at 12 years old when the tower captain invited him - and has been bell ringing ever since, graduating to Tower Captain.

The largest employer was the airport, running regular trips to France. Eric Staines did repairs and sales of electric motors near the top of Stone Street from which it later became a hair styling salon. On the opposite side, Rowland Harman had a yard for his building business. He built The Pines for his own use and saw the opportunity, with restrictions lifted, to develop his building company, building in what are now Harman Avenue, and Rowlands Cottages.

'The next meeting will be on 18 February at 7.30 in the Harry Margary Hall at which the talk will be on the Westenhanger brick works. Non-members welcome'

A Letter from the Rector

Dear All,

As we step into February, the echoes of Christmas and the New Year begin to fade, and our hearts turn toward the reflective season of Lent that lies ahead. This month serves as a bridge, allowing us to prepare our minds and spirits for the journey toward Easter, a time of renewal and resurrection.

The festivities of Christmas brought us joy, warmth, and a sense of community. We are grateful for the time spent together celebrating the birth of our Saviour. As we transition from this season of celebration, let us carry the spirit of love and hope into the coming months.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which falls on 5th March, and marks a time for reflection, repentance, and spiritual growth. It is a 40-day journey leading up to Easter, where we prepare our hearts to commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus. During this season, may I encourage you to consider how you might deepen your relationship with God, whether through prayer, fasting, or acts of service.

Join us on 5th March, 10am Lympne Church, and 7pm at Saltwood Church, for our Ash Wednesday services as we begin the Lenten season together. Both services will include the imposition of ashes, scripture readings, and a time of prayer.

Across the Benefice there will be study and reflection in each of our Home Groups throughout Lent. These gatherings will focus on the theme of hope. If you are not a regular member of a Home Group and simply want

to attend for Lent, you are very welcome to do so. See the weekly newsletter for times, dates, and locations.

As we prepare for Easter Sunday, I invite you to reflect on the significance of this season. We will be hosting special Easter services on Palm Sunday and throughout Holy Week filled with worship, celebration, and the joyous message of resurrection.

May this month be a time of preparation and anticipation as together we look forward to the celebration of Easter. Let us support one another in our journeys of faith and remain grounded in the love of Jesus.

Every Blessing,

Rev Barry

Saltwood Church Pastoral Group

*'And let us look out for one another to provoke love and good works'
(Hebrews 10:24)*

Our Pastoral Group meets monthly to seek ways of offering support to those who are going through difficult or challenging times. If you know someone you are concerned about, or if you have concerns yourself, please contact us. You will always find a friendly voice and a listening ear at the end of the line.

Caring for others is at the heart of Christian life and you can help us by being our eyes and ears, letting us know of anyone who is in need.

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Lympne Fellowship

In January we pitted our wits over a thoroughly enjoyable Bingo Quiz, cleverly organised by Jill Page. With a delicious ploughman's lunch to assist the brain cells, we worked in groups to write answers to numbered questions on our individual bingo cards. We then had to tick off any correct answers until we had a line. As in normal bingo, all our cards were numbered randomly, so that, even though we had worked together, there were individual prize winners. Great fun and our thanks go to Jill and the Committee for the refreshments.

We look forward to welcoming Andrew Ashton to tell us about "Kill or Cure? – Old Remedies" at our February meeting.

Lympne Fellowship normally meets at 1.15pm in the Harry Margary Hall on the 2nd Thursday of the month, with a programme of interesting and informative talks and activities. For further information about our group, please contact **Jill Page on 07846 819693.**

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE



SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY

10.30 am - 12.30pm

*Proceeds to maintenance of the church plus
a donation to this month's nominated charity:*

**GUIDE DOGS
HYTHE & DISTRICT GROUP**

- Cut back brambles and plants that were diverting paths over graves.
- Planted butterfly and bee friendly bushes
- Planted bulbs - some native species in the grass and lots of colourful flowers in the flower border
- Cleared branches and twigs from graves and paths and created hedgehog and wildlife friendly areas around the edges of the churchyard.
- Left sunflower seeds and other seedheads in the churchyard over winter for food

We have documented some of the flowers, bees and birds in the churchyard with the help of others in the community.



