



NEWSLETTER

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 for all enquiries, appointments, bookings & all parish business
 (Closed for lunch between 12.15 - 1pm)



TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) John Earl - RIP (Grace)

Sunday 11th June - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Jn3: 16-18

8am Mary Wright - intention

9.30am UCM members & families

Meeting of UCM after Mass - new members most welcome!

11am Rose Welby - RIP (Markham)

12.15 Baptism: Raphael Etienne Marston-Wood

3pm Confirmation ongoing formation

4pm Mass in Polish

6pm People of the Parish

Catholic Trust for
England and Wales

Monday 12th June - Feria Mt 5: 1-12

7.30am Holy Souls (Roots)

12 noon Danny Murphy (Hapenny)

Tuesday 13th June - St Anthony of Padua Mt 5: 13-16

7.30am Margaret Gunn (Bruff)

12 noon Neville & Hazel Norman - Diamond Wedding!

Wednesday 14th June - Feria Mt 5: 17-19

7.30am D Walker - birthday blessings (Walker)

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12 noon Funeral: Evelyn Vaughan

7pm - 8.30pm Adoration

7pm-8.30pm SVP meeting in the Upper room

Thursday 15th June - Feria Mt 5: 20-26

NO MORNING MASS

12 noon Gay O'Sullivan - RIP

Scripture Group after Mass

8pm Prayer & Pub!

Friday 16th June - St Richard of Chichester Mt 5: 27-32

12 noon Marianne & Camel Haynes (Charlton)

Adoration after Mass

7.30pm Maureen Maughan - RIP

Adoration after Mass 'til 9pm

Saturday 17th June - Our Lady Mt 5: 33-37

9am Solitude Group - see opposite info

10.30 - 11.20 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)

12 noon Shirley Singleton (nee Thundow) - RIP

4.30 - 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

6pm Marguerite Pattenden - RIP (SVP)

Sunday 18th June - CORPUS CHRISTI Jn 6: 51-58

8am Peter Bull & Tim Quick - RIP (ACRB)

9.30am People of the Parish

11am Francis & Margaret Brown - wellbeing (Brown)

3pm Ongoing Formation - Confirmation Group

6pm Leslie Armstrong - RIP (Armstrong)

Day for Life

From Fr Anthony ...

Who is God for you? What is God like? How do you understand God? How do you speak about God? How do you relate to God and what part does God play in your life?

We might smile at some of the childish images that people have about God. God as an old man with a beard, God the policeman, God who we speak to when we want things.

From my earliest years I began to know God and relate to God through my parents, my family, my parish and school. I grew from my understanding as God as outside myself to God all around me. My prayer changed from trying to attract God's attention to recognising God already present in my life and in all around me.

God is not an abstract entity. God is continually revealed in the Scriptures. The words of Pope Francis this week struck home to me. He was meditating on how God has been revealed to us.

"All the mystery of Christian prayer is summarized here, in this word: to have the courage to call God with the name of Father. The liturgy also affirms it when, inviting us to recite Jesus' communal prayer, used the expression "we dare to say."

In fact, to call God with the name of "Father" is not in any way a fact taken for granted. We would have been led to use the highest titles, which seem to us more respectful of his transcendence. Instead, to invoke Him as "Father" puts us in a relationship of confidence with Him, as a child who turns to his father, knowing that he is loved and cared for by him. This is the great revolution that Christianity imprints in man's religious psychology.

The mystery of God, which always fascinates us and makes us feel small, does not, however, make us more afraid, it does not crush us; it does not make us anxious. "

What intimacy there is in this image of God. The Spirit in prayer helps me rediscover that I am loved and cared by God. Thank you Father for your overwhelming love for me. Give me the grace to rest in your love, to feel your love

Accommodation needed

A young and devout Catholic is urgently in need of temporary shelter. If you might be able to accommodate him, please contact the office or speak to one of the Priests

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, WORKSHOPS, BBQ AND MASS



100 CLUB WINNERS...!

May winners:

David Evans (17) and Noreen Egan (100)

June winners:

Felicity Tasker (74) and Sheila Schlarmann (69)

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are members of St. Mary Bredin Church and have a room for rent in our family home for the next year or so. We live in Thanington and the person renting would need some mode of transport such as a bike, motorbike or car as it is about 45-50mins walk into town from our house
 Call 01227-464449 Anemone and Deri Jones for more info.

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.

Last date: Sunday 18th June.

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

Altar Servers Summer Break Tuesday 8th August - Friday 11th August Woldingham, Surrey

This is an excellent few days for boy & girl servers aged 10-15. Meeting in a holiday atmosphere, activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass as well as sport, Chessington World of Adventures, Laser Elite, swimming.
 for info see: www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com
 or speak to Fr Daniel who has forms to fill in

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**

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

The Solitude Group meets at Greyfriars on the 3rd Saturday of the month, this Saturday, for a quiet morning of prayer. We begin with refreshments at 9.00am, followed by a short reflection, and then quiet time in the chapel or grounds. We end at 11.45am. Please see notice at the back of the Church for details



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**

DUSTY STATUES in the church...

would anyone be interested in helping to keep our statues dust free?! We are in need of people willing to commit a little time regularly to help with the dusting. If you could do this, please let Fr Anthony or Fr Daniel know - thank you

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, Hannelore Hall, Mary Dietrich, June Carver, Betty Steward, Catherine Packer, Francis Brown and Patty Baxter

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 Berecz and Evelyn Vaughan (funeral 12 noon 14th June)**

Offertory Collection weekend of 4th June was £1164.09 loose and £786.33 Gift Aided - totalling £1950.42 Thank You for your generosity