



NEWSLETTER

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TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 14th May - 5th Sunday of Easter Jn 14: 1-12

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY

18.00 (Vigil) David Heap - RIP (Heap)

08.00 People of the Parish

09.30 George Gray - RIP

11.00 Carrah Wright - welfare

16.00 Mass in Polish

18.00 Julian Hills 60th Birthday (Metcalfe)

18.00 Martin Ward - RIP

Monday 15th May - St Isidore the Farmer Jn 14: 21-26

07.30 For all young people sitting GCSE exams (Scott)

12.00 Private intention (Nichols)

7pm - 9pm Adoration

Tuesday 16th May - Easter Weekday Jn 14: 27-31a

07.30 Ted Webb - RIP (McKechnie)

12.00 Mary & Matthew Queshed - RIP (Reynolds)

19.30 RCLIA - ongoing in the Presbytery

Wednesday 17th May - Easter Weekday Jn 15: 1-8

07.30 Judith Waller - intentions (Solitude Group)

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)

12.00 Funeral: Clifford Alder

7pm - 8.30pm Adoration

Thursday 18th May - St John P M Jn 15: 9-11

NO MORNING MASS

12.00 Michael Reynolds - RIP (Reynolds)

Scripture Group after Mass

8pm Prayer & Pub! - PLEASE NOTE TIME

Friday 19th May - Easter Weekday Jn 15: 12-17

12.00 Mrs Gertie Prendergast - RIP (Keaveny)

Adoration after Mass

19.30 Good health

Adoration after Mass 'til 9pm

Saturday 20th May - St Bernardine of Siena Jn 15: 18-21

10.30 - 11.20 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12.00 Martin McKay - RIP

14.00 Filipino Community - Rosary for the children

16.30 - 17.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

18.00 (Vigil) Maureen Maughan - RIP

Sunday 21st May - 6th Sunday of Easter Jn 17: 1-11a

08.00 People of the Parish

09.30 Patrick Rainsford - RIP (Levey)

GOING FORTH MASS

11.00 Julie Davis - intentions

3pm - 4.15pm Ongoing Formation for Confirmation candidates

18.00 Bozena Abkowior - RIP (Gordon)

From Fr Anthony ...

All these children are taking their First Holy Communion this weekend. Thank you to our catechists who have accompanied them on their journey.

Next Sunday at the 9:30mass they will come again dressed in their First communion outfits when they will received their certificates and there will be refreshments after Mass.

We ask you to pray for them:

Ritta Bikandy, Madeleine Saul,

Zuzanna Florek, Kyle Ezra Gurubatham,

Caitlin Louise Harmison, Leo Tighe,

Anochengeta Joel Zowa, Joshua James De Sousa,

Dylan John Sherlock, Amelie Francesca Guerresi-Leach,

Sebastian Corri, Krystine Marie Castro,

Carson Graham Harvey, Mary Kaycee Espenilla,

Leticia Daniela Gomes, Toni Alex Ferreira Velosa,

Milosz Filip Lasek, Sandra Tutka,

Sara Emilia Skowron, Oliver-Luis Grana-Ines,

Harriet Lavelle, Sebastian Sanz-Kozyra,

Bartosz Mazur, Megan Janice Paderanga-Jameson,

Nelson M.N. Anani, William Oliver Caiels,

Alicia Isabel Clark, Maciej Sidorowicz,

Morgan Neaves, Kacper Buczkowski,

Aleksander Kacper Ozmina, David Ciechanski,

Noah Daniel Barry, Kaja Skibin,

Tia Catherine Joseph, Max Kavumpuram,

John (Alex) George, Emilia Dobosz,

Rohan George Jose, Philomina (Riya) Francis and

Nobel Sebastian George

Dear Lord we thank you for the wonderful gift of yourself in the Eucharist that we celebrate every day. Today we ask you to send your spirit on our children who have received you in communion for the first time. As they join us each week for the celebration of Mass may they come to know you more intimately, love you more deeply and follow you more closely, day by day. Amen

PARISH MATTERS

Clergy Support Fund Campaign: Thank you to all parishioners who supported the Diocesan-wide Campaign to raise support for our sick and retired clergy. Our parish of **St Thomas' has raised an amazing £31,275** for this special cause. During the last few years, many parishioners expressed appreciation for particular priests who have had a positive influence in their lives and have enquired about the possibility of leaving a gift in their Will to the Campaign. If this is a cause that resonates with you, and you would like to find a way of thanking our retired priests for their service to our community, please consider picking up an introductory leaflet from the porch today.
 Thank you

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 21st May, 11th June and 18th June.

18-30s Prayer & Pub
 The next meeting will be on
this coming Thursday, 18th May at 8pm
 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!

Searching for Homestays!

If anyone in the Canterbury area has a spare room or knows anybody who does, please read on. During the first week of July 2017 there is a Chinese school group visiting Canterbury for a culture exchange. They would love to stay in homestays. 45 Children are in need of accommodation. If you are able to help, please call Vaughn Meredith on [07830394036](tel:07830394036)

This year sees the 50th anniversary of abortion being legalised in Great Britain, over 8 million babies' lives have been lost since 1967. We all need to make some extra sacrifice this year. Please attend the "March for Life" in Birmingham on Saturday the 20th May. Going to Birmingham may involve a sacrifice for those who live some distance away, but the day is a great witness to our society and is also both informative and encouraging. If you don't attend the March in the 50th Anniversary year of abortion in England and Wales, when are you going to make the effort to come? Three English Bishops will be attending the March - come and support their witness. For coaches from London and elsewhere please see; www.goodcounselnetwork.com or phone 0207 723 1740

Important Dates for your Diary for 2017

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

Charismatic Prayer Group Mondays 7-9pm
07780 025906

St Thomas Catholic Primary School
Summer Fair!
 15th July 12 - 3pm
 we are currently seeking contributions for our fair - we have advertising space in our fair programme (£15 to £30 available), a stall to sell/promote your business (£10) or a donation of a prize to our raffle.
 Further details can be had by contacting the school:
 01227 562539 or headteacher@st-thomas-canterbury.kent.sch
 Thank you for your support!

Brightlights Festival is an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 16-30) taking place June 23rd - 26th in the beautiful grounds of Alton Castle in Staffordshire. Come and join us for a weekend of live music from artists including One Hope Project and Guvna B. To journey together in Faith through liturgy and worship. And to hear simulating input the possibilities of living life: UNLIMITED. To find out more information or book tickets, visit our website: brightlights.org.uk, call 0300 075 0115 or find us on social media: T/FB/IG: BLFestival

ALTAR SERVERS' PENTECOST PARTY !
 A gathering for all Altar Servers will be held on **Saturday 3rd June at 3pm**. We will have a brief meeting in the Church followed by a social time and the giving of some awards, as well as medals for those who do not yet have them. Drinks will be provided but please bring a small plate of party food or similar. Any questions, please contact Fr Daniel. Please make every effort to attend this celebration!

Your Voice Matters - Mega Youth Poll
 In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call.
 If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help you tell us we have created a Youth Poll that you can access using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> or by scanning this QR code with your phone. If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link or QR code. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: synod2018@cbcew.org.uk.

Please remember in your prayers: Gloria Soar, Suzy Drayson, Agnes Daly, Theresa Punnett, Lorna Feeney, 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, Hannelore Hall, Mary Dietrich, June Carver and Betty Steward

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Marguerite Pattenden, David Papa, Nina and Ray Jones, John Earl Clifford Alder (funeral: 17th May at midday) and Tony Cassidy**

Offertory Collection weekend of 7th May was £761.64 loose and £562.39 Gift Aided - totalling £1324.03
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