The churchyard is just one of five topics for the EcoAward; others in the Eco-Team have helped in other areas; some have ensured caring for creation is included in our intercessions, or in worship services. Others have looked at what we purchase - changing some of our supplies to more eco-friendly versions and how we recycle our own waste. Others have ensured articles on wildlife and caring for the environment are shared in the community.

We also did an environmental survey of church members which showed a huge variation in opinions on the importance we should place in our actions that have an impact on the environment.

Diary – St Peter and St Paul



February
2025



Sunday 2nd <i>The Presentation of Christ</i>	11.00	N.B. Benefice service of Holy Communion at Lympne
Monday 3rd	14.00	Monday Chats in the Lads' Club – <i>and each following Monday</i>
Tuesday 4th	N.B.	Our Rector's Day Off – <i>and each following Tuesday</i>
Wednesday 5th	10.00 – 11.30	Saltwood Toddlers in the Lads' Club – <i>and each following Wednesday</i>
Thursday 6th	18.00-19.00 19.00	Bell Ringing Practice – <i>and each following Thursday</i> Choir Practice – <i>and each following Thursday</i>
Friday 7th	09.00	Prayer Group in the Church – <i>and each following Friday</i>
Saturday 8th		Quiz Evening in the Lads' Club
Sunday 9th <i>Fourth before Lent</i>	09.00 09.40 10.00	Holy Communion BCP at Pedlinge Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel (<i>and each following Sunday</i>) Holy Communion
Wednesday 12th	14.00	Afternoon Prayer Group at 34 Harpswood Lane

Saturday 15th	10.30	Coffee Morning at Lymgne Church
Sunday 16th <i>Third before Lent</i>	08.00 10.00	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion, and Sunday Club in the Lads' Club
Wednesday 19th	14.00	Saltwood Cinema Club in the Lads' Club
Friday 21st	N.B.	Last date for items for the March magazine
Sunday 23rd <i>Second before Lent</i>	08.00 09.45 10.00	Holy Communion BCP Bubble Church in the Lads' Club N.B. Holy Communion (Not family Service)

Advance date for your diary: Friday 7th March at 2pm at Hythe Catholic Church: World Day of Prayer. This year the international service has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands. **All are very welcome to this world-wide wave of prayer**



From The Parish Records

Our love and sympathy go to the family and friends of:

Ruth Palmer, whose funeral was on 30th January.

Evelyn Ann Felce RIP

Ann Felce from Grange Farm, who died on 22nd December, aged 96, was buried at the Farm on 11th January 2025.

Groups for Families

Groups and services for children and families take place mostly in Saltwood at the Lad's Club - but once a month there is Family service in Lymgne church, and in term time a weekly Toddlers group in Lymgne village hall on Thursdays.

If you are curious as to what goes on have a look on the new display boards in Lymgne church with photos of many of these activities.

An Update on EcoChurch

We have submitted the application forms for the Gold Award so we wait to see if we have done enough for this.

Filling in the application form and supporting evidence was a reminder of how many different people have been involved in different aspects of this project and how much publicity this has generated for the church locally with lots of articles in the local parish newsletter, the local Facebook group, posters, emails and this magazine.

As part of this, Lymgne church did extra activities such as a wildlife festival and a visit to Langdon Eco-garden. One of the most visible aspects of Eco Church has been the work on the churchyard with a long list of achievements:

- Cleared away a rubbish area full of plastic - removed over 20 bags of plastic waste from an old compost heap
- Built a new compost area by recycling old pallets
- Cut back and pruned overgrown bushes and plants in the flower border
- A lot of weeding and thinning out of plants in the flower border
- Creation of new flower bed where old compost / bin rubbish was
- Cut back of brambles to maintain the view
- Removed large amounts of ivy from trees and bushes - which were struggling from lack of light

**ST. STEPHEN'S
CHURCH, LYMPNE**



SERVICES AND EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

Sunday 2nd	Holy Communion	11.00
Sunday 9th	Morning Worship	11.00
Saturday 15th	Coffee morning	10.30 – 12.30
Sunday 16th	Holy Communion	11.00
Sunday 23rd	Holy Communion	11.00

And start of March:

Wednesday 5th March: 10am Ash Wednesday Service

Weekly Events in church:

Mondays 19:30-21:30 - Bell ringing Practice

Saturday mornings 10:30 - 12:30 - Eco group working churchyard (when dry)

Church events:

If you have photos of church events, please forward copies to Rachel - we are creating changing displays of the life of the church.

