



NEWSLETTER

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TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 23rd April - Second Sunday of Easter Jn20:19-31

Divine Mercy Sunday

2nd collection for SVP

08.00 Fr Barry Angus - RIP (Connellan)

09.30 Colin & Cherry Silcock-Stone Wedding Anniv.

11.00 Brendan McCormack - RIP (McCormack)

12.15 *Baptism: Aibhilin Roisin Ebroe*

13.00 *Syro-Malabar Mass*

15.00 *Devotions, Installation & Blessing of Divine Mercy image*

18.00 *Thanksgiving (Gurubatham-Kanny Family)*

Monday 24th April - Easter Weekday Jn 3: 1-8

07.30 John Surtees - RIP (Charlton)

12.00 Funeral: David Papa

No Adoration

19.30 *First Holy Communion Parent session*

Tuesday 25th April - St Mark the Evangelist Mk 16: 15-20

07.30 Rose & family (Wrona)

12.00 Sidney Foster - RIP (Connellan)

Wednesday 26th April - Easter Weekday Jn 3: 16-21

07.30 Ordination of Alfred Ngalim (Natrass)

12.00 Carmela Teran de Miralles - RIP (Giovana)

No Adoration

Thursday 27th April - Easter Weekday Jn 3: 31-36

07.30 Roger King - RIP (Silcock-Stone)

12.00 Fred Morris - RIP

Friday 28th April - St Louis Mary de Montfort Jn 6: 1-15

12.00 Mr Kuriyacose - RIP

Adoration after Mass

19.30 Vanessa Walker - RIP (Silcock-Stone)

Adoration after Mass 'til 9pm

Saturday 29th April St Catherine of Siena Jn 6: 16-21

10.30 - 11.20 Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12.00 Andrew Peter Kanny - RIP (Kyle & Kaitlyn)

16.30 - 17.30 Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)

18.00 (Vigil) Dominic Grace - RIP (Grace)

19.30 *CONCERT IN CHURCH - Anglo French celebration - all welcome!*

Sunday 30th April 3rd Sunday of Easter Lk 24: 13-35

08.00 Robert Wright - RIP (Johnson)

2nd collection for St Georges' Cathedral

09.30 Tony Jaconelli - RIP

11.00 Patrick Heren

12.15 *Baptisms: Nelson & Victoria Nguyen and Gabriella Spinks*

15.00 *Recently Confirmed - ongoing formation in the hall*

18.00 People of the Parish

From Fr Anthony ...

Divine Mercy Sunday and the Divine Mercy Picture

Earlier in the year, an anonymous donor gave the our parish a rather large copy of the Divine Mercy painting. We have just put it up on the wall in the St Joseph's chapel and it will be blessed this Sunday afternoon.

It would, perhaps, be useful to say something about this image. Firstly the special devotion to the Divine Mercy is based on the writings of a polish nun, Sr Faustina Kowalska, born on the 25th August 1905 and who died on 5th October 1938. She was canonised on 30th April 2000. This devotion concentrates on the Mercy poured forth in Christ's death and resurrection, fount of the Holy Spirit who forgives sins and restores joy at having been redeemed.

In one of her visions, Jesus told St Faustina to have an image painted just as he looked when he appeared to her. It took the polish artist 12 tries before Faustina accepted it as satisfactory. Jesus' right hand is raised in blessing. Also you notice that he is taking a step towards us and two rays of light issue from his heart: a red ray and a pale ray. At the bottom of the image, Jesus wanted a prayer to be written, "Jesus, I trust in you." As Jesus said to St Faustina; "The rays represent the Blood and Water which gusted forth from the depths of my mercy when my agonising heart was pieced on the cross. The pale rays symbolise the water, which cleanses and purifies the soul: the red rays represent the blood, which gives new life to the soul. These rays will shield the soul before the justice of my Father. Fortunate are those who live in this shelter, for the justice of God will not reach them there."

Jesus also said to St Faustina, " I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I further promise to that soul victory over enemies here on earth especially at the hour of death. I myself, shall defend that soul as my own glory".

This second Sunday of Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. St John Paul II said on the day of Sr Fautina's canonisation, " I urge you always to trust in God's merciful love revealed to us in Christ Jesus, who died and rose again for our salvation...Make Sr Faustina's beautiful exclamation your own: Jesus, I trust in you!"

PARISH MATTERS

The next HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be between 25th August and 1st September 2017

Staying at Hosanna House

to find out more, contact Annie Judge via e-mail: anniejudge@hotmail.com or call: 07866 515797

Or speak to Fr Anthony

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS & GIFTS

are all available in our Church Shop - come and have a look at the wonderful selection available.

