



NEWSLETTER

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 (Closed for lunch between 12.15 - 1pm)



TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Bernard Herrington - RIP (*Enabore*)

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

Monday 5th June - St Boniface Mk 12: 1-12

7.30am Brendan Chima Ugwu - RIP

12 noon Vanessa Sheriston Baker - welfare

7.30pm MEETING - Parish Celebration

Tuesday 6th June - St Norbert Mk 12: 13-17

7.30am Elizabeth Rylands - RIP (*Silcock-Stone*)

12 noon Brian Dolan - RIP (*Sr Clifford*)

Wednesday 7th June - Feria Mk 12: 18-27

7.30am Patrick & Marie Davis (*Davis*)

10.30 - 11.30 *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)*

12 noon Martin Ward - RIP

7pm - 8.30pm *Adoration*

7pm-8.30pm *SVP meeting in the Upper room*

Thursday 8th June - Feria Mk 12: 28-34

7.30am Martin Rudenko - RIP

12 noon Patrick Sims - welfare

Scripture Group after Mass

8pm *Prayer & Pub!*

Friday 9th June - St Columba Mk 12: 35-37

12 noon Kack & Anthony Mongon & family (*Brown*)

Adoration after Mass

1.30pm *Benediction*

7.30pm Sean Donnelly - RIP (*Charlton*)

Adoration after Mass 'til 9pm

Saturday 10th June - Feria Mk 12: 38-44

10.30 - 11.20 *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)*

12 noon Joseph Jaconelli - RIP

4.30 - 5.30pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)*

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

From Fr Anthony ...

Each year we prepare for Pentecost with a novena of prayer just as Mary and the apostles after the Ascension waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit by remaining in the Upper Room. This group, huddled together and locked away were dispirited, fearful, discouraged disheartened and aimless, uncertain and at a loss about what was to happen next.

With the powerful descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles as a mighty wind and tongues of flame, there was a great transformation. These now became men and women filled with the spirit, courageous, enthusiastic, joyous, confident and full of faith. They went forth to tell the world about Jesus, making disciples and baptising. Their story is recounted in the Acts of the Apostles where the Holy Spirit is mentioned over 80 times. Despite persecution and death the Church grew and flourished led by the Spirit.

Every year as we celebrate Pentecost we are called to fan into a flame the gift of the Holy Spirit that we all received at Baptism and Confirmation. We are called to allow the Spirit to catch fire, come to life and fill our lives so that we can receive those gifts that we need to go out and live a spirit filled life. We can call this a baptism in the Holy Spirit. There is a great need in the world today for a clear proclamation of the Lordship of Jesus. This we do through word and action. I frequently return to a little book edited by Kilian McDonnell and George T Montague called "Faming the Flame". At the conclusion of the book they write the following. "The Spirit calls each of us and the church as a whole, after the pattern of Mary and the Apostles in the Upper room, to accept and embrace the baptism in the Holy Spirit as a power of personal and communal transformation with all the graces and charisma needed for the upbuilding of the church and for our mission in the world. This mission has its origin in the Father reaching through the Son in the Spirit to touch and transform the Church and the world to lead them in the Spirit through Christ back to the Father."

Come Holy Spirit, come and renew the face of the earth! Come Spirit of Life, Spirit of Communion and Love! The Church and the world need you. Come Holy Spirit and make ever more fruitful the charisms you have bestowed in us. Give new strength and missionary zeal to us in this parish of St Thomas. Open our hearts, renew our Christian commitment in the world. Make us courageous messengers of the Gospel, witnesses to the risen Christ and strengthen our love and our fidelity to the Church

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE: From time to time people meet to discuss progress upon issues such as reducing poverty, persecution, conflict, discrimination and environmental degradation - all dear to the heart of the Pope. The next such meeting will be from 2.00 to 4.00 pm on Sunday June 11th at the Area Bishop's house ("The Hermitage", More Park, West Malling ME19 6HN - near the Catholic Church and school). All are welcome!

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.
The dates are Sundays 11th June and 18th June.

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

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

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 Union of Catholic Mothers are holding their next meeting on the 11th of June all are most welcome to attend

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

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

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 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 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 28th May was £821.19 loose and £597.75 Gift Aided - totalling £1418.94 Thank You for your generosity