Home Groups

There are two house groups - Monday evening (contact Rachel & Peter) and Friday morning (contact Monica & Peter). Both meet every two weeks and read through the Bible together with lots of talk and discussion.



**ONLY 7 SPACES LEFT, FIRST COME FIRST SERVED,
BOOKING ESSENTIAL. SO BOOK NOW!**

SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2025

DOORS OPEN 6:15PM, SALTWOOD LADS' CLUB

£10 PER PERSON (payment in advance)

HOT MAIN MEAL AND DESSERT AT 6:45PM
DRINKS BAR FOR PURCHASE OF WINE/BEER/SOFTIES

PRIZE FOR WINNING QUIZ TEAM!
OTHER SHORT GAMES DURING EVENING

DRESS CODE - PLEASE WEAR LOTS OF RED AND PINK!
PRIZE FOR BEST INDIVIDUAL VALENTINE'S OUTFIT!

COME AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR COUPLE AND A TEAM WILL BE ASSIGNED

(LET ME KNOW IF VEGETARIAN OR ANY ALLERGIES)

AN EVENING OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP IN RED & PINK!

CONTACT PETER KENT ON: PKENT.EMAIL@GMAIL.COM OR
01303-266140



A Prayer for FEBRUARY

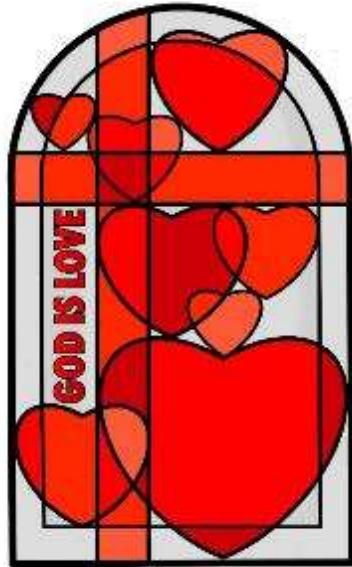
Heavenly Father,
February is known for love, and
Your love shines brightly in our
lives.

As we journey through this
month, help us embrace the
love You offer and share it with
others.

May Your light guide our
actions.

We ask this in Jesus' name,
Amen

(Prayerslife.com)



INTERCESSIONS FOR February

Today we pray especially for.....

- 1 Those who live in Turnpike Hill, Britten Close and Spanton Crescent
- 2 The work of 'Brighter Future International'
- 3 St Mary the Virgin Elham
- 4 Those who minister in our residential homes
- 5 Those who maintain our community
- 6 Those who live in Rectory Lane and Victoria Place
- 7 Sunday Club
- 8 The work of 'Centrepoin'
- 9 Our local GPs



PLEASE HELP US SUPPORT PILGRIMS HOSPICE

(It's not too late to donate!)

On 27th April 2025 my husband, Paul Beckett, is running in the LONDON MARATHON raising money for Pilgrims Hospice.

I feel sure we all know of someone who has needed the love and support of care staff either at, or from, Pilgrims Hospice.

At its heart, Pilgrims is dedicated to providing skilled and compassionate care, free of charge, to people living with an incurable illness in east Kent. Their vision is that people with a life-limiting illness are supported and empowered to live well in mind & body, making the most of the time they have. They care for over 2,500 patients a year, at their 3 inpatient units in Canterbury, Thanet & Ashford, their therapy centres, or in patients' own homes. With 80% of their funding being voluntary contributions, your support cannot be overstated.

Giving is easy using the QR code below, which opens Pauls Just Giving page at Pilgrims Hospice, or see me and I will have a sponsor form.

We really appreciate your support.

Hilary Leeves



collect and add to the collection plate/bag as a way of being included in this part of worship.



There are also yellow gift aid envelopes which can be used by taxpayers to increase the value of any donation.

From the Parish Magazine –FEBRUARY 2005

Twenty years ago, and so many familiar names and activities:

President of Castle Green WI was Mrs Margaret Alcock, with Mrs Jean Lewis as Treasurer; the magazine reported on the January meeting, which took the form of an entertainment, with Mrs Audrey Wayte accompanying on the piano when required.

The Saltwood Village Society met on the 11th February, with a talk from the site manager at Dungeness Bird Reserve.

Saltwood Primary School was advertising a Children's Fashion Show, starring the pupils themselves.