Youth Ongoing Formation

All young people aged 18 or younger who have been confirmed are warmly invited to join those who were confirmed earlier this year for the Ongoing Formation afternoons.

Every session begins at 3pm in the Hall and finishes before 4.30pm. Most of the afternoons feature a special guest speaker. Please speak to Fr Daniel for any more information.

The dates are Sundays 30th April, 7th May, 21st May, 11th June and 18th June.

Accommodation required in or around Canterbury for summer school students.

Please call Donna Amos 01227 451035

APRIL 100 CLUB WINNERS...!

Tony Kenny (10)
Caitlin Mellor (94)

The last Scripture Group meeting (after Thursday midday mass) and will next meet again on 27th April

L'Arche in Canterbury is recruiting a Finance Assistant

(16 hours a week; flexible working hours considered) to help with receiving and paying in money, helping with benefit claims and checking petty cash. £17,306 pa (pro rata). For more information and an application pack, contact Liis Revell (01227 643025; liis.revell@larche.org.uk). Deadline for applications: Friday 5th May at 5pm

Diocesan visit to Rochester Cathedral see notice board at the back of church



CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES...
The annual MASS
IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
is being held on 17th JUNE
at St George's Cathedral (Saturday afternoon) this year

If you are celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th+ wedding anniversary this year and would like to attend this very special Mass at St George's Cathedral, where you can renew your vows, please write your names and address very clearly on the form provided at the back of church, so that you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. LAST DAY TO APPLY IS APRIL 30.

Calling all Altar Servers!

You are warmly invited to the annual Altar Servers Rally being held at Aylesford Priory on Bank Holiday **Monday 1st May**. The day begins at 10.30am and will finish around 2.30pm. It promises to be an enjoyable day and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this ministry. Those who are already enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen should bring their medals and there will be the opportunity for those who do not already have medals to receive theirs in the special Mass on the day. If you are interested in coming please speak to Fr Daniel or get in touch via the Church Office or email. Families and friends are very welcome indeed.



18-30s Prayer & Pub

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The next meeting will be on

Thursday, 27th April.

If you are aged 18-30's and would like to meet and pray with fellow Catholics please do join us! You are promised a friendly welcome!



ANGLO FRENCH CHORAL CELEBRATION !

with Canterbury Vocals
here in the church
**next Saturday, April 29th
at 7.30pm**

This promises to be a great evening of music and all are most welcome!



A Retreat with a Difference

A Foyer de Charité Retreat will be held at the new Retreat Centre in Walsingham, from Sunday 30 April (6pm) – Saturday 6 May (2pm). The theme is **God's Plan for the Fullness of Time**, and the preacher will be Mgr. Keith Bartrop, with help from Foyer members and past retreatants. Foyer retreats are held mainly in silence, with three talks a day, and offer a holistic way of deepening our faith in the Church's teaching and our life in Christ. The Foyers are communities of consecrated lay people living with a priest in order to help others grow closer to Christ and live the Catholic faith more fully. For further information: keithbartrop@rcdow.org.uk

Important Dates for your Diary for 2017

First Holy Communion (Eucharist) 14th May 9,30am Mass and 11am Mass

**Open Air Mass and Sunday 2nd July at 10:30am
St Anselms School**

**Mass of Translation of St Thomas a Becket
in Canterbury Cathedral at 8pm on Friday 7th July**

Please remember in your prayers: Gloria Soar, Suzy Drayson, Agnes Daly, Theresa Punnett, Lorna Feeny, Toni-Lee D'Amiral, Charles Ryan, Vivianne Brunet, David Tully, Winifred May, Margaret Holman, Mary Wallace, Marie Strong, Pat Gill, Katie Cobbett, Angeline Frizell, Mary Gillette, Christopher Browne, Ewa Szczepanska, Mary Jones, Erlinda Rogers, David Bull, Dara Borland, Alan Skeet, Louisa Ward, Joan Willey, Mary Donellan, Janette Hughes, Vlasta Cerna, Amanda Watts, Fr Peter Madden, Sr Margaret McGrath, Maurice Crosland, Joao Ferreira, Barbara Brett and Barbara Callendar

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Fr Charles Owen CP

Marguerite Pattenden

David Papa (Funeral 24th April 12 noon)

Nina and Ray Jones (Funeral 25th April 1pm Canterbury Cemetery Chapel)

Thank You very much for your amazing generosity for the Easter Offerings to the Priests of the Parish. We also raised £357.11 for the Holy Places. Thank you.