



NEWSLETTER

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TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Bozena Abkowicz - RIP (Gordon)

Sunday 28th May - 7th Sunday of Easter - ASCENSION DAY

Mt 28: 16-20

8am People of the Parish

9.30am Siobhan Childs - RIP

11am Private intention

2.30pm Syromalabar Rite

6pm Bernard Herrington - RIP (Enabore)

2nd collection today is
for Communications
Sunday

Monday 29th May - Easter Weekday Jn 16: 29-33

7.30am Nicholas, Beryl & Alan Mahy - RIP

12 noon Barbara Metcalf - RIP (Nichols)

2pm Wedding: Bethany Rose Moore & Michael Cadell

Tuesday 30th May - Easter Weekday Jn 17: 1-11a

7.30am Kacper Buczkowski - wellbeing

12 noon Alice Humphrey-Smith - RIP (Nichols)

7.30pm RCIA - ongoing in the Presbytery

Wednesday 31st May - Visitation of the B.V.M. Lk 1: 39-56

7.30am UCM members & their families

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)

12 noon Holy Souls of Escolastica (Peligro)

7pm - 8.30pm Adoration

Thursday 1st June - St Justin, Martyr Jn 17: 20-26

7.30am Alan Newell - RIP (Simpson)

12 noon Frances & Michael-Joe Keavney - RIP

Scripture Group after Mass

8pm Prayer & Pub!

Friday 2nd June - Feria Jn 21: 15-19

12 noon David Riley & family

Adoration after Mass

1.30pm Benediction

7.30pm Newell family (Simpson)

Adoration after Mass 'til 9pm

Saturday 3rd June - St Charles Lwanga & Companions Jn 21: 20-25

10.30 - 11.20 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12 noon Bianca Kandiah - RIP

3pm Altar Servers party!

4.30 - 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)

6pm (Vigil) People of the Parish

ADORATION VIGIL UNTIL 3AM

Sunday 4th June - PENTECOST

8am Mrs Joseph - RIP

9.30am David Papa - RIP (Lilford)

11am Private Intentions (Scott)

3pm Filipino Mass

6pm Fr Benedict Austin OSD - welfare

From Fr Anthony ...

Praying for peace.

This past week we have been reeling from the murderous attack on concert-goers in Manchester. Through words, symbols, gestures and various gatherings, people have expressed their grief, solidarity and love for those killed and maimed and for the families and friends traumatised and left to grieve. The motives and reasons for such a heinous crime are hard to find or understand. This leaves many with a feeling of helplessness and hopelessness. There is much talk about how to step up security and protect the ordinary citizens especially in public places and gatherings. This is a time when we encourage and reassure one another that united we are strong and we will not bow to terrorism.

But what else can we do or should be do? Let us not dismiss the need to pray for peace. Prayer is a great tool for effecting change in ourselves and others. The Rosary, that has been used for centuries, is a great prayer for peace; "our society is broken", said St John Paul II in his document on the role of the laity; "it is in urgent need of repair". He reminded us of our duty, sacred truth and fundamental call to holiness. "It is not possible for anyone to remain idle" (Christifidelis Laici" 3). We are called especially at this time to patiently and courageously express our hope of future glory even "through the framework of secular life." The Rosary has for many times been proposed as a prayer for peace. At the start of the millennium, which began with the terrifying attacks of 11th September 2001; a millennium which witnesses everyday in numerous parts of the world fresh scenes of bloodshed and violence, to rediscover the Rosary means to immerse oneself in contemplation of the mystery of Christ who "is our peace," since he made "the two of us one, and broke down the dividing wall of hostility" (Eph 2:14). Consequently, one cannot recite the Rosary without feeling caught up in a clear commitment to advancing peace" (Letter on the Rosary). If this is true, it is sad that as a parish we no longer pray the Rosary every weekday before 12 noon Mass during the month of May. After Mondays bombing I have made a commitment to pray the Rosary everyday for peace and the healing of our broken society.

Copies of: A letter to Catholics from the Bishops of England and Wales, ahead of the General Election, is available at the back of church

PARISH MATTERS

CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES

If you are in Years 7 - 11 then why not come along to our
SUMMER YOUTH DAY!
Saturday, 24th June 2017
10am - 8pm
(£10 per person)
info@scys.org.uk
MUSIC, DRAMA, ART, WORSHOPS, BBQ AND MASS



This weekend we welcome Matthew Donnelly, a Seminararian, who will be staying with us at St Thomas' for the next month. We know you will make him feel at home here in Canterbury.

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 11th June and 18th June.



'OPEN HOUSE' ADORATION

Late night Adoration in preparation for Pentecost on **Saturday, 3rd June from 9pm to 3am**

The Monday night and 'prayer & pub' groups will be hosting this evening with music, readings and prayers - we hope to attract passers-by as well as parishioners. If you would like to sign up for a one-hour slot, please see the list at the back of church

WANTED... female live in carer for elderly parishioner. Please call Annie Judge (07866 515797) for information

For those who might be interested, there is a 'read copy' of the Canterbury Community Shelter Annual Report at the back of church. If anyone would like a hard copy, please let us know

As part of the preparation for Pentecost, St Martin's Church will be open for prayer at midday each day between Thursday 26th May until Saturday 3rd June (not Sunday 28th). This is part of the Christians Together in Canterbury fellowship.

The L'Arche community are in need of premises for some of their activities:

- a place with good footfall, from which to sell their crafts. (They are sadly soon to be without the use of the Master's Lodge garden, once the Franciscan community no longer lives in the lodge).
- a room with water, electrics and a window, for their new Archangel microbrewery.

If you can help, or know of anyone who might be able to help, with either of the above, please contact James Cuming:
james.cuming@Larche.org.uk

Charismatic Prayer Group Mondays 7-9pm
07780 025906 (not Bank Holiday Monday)

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 462539 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!

St Augustine Week 2017 - you are invited! (26th May - 4th June)

At the Shrine of St Augustine, Ramsgate, celebrate our diocesan patron (St Augustine of Canterbury) with the annual St Augustine Week festival. There are talks, tours, music, workshops, processions, Masses and more. Highlights include the National Pilgrimage Day on 27th May (St Augustine's feast day); the Blessing of the Sea on 29th May; the Grand Re-opening on 3rd June (with Archbishop Peter Smith); and the St Augustine Cross procession on 4th June. More information available on the poster, call 01843 606756, or see online at <http://augustinefriends.co.uk/?p=5121>

MARRIAGE CARE, a Catholic charity, is looking for people to present their marriage preparation courses. They are also looking for professionally qualified counsellors to join their team.

If you are interested, please see the notice at the back of church

or go to: marriagecare.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, Betty Steward, Catherine Packer and Francis Brown

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Marguerite Pattenden, David Papa, Nina and Ray Jones, John Earl, Clifford Alder, Tony Cassidy, Romali De Silva, Zoya Berez (cremation 30th May at 12 noon) and Evelyn Vaughan (funeral 12 noon 14th June)**

Offertory Collection weekend of 22nd May was £1032.18 loose and £648.03 Gift Aided - totalling £1680.21 Thank You for your generosity