



NEWSLETTER

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TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

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

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)

Monday 24th July - St Sharbel Makhluif Mt 12: 38-42

7.30am John-Paul Glynn - RIP

12 noon Vivianne Brunet - RIP

7-9pm Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 25th July - St James, Apostle Mt 20: 20-28

7.30am Fr Stephen Boyle - welfare (Charlton)

12 noon Kathleen & Marie Warne - RIP (Murphy)

Wednesday 26th July - Ss Joachim & Anne parents of BVM

Mt 13: 1-9

7.30am Patty Baxter - welfare (Reynolds)

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)

12 noon Bernard Egan - RIP

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

7pm-8.30pm SVP meeting in the Upper room

Thursday 27th July - Feria Mt 13: 10-17

7.30am Joy John - RIP (Tharayil)

12 noon Eric Williams - RIP (Evans)

Scripture Group after Mass - last meeting until September

8pm Prayer & Pub!

Friday 28th July - Feria Mt 13: 18-23

12 noon Lily Sullivan (Sullivan)

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass

7.30pm Magda's intention

Saturday 29th July - St Martha Lk 10: 38-42

10.30 - 11.20 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12 noon Joan McCutcheon - RIP (Charlton)

4.30 - 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)

6pm (Vigil) Carr Family (Josie Carr)

Sunday 30th July - Seventeenth Sunday (A) Mt 13: 44-52

8am People of the Parish

9.30am May Ewings - RIP (Egan)

and Sarah Sillitoes's First Holy Communion

11am Holy Souls

6pm Priests' intention

From Fr Anthony ...

Parliament is in recess, our schools finished last week for the summer and many of us are off on holiday. It is good to have some down time. Yet the temptation is to fill these weeks with other business or busyness. This could be anything from DIY projects at home, visiting friends, improving the garden. But the summer break can be a time for finding some stillness in our day. Let's try to be still. This can help our prayer. As we read in the psalm 46 v 10 "Be still and know that I am God." Let's try resting and being in the present. We can leave all plans, worries and projects to one side. We can just be in the present moment. There we can become aware of the presence of God. Holiday time gives us more opportunities to sit and just be. To be more aware of our surroundings, whether we are sitting on a beach, watching a sunrise or sunset, sitting in our back garden sipping from a glass of cold water, allowing ourselves to be aware of the beauty that surrounds us. We don't need lots of words to pray. We can sit in silence and let God's spirit to pray in us.

Let us put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful time of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace, safety and stillness. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of a summertime.

*Lord God, Creator of all things,
guide our steps and strengthen our hearts,
during these months of summer and vacation days.*

*Grant us moments of stillness and silence when
your spirit prays in us.*

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH MATTERS

Please note... The office will be **CLOSED** between 24th July to 7th August. Urgent matters only to the clergy between these dates, thank you



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. Thank you



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

Dear Parents of children who are in Year 3 from September you can now register your child for the 2018 First Communion programme - forms need to be in by November 19th. Forms are at the back of the church.

First Reconciliation is on Saturday 17th March 2018.

First Communion day is Sunday May 13th.

First Parents meeting is on Monday 4th December.

The first children meeting is on Sunday 14th January at 9am!



There will be no coffee/refreshments after 9.30 mass during the month of August. We will see you again on Sunday 3rd September.

We are still looking for someone to join our preparation team, every couple of months. If you can help or need more information, please contact John and Marie-Claire Renn, 01227 768848 or jrenn2012@gmail.com



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).



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

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



Calling all parents who are wishing to have their children Baptised... our next preparation meeting will be on Friday, 11th August at 9.30am

Please call the office to make sure we have your name and also please fill in a Registration Form in advance (available on our website or at the back of church)

Thank you



Prayer & Pub... a few changes

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



Journey in Faith (RCIA)

Any adult who wants to know more about becoming a Catholic, or an adult who has been baptised as a Catholic but has not yet made their First Communion or not been Confirmed, might like to join our journey in faith group this coming October.

There are forms at the back of the church or talk to Fr Anthony or Fr Daniel

Young Catholic Adult Weekend @ Douai Abbey 20th -22nd Oct 2017

Are you 18-40, do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn its devotions and meet like minded people? Young Catholic Adults are organizing a weekend at Douai Abbey in Berkshire) with Lawrence Lew O.P., and Canon Poucin ICKSP. You'll be able to hear catechetical talks, learn how to sing Gregorian Chant, say the Rosary, socialize and have fun. Book soon as places are limited!

To book go to:- To Book: <https://v1.bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2017>

For more details go to:- www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm. Prices start from £18.50

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, Frank Johnson

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, Patrick Simms, Fr Peter Ryman, Vivianne Brunet and John-Paul Glynn

Offertory Collection weekend of 16th July was £922.74 loose and £558.81 Gift Aided - totalling £1481.55 Thank You for your generosity