However, most poignant was the theme of the Rector's letter, the 2005 Tsunami, quoting a lengthy reflection by retired Bishop Kenneth Fernando, concluding:

'Perhaps this tsunami will make us give up quibbling, and yearn for justice with greater sincerity...Are conflict and division justifiable any longer when just one tsunami can finish the lives of us all in a matter of minutes? If the tsunami will teach us this lesson then many thousands would not have died in vain It may be that God continues to reign.'

- 10 Rose, our Bishop
- 11 Those who live in Old London Road, Redbrooks Way, Summer Close and Sunny Bank
- 12 Those unable to attend church, thinking particularly of those known to you
- 13 The homeless, thinking particularly of those known to you
- 14 Brockhill Park Performing Arts College – staff and pupils
- 15 St Martin's Cheriton, All Soul's Cheriton and St Nicholas Newington
- 16 Those who live in Grange Road and School Road
- 17 Church Army
- 18 Those who seek Christ
- 19 Residential and nursing homes – their staff and residents
- 20 Sidesmen and welcomers
- 21 Those who live in Castle Avenue, Lookers Lane and Quarry Road
- 22 Those who represent us – in parish, district and county councils and in Parliament
- 23 Those who help lead our worship
- 24 Those parts of the world suffering from natural disasters and all those seeking to relieve the suffering these cause
- 25 St Leonard's Hythe, St Michael's Anglican and Methodist Centre and Holy Cross Palmarsh
- 26 Those who live in Brockhill Road and Seaton Avenue
- 27 The armed forces and their families
- 28 The Folkestone Rainbow Centre
- 29 Those coping with debt and unemployment, thinking particularly of those known to you
- 30 Our area Dean
- 31 Those who live in Blue House Lane, Sandy Lane and the A20, Saltwood



With Valentine's Day in mind:

Salt is like love; it can heal, purify, preserve and enrich, but it's useless if it's not sprinkled around. The truth is that all of life is tasteless without love. - UCB Word for Today

Thanks Received

Last month, Laurie reported on the charitable giving made by our church. Since then several of the recipient charities have written with their thanks:

From Pilgrims Hospice:

On behalf of everyone at Pilgrims Hospices, I would like to say a very big thank you for the donation of £1000 from the congregations. £1000 will enable Pilgrims Hospices to provide 40 hours of nursing care to patients and families across East Kent.

As always, we are only able to provide our services, free of charge, thanks to the generosity of our family of supporters, which you are an important part of. Your kindness is ensuring Pilgrims remains here for our patients and their families, even throughout difficult times.

Once again, thank you for your support and we wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Together we make a difference.

Kind Regards
Alison

Alison Wright
Community Fundraising Officer – Ashford
Pilgrims Hospices in East Kent

From Centrepoint

Thank you very much for your recent £1000 donation to Centrepoint on 1/2/2025!

The money you have raised will support vulnerable homeless young people, especially during the current cost-of-living crisis. In the last year, the numbers of those needing emergency food support has quadrupled, and, with bills rising, they are struggling to afford to live.

To help keep this balance, Carol and Geoff have set aside Fridays as a day off. We kindly ask everyone to honour this decision and not to contact her on that day. If there is a real prayer emergency on a Friday, then please contact me.

Additionally, we encourage everyone to consider using email for prayer requests whenever possible (carol.eastell@icloud.com). Email allows requests to be clear, concise, and written down, which is immensely helpful for Carol and the prayer team. It ensures nothing is forgotten and allows the team to pray accurately and to manage their time more effectively. Carol will always respond so you will know it has been safely received.

If you do need to call, please be mindful of Carol's time. While she is always happy to pray and support, lengthy phone calls can be very draining and prevent her from responding to others who may also need help. Keeping calls short, focused and to the point will help her continue serving with energy and joy.

In my first post above, I referred to Galatians 6:2, "*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*" Let's extend this care to Carol by respecting her boundaries and ensuring she has the space to rest, recharge, and serve our church family effectively.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

From Rachel Cornish: -

The Offertory Prayer

Most church services include an offertory prayer - a prayer asking God to bless the gifts/tithes we give and wisdom to use them wisely for God.

