



NEWSLETTER

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TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

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)

11am Holy Souls

6pm Private intentions

Monday 31st July - St Ignatius of Loyola Mt 13: 31-35

7.30am Baby Athena Philpott (Austen)

12 noon

7-9pm Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 1st August - St Alphonsus Liguori Mt 13: 36-43

12 noon Pat Balshaw - welfare

Wednesday 2nd August - St Eusebius of Vercelli Mt 13: 44-46

7.30am

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)

12 noon Timothy Pierce - RIP

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass

7pm-8.30pm SVP meeting in the Upper room

7.30pm Social Group Committee - meeting in the hall

Thursday 3rd August - Feria Mt 13: 47-53

7.30am Brendan Chima Ugwu - RIP

12 noon Frances & Michael-Joe - RIP

Scripture Group after Mass

7.45pm Prayer & Pub!

Friday 4th August - St John Vianney Mt 13: 54-58

12 noon Winifred Cobb - welfare

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass

7.30pm

Saturday 5th August - Feria Mt 14: 1-12

10.30 - 11.20 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)

12 noon Rose Wilkins - RIP

4.30 - 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

6pm (Vigil) People of the Parish

Sunday 6th August - TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Mt 17: 1-9

8am Winnie D'Souza - RIP

9.30am UCM Members & families

11am Thanksgiving (Gurubatham-Kenny)

12.15 Baptism: Luis & Freya Cross

3pm Filipino Mass

6pm People of the Parish

From Fr Anthony ...

In the newsletter this week there are reminders for parents to think about the next stage of initiation for their children. Now is the time to register for the First Holy Communion and Reconciliation programme. Now is the time to sign up your teenage son or daughter for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. These sacraments are not private moments for the family and the young person involved. These events are about the young person growing closer to Jesus and becoming a more active part of the Church. We can go through the motions of attending meetings and making sure to turn up for Sunday Mass. On the day there will be a fine celebration for family and friends. There will be new clothes, perhaps a party or a special meal, some presents and a wonderful affirmation of our children's value and worth. This is part of what it means to be a Catholic. There is a danger it is merely seen and experienced as part of the Catholic Culture. The thing Catholics do. Yet after a period of intense preparation and a wonderful day of celebration what has indeed changed in the lives of our young people, in the lives of the parents and in the lives of the people of the parish? Are they any different? Has anything developed in their lives? How have they grown in faith? The stories that Jesus told in the past weeks, the parables we have heard in the Gospel each Sunday, have been given to us so that by listening to them they can effect change in us. We need to be constantly changing into the person that God wants us to be. This we can call conversion. Conversion is a life long challenge for every member of this parish and for everyone in the church. It is a matter of allowing God to work in us, gradually converting our lives more and more to gospel values, shaping us more and more into the image of Christ. As a parish and as priests, parents and catechists we are charged with the responsibility of providing the environment and opportunity for our young people to experience God and to hear his call to them to grow more and more like Christ.

We still have a lot of gaps in the diary for MASS INTENTIONS
Please consider asking for a Mass to be said.

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



A thank you for us from Catching Lives...

"I would like to thank you very much, on behalf of Catching Lives, for the recent generous donation of £949.88... please pass on our thanks to all who helped raise this.

"... Every person who seeks help from Catching Lives has a different and often tragic story and is looking for a helping hand where others have turned them away. Although we provide daily human needs such as food, showers, laundry facilities and clothing, our aim is to help them get back to society and towards a new beginning.

"Thank you again and we very much appreciate the support we receive from the Church of St Thomas".

We will be looking to support this worthy charity again this year - all support is gratefully appreciated. Thank you to all.

Charismatic Prayer Group - There will be **NO MEETING** at Sophie's home this coming Monday (31 Aug).
For information please call 07780 025906

Please come to the first meeting of "Making the most of our assets" Tuesday 8th August in St Thomas's hall at 7pm



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 !

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

A Thank you from the Apostleship of the sea... I have wonderful news to share with you! I have received the collection taken at St Thomas of Canterbury - a very generous £916.52! Which is their best ever since 2003...

So your contribution represents:

£50 will pay for enough fuel for a chaplain to visit 12 ships or 250 seafarers therefore £700 will pay for 168 ships or 3360 seafarers this coming year

And 40 seafarers to receive a phone card to contact their family back home. You can imagine what a difference this will make for them... It's always good to see where the money could go and I would like to thank all the parishioners



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

New...! Anselm Study circle

A new group to discuss in depth theological issues based on articles published in scholarly journals like Communio or Concilium

The first meeting will be 2nd October 2017 - further details to follow or contact, via email, Prof Ghazwan Butrous
G.butrous@kent.ac.uk

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

For young people 18-40 - Young Catholic Adults are organizing a weekend at Douai Abbey in Berkshire) with Lawrence Lew O.P., and Canon Poucin ICKSP. Book soon as places are limited!

To Book: <https://v1.bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2017>
For more details :- www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm.
Prices start from £18.50

PUGIN WEEK: 7th - 14th September 2017

A festival to celebrate the great Catholic revivalist Augustus Pugin. You are invited to St Augustine's, Ramsgate, to events through the week. Full Programme available shortly.

CONFIRMATION 2018

Initial Registration Forms (for young people in Year 9 and above from September this year) are now available at the back of church. Please talk to Fr Daniel for further information



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

Please remember in your prayers: Gloria Soar, Suzy Drayson, Agnes Daly, Theresa Punnett, Lorna Feeny, 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, John-Paul Glynn and Ronald Colbeck

Offertory Collection weekend of 23rd July was £945.38 loose and £521.50 Gift Aided - totalling £1466.88 Thank You for your generosity