



NEWSLETTER

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Office open: Monday-Thursday 9am - 3pm Friday 9am - 1pm
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(Closed for lunch between 12.15 - 1pm)



PARISH MATTERS



Would you be able to bring an elderly parishioner, no longer able to get themselves to Mass, to church on Sundays? If you could help with this, please let one of the priests know. In particular, we are looking for someone from Thanington (without).



Help! Sunday 9.30 Mass, Coffee Rota
Helpers needed to prepare and serve refreshments after the 9.30 mass, once every seven weeks. We have a good, friendly team of helpers who are flexible about swapping dates. This service helps us to be a community. If you can help or need more information, please contact John and Marie-Claire, 01227 768848 or orjrenn2012@gmail.com



MASS INTENTIONS... there are a number of gaps in the diary going forward. If you would like a Mass said for a special intention, then please fill in an envelope at the back of church and drop through the door at the Presbytery.

CANTERBURY GREGORIAN MUSIC SOCIETY

THEODORE, HADRIAN and ALDHELM

Sunday 30th July 2.00-6.30

Minster Abbey, Minster, near Ramsgate, CT12 4HF

Parkminster Building arrive from 1.45

an afternoon of talks and chant, with afternoon tea and cakes

Finish by singing Vespers with the Benedictine Community

£5, members FREE, includes tea, cakes, music and hand-outs

PACT, the Catholic Charity for prisoners and their families,

(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



Prayer & Pub... a few changes

The time will now be 7.45pm and the evening will start in the Upper Room



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 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

Charismatic Prayer Group - change of venue...over the summer, we will meet in Sophie's home. Please call 07780 025906 for details. Mondays 7-9pm

From Fr Anthony ...

On Sunday Fr Daniel is celebrating the first anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. This gives us an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be an ordained priest. We all share in the priesthood of Christ through our baptism. At baptism the priest or deacon anointed us so that we shared in the life of Christ who is priest, prophet and king.

When a man is ordained priest he is anointed on the palms of his hands and the bishop says "The Lord Jesus Christ, whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit, guard and preserve you, that you may sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifices to God." This anointing is a symbol of the anointing with the Holy Spirit which took place through the imposition of hands and the prayer of ordination. It also symbolises the priest's distinctive participation in Christ's priesthood by the sacrifice he will offer with his hands.

At his ordination the newly ordained priest promises the bishop to "discharge the office of priesthood in the presbyteral rank as worthy fellow workers with the Order of Bishops."

He promises to exercise the ministry of the Word worthily and wisely, preaching the Gospel and teaching the Catholic faith.

He promises to celebrate faithfully and reverently the mysteries of Christ handed down by the Church, especially the sacrifice of the Eucharist and the sacrament of Reconciliation, for the glory of God and the sanctification of the Christian people.

He promises to implore God's mercy upon the people entrusted to their care by observing the command to pray without ceasing.

Finally he promises to be united more closely every day to Christ the High Priest, who offered himself for us to the Father as a pure sacrifice and to consecrate themselves to God for the salvation of all. This he does in co-operation with the people of God.

When I laid prostrate on the floor at my own ordination at St Bede's Church, Clapham Park forty two years ago I knew that I, as a weak and flawed man, could in no way carry out any of the above promises without the grace of the Holy Spirit. Today let us pray for all priests with these words: "Holy Father, you have chosen men to share in the eternal priesthood of your Son, Jesus and to serve the people of God. Grant that they be ardent yet gentle preachers of the gospel and faithful stewards of your mysteries. Amen"

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

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) People of the Parish

Sunday 16th July - Fifteenth Sunday (A) Mt13: 1-23

8am Christine Edwards - welfare (Charlton)

9.30am Patrick Cawley - RIP (Burton)

11am Fr Daniel Weatherley - 1st Anniv. of Ordination

12.15 Baptism: Jacob Wayne Davies

6pm Geoff Smart - welfare (Charlton)

Monday 17th July - Feria Mt 10: 34 11:1

7.30am Joan Macmillan - RIP

12 noon Funeral: Patrick Simms in the church also

David Riley at Barham Crematorium

7-9pm Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 18th July - Feria Mt 11: 20-24

7.30am Fr Daniel - intentions (Elliott)

12 noon Ann Hill - RIP (Hill)

Wednesday 19th July - Feria Mt 11: 25-27

7.30am Welfare of baby Elias & family (Sawa)

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Binoy)

12 noon Gay O'Sullivan - RIP

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

7pm-8.30pm SVP meeting in the Upper room

Thursday 20th July - St Apollinaris Mt 11: 28-30

NO EARLY MORNING MASS

12 noon Alan & Veronica - Golden Wedding!

Scripture Group after Mass

7.45pm Prayer & Pub! BEGINS IN THE UPPER ROOM

Friday 21st July - St Lawrence of Brindisi Mt 12: 1-8

12 noon Ivan Gornes 90th Birthday (Pereira)

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass

7.30pm Magda's intention

Saturday 22nd July - St Mary Magdalene Jn 20: 1-2 11-18

10.30 - 11.20 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)

12 noon Patrick Mulholland - welfare (Gill)

2pm Wedding: Michael Richards & Emma Jedrejak

4.30 - 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

6pm (Vigil) Hermin & Philo Correa - RIP (Norhona)

Sunday 23rd July - Sixteenth Sunday (A) Mt 13: 24-43

8am Tracy Richards - RIP (Jaconelli)

9.30am Catherine Cawley - RIP (Burton)

11am People of the Parish

2.30pm Syromalabar Rite

6pm Eileen & Tom Scott - intentions (Kerr)

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



Might you be interested in spending a year doing something completely different?... The Columbans are seeking to appoint a new 'Faith in Action Volunteer' to begin September 2017. This will be a year of personal development and growth based in Birmingham, putting faith into action through projects connected to refugees/asylum, inter religious dialogue, and justice and peace education.

The year will include a significant overseas visit (previous volunteers have visited the Philippines or the US/Mexico borderlands) for further information, go to: www.columbans.co.uk or e-mail: education@columbans.co.uk

Please remember in your prayers: Gloria Soar, Suzy Drayson, Agnes Daly, Theresa Punnett, Lorna Feeney, Toni-Lee D'Amiral, Charles Ryan, 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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Nina and Ray Jones, John Earl, Clifford Alder, Tony Cassidy, Romali De Silva, Zoya Berecz, Evelyn Vaughan, Roy Williams, David Riley (Funeral: 17th July midday at Barham Crematorium), Patrick Simms (Funeral: 17th July midday at St Thomas' church), Fr Peter Ryman and Vivianne Brunet

Offertory Collection weekend of 9th July was £1044.14 loose and £616.28 Gift Aided - totalling £1660.42 Thank You for your generosity