



# NEWSLETTER

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Parish Priest: Canon Anthony Charlton. Assistant Priest: Father Daniel Weatherley. Parish Deacon: Rev. David Avery.

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## TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Marguerite Pattenden - RIP (SVP)  
**Sunday 18th June - CORPUS CHRISTI** Jn 6: 51-58  
8am Peter Bull & Tim Quick - RIP (ACRB) Day for Life  
9.30am People of the Parish  
11am Francis & Margaret Brown - wellbeing (Brown)  
3pm Ongoing Formation - Confirmation Group - final session!  
6pm Leslie Armstrong - RIP (Armstrong)

**Monday 19th June - Feria** Mt 5: 38-42

7.30am Nichola - welfare of  
12 noon Romals De Silva - RIP  
7-9pm Eucharistic Adoration  
7-9pm Charismatic prayer group

**Tuesday 20th June - St Alban** Mt 5: 43-48

7.30am Private Intention  
12 noon Thomas Kirby - RIP (Buckenham)

**Wednesday 21st June - St Aloysius Gonzaga** Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

7.30am Welfare of Mary Jones and family  
10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)  
12 noon Abi pregnancy and safe delivery (Booth)  
7pm - 8.30pm Eucharistic Adoration  
7pm-8.30pm SVP meeting in the Upper room

**Thursday 22nd June - Ss John Fisher & Thomas More** Mt 6: 7-15

NO MORNING MASS  
12 noon David & Gladys Murphy - RIP (Murphy)  
Scripture Group after Mass  
8pm Prayer & Pub!

**Friday 23rd June - MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

Mt 11: 25-30  
12 noon Frances Furie - birthday wishes (Furie)  
Eucharistic Adoration after Mass 'til 1.30pm  
7.30pm 'A past friend' - RIP (Kendrick)  
Eucharistic Adoration after Mass 'til 9pm

**Saturday 24th June - Nativity of St John the Baptist** Lk 1: 57-66, 80

10.30 - 11.20 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Binoy)  
12 noon John Stratford (Stratford family)  
4.30 - 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)  
6pm (Vigil) Tony Cassidy - RIP (Johnson)

**Sunday 25th June - Twelfth Sunday (A)** Mt 10: 26-33

8am People of the Parish  
9.30am John Nolan - RIP  
11am Mary Jones - welfare (and birthday)  
12.15 Baptism: Nico Russell  
2.30pm Syromalabar Rite  
6pm Faccioli Rosanna - RIP (Madini)

## From Fr Anthony ...

We are experiencing great changes in Canterbury. We woke up on Friday 9th June to find we had a new MP, Rosie Duffield of the Labour Party, who won 25,572 votes, or 45% of the vote share, a majority of 187 on a 72.7% turnout. This coming Friday there is a farewell Mass and lunch that marks the closing of the Franciscan International Centre, Giles Lane after 40 years. The first Franciscans arrived in Canterbury in 1224 when St Francis was still alive.

This weekend we are celebrating the beautiful feast of Corpus Christ. We reflect on the great gift of the Mass sometimes referred to by the Greek word eucharisteo meaning Thanksgiving. As Anne Voskamp in her book, "One thousand gifts:" reminds us "the word, eucharisteo envelopes the Greek word for grace, charis. But it also holds its derivative, the Greek word character, meaning joy." Where do we find this deep joy? Only at the table of thanksgiving or the altar of sacrifice. When we celebrate Mass together we are joining ourselves to the death and resurrection of Jesus. We are joining our joys and sorrows to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This action enables us to see God in the here and now.

Albert Schweitzer said, "The greatest thing is to give thanks for everything. He who has learned this knows what it means to live...He has penetrated the whole mystery of life; giving thanks for everything." When we celebrate Mass together we are giving thanks to God for everything.

We give thanks for Mr Julian Brazier, a parishioner and the MP for the Canterbury constituency for 30 years, for his dedication and service to the people of Canterbury and Whitstable, and especially for his unwavering support for pro life issues. This has not always made him popular with many people.

We give thanks for the profound influence that the spirit of St Francis effected in the lives of many people associated with the study Centre over the forty years of its existence. Whatever the future holds we must allow ourselves to be filled with the same spirit that enabled Mary to cry out "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my saviour."

## 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](mailto:info@scys.org.uk)  
MUSIC, DRAMA, ART, WORKSHOPS, BBQ AND MASS

**TODAY IS 'DAY FOR LIFE'** - this is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the Day for Life collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church. *Our second collection today will support this endeavour*

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.

**PACT, the Catholic Charity for prisoners and their families,** ([www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk)) is offering free training and support for parishioners interested in volunteering with them in prisons or in the local community. No previous experience necessary. All enquiries welcome. To find out more, contact: [ParishAction@prisonadvice.org.uk](mailto:ParishAction@prisonadvice.org.uk)

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

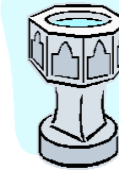
### Altar Servers Summer Break Tuesday 8th August - Friday 11th August Woldingham, Surrey

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](http://www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com) or speak to Fr Daniel who has forms to fill in



Could you give some time to help in our little shop? This important ministry needs more volunteers to keep it running. Please speak to Fr Anthony or Fr Daniel if you can help in any way - thank you

**Charismatic Prayer Group Mondays 7-9pm**  
**07780 025906**




Calling all parents who are wishing to have their children Baptised... our next preparation meeting will be on **Friday, 14th July**  
Please call the office to register and also please fill in a Registration Form in advance (available on our website or at the back of church)

Please take a look at our WEBSITE... We have changed a few things... **ANY SUGGESTIONS/FEEDBACK...?!**  
Please let one Fr Anthony or Fr Daniel know or e-mail the office  
*THANK YOU*

**The Solitude Group** meets at Greyfriars on the 3rd Saturday of the month 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



Please Notice This **Important Dates**  
 **Open Air Mass and Sunday 2nd July at 10:30am**  
**St Anselms School - this will be the ONLY DAYTIME MASS for this Sunday**

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

**Thank you!** to those who have offered their time to help with *dusting* the church! It is much appreciated.

**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, Patty Baxter, baby Ruan Shaker and Patrick Sims

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, Evelyn Vaughan and Roy Williams**

Offertory Collection weekend of 11th June was £933.83 loose and £584.74 Gift Aided - totalling £1518.57 Thank You for your generosity