An increasing number of people don't carry much cash, or prefer to give their gift to God via their bank account or via credit card or online giving. Lympne church now has small orange cards at the door that you can

need, they would love to support you in prayer. And you are assured of complete confidentiality; nothing you say will be mentioned to anybody else, ever.

James reminds us: *“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray... Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him... And the prayer of faith will save the sick.”* (James 5:13–15).

Prayer is a gift from God, and we are called to support one another in love: *“Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ.”* (Galatians 6:2).

Why not take that step after the service? The prayer team look forward to praying with you.

Lost Ring

Sometime before Christmas, a ring was found in one of the loos. If this belongs to you, or someone you know, please see one of the Churchwardens on Sunday morning.



Supporting Our Parish Prayer Ministry

I must write this because understandably, Carol won't.

We are deeply grateful for the commitment and care that Carol brings to overseeing prayer ministry across our parish. She is a blessing to so many, offering prayer, support, and encouragement whenever it is needed. However, as with all ministries, balance is essential for her health, family life, and ability to serve effectively.

In these challenging times, donations like yours will help give a young person safety, stability and freedom from worrying about where their next meal will come from.

With incredible people like you by our side, Centrepoin can do even more to help homeless young people make a positive turning point in their lives. On their behalf and ours, **thank you.**

Please do get in touch if you'd like to discuss other ways you can support our life-changing work.

Best wishes,

Yi Zhou

From Brighter Future International

Thank you so much for your generous, kind and welcome gift of £750 received in the post in December.

Because of people like you, we are able to love and care for so many more people who desperately need food, shelter and medical attention.

Your gift was truly felt by all in our care this Christmas and we are so grateful.

Wishing you all a wonderful and blessed New Year.

Many of you will have heard Liz Pettersen speak about her recent visit to India; Liz adds her personal thanks here:

I know that this money has made a huge impact already, as I so clearly witnessed during my recent visit. During the family service on Sunday, I will be sharing photos and feedback on my trip to India. It was one of the most moving times that I have visited the charity. I really felt that a huge part of this was how very conscious I was of that fact that I was sharing your love and generosity with so many very needy and vulnerable people. I do hope that some of you will be able to be there.

A huge thank you from me, too for the very generous donation, Liz



Saltwood Cinema Club

on Wednesday 19th February
at 2pm in the Lads' Club

The Bank of Dave 2. THE LOAN RANGER

This sequel to Bank of Dave sees Dave Fishwick taking on a new and more dangerous adversary: The Payday Lenders. Starring Rory Kinnear as Dave

Cost £5 per person to include tea and cake

All proceeds to the Lads' Club Funds

HELP NEEDED!!

Unfortunately, our group of church cleaners has shrunk over the past year and we are looking for replacements to keep our beautiful church cared for.

It is not an arduous task if two people work together: mainly vacuuming our lovely new carpet, dusting, cleaning toilets and kitchen plus emptying bins. We work on a Rota basis so it would mean only three or four times a year.

We have cover for the long school summer holiday.



If you are able to help, please contact Mary Hunter on 01303 268423.

WARDENS' CORNER

**From Carol Eastell: -
Lent Lunches**

Ash Wednesday this year falls on Wednesday 5 March and we are looking at having four Lent Lunches again, starting on Saturday 22 March and for the next three Saturdays following. There will be lists at the back of the church at the end of February, asking for soup makers mainly. We are hoping the SALT Home Groups will be agreeable to taking a turn each week to run a lunch. But more of that in the March e-mag. Meanwhile, make a note of the dates to have Saturday lunch in the Lads; Club and support our Mission Charities.

Afternoon Prayer Group – NB Change of Date

The Pastoral Support Group are meeting on 5th February, so we have moved February prayer meeting to the 12th February at 2 pm. We love to see new pray-ers and you will be very welcome. As usual, we are meeting in the home of Penny Forsyth, 34 Harpswood Lane.

Monday Chats

It was lovely to see new faces at Chats after the Christmas break. A warm and friendly welcome awaits, as well as a cup of tea and delicious home-made cake. If you have an hour or two to join us (that is from 2pm to 4) we would love to see you.

(Carol and Geoff 07795100441)

From John Campbell: -

A Time for Prayer

Do you feel burdened, in need of guidance, or simply longing for peace? Are you inwardly distressed over health, family, and other matters? After our Sunday morning service, a small prayer team run by Stella Hawes is always available by the altar to pray with you. Whatever your