



NEWSLETTER

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TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Winifride & David Browing - RIP
Sunday 27th August - Twenty First Sunday (A) Mt 16: 13-20
 8am Margie Scott-Winlow - RIP (Silcock-Stone)
 9.30am Victor Dodds - RIP (Dodds)
 11am Dennis Willis - RIP (Smith)
 2.30pm Syromalabar Rite
 6pm People of the Parish

2nd collection
 today for SVP

Monday 28th August - St Augustine Mt 19: 16-22

NO MORNING MASS

12 noon Monica Tett - welfare

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday 29th August - Passion of St John the Baptist Mk 6: 17-29

7.30am Deceased members of Galea & Hili families (Hili)

12 noon Sr Margaret

Wednesday 30th August - Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward Mt 23: 27-32

7.30am Frs. Anthony, Daniel and Binoy

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)

12 noon Funeral: Baby Ruan Shaker

7-8.30pm Eucharistic Adoration in Church

NO SVP meeting TONIGHT

Thursday 31st August - St Aidan & Ss of Lindisfarne Mt 24: 42-51

NO MORNING MASS

12 noon Intention of Margaret Armstrong - RIP (Armstrong)

Scripture Group after Mass

Friday 1st September - Feria Mt 25: 1-13

12 noon Zhao Xiang Yuan - RIP

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass and Benediction 1.30pm

7.30pm Eileen Kaye

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass 'til 9pm

Saturday 2nd September - Feria Mt 25: 14-30

10.30 - 11.20 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12 noon Liz Lynch (Tett)

4.30 - 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)

6pm (Vigil) David Heap - RIP (Heap)

Sunday 3rd September - Twenty Second Sunday (A)

8am Joan Whilley

9.30am Ronald & Dorrien Wainwright - RIP (Pitcock)

11am People of the Parish

6pm Maureen Pepper - RIP (Pepper)

From Fr Anthony ...

The bishops of England and Wales will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool next year, 7-9 September 2018. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. For the National Congress our diocese of Southwark has been allocated 570 places.

Along with every other parish in the diocese we have been invited to choose two delegates to represent our parish. The chosen delegates need to go to Liverpool, participate in the Congress and return to share the benefits that they will have taken from the gathering. Ideally, the delegates should be involved in the life and mission of their parish and be able to take a lead in exploring and implementing the Congress themes of 'Eucharist' and 'Journey'. Participants will engage in a series of sessions focusing on different dimensions of the Eucharist and the daily celebration and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. On the first day of the Congress, there will be a Theological Symposium, with workshops for parish catechists, (especially for those involved in First Holy Communion programs), RE teachers, Hospital and Prison Chaplains, Seminary Communities and Extraordinary Ministers. The sessions will focus on: Scripture Ecclesiology Eucharistic Language and Catechesis Rites and Music for Eucharistic Adoration

The Echo Arena in Liverpool - which can accommodate 10,000 pilgrims - will be the home to a six-hour stage programme on the second day of the Congress, which will include a Congress Mass, keynote speakers and a drama highlighting the beauty of reverence and devotion. The day will conclude with Adoration. On the final day of the Pilgrimage and Congress, Sunday, there will be pilgrimage Masses and a street procession - open to all.

In his Pastoral Letter to the Diocese of Westminster for the solemnity of Corpus Christi, Cardinal Nichols wrote: "We seek to rejuvenate Eucharistic adoration in our parishes as the source of strength for our lives and for our mission, that of making present the love and compassion of Jesus in our society."

Ahead of the Eucharistic Congress in Genoa in 2016, Pope Francis encouraged everyone to visit the Blessed Sacrament, if possible, every day: "Moreover, I want to encourage everyone to visit - if possible, every day - especially amid life's difficulties, the Blessed Sacrament of the infinite love of Christ and His mercy, preserved in our churches, and often abandoned, to speak filially with Him, to listen to Him in silence, and to peacefully entrust yourself to Him." The Eucharistic Congress held in Liverpool has been given the title Adoremus (let us adore). This pilgrimage will bring people together from across the dioceses and further the service of the poor and marginalised in our midst. It will also aim to provide practical resources to develop the mission of the Church in prayer, contemplation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

PARISH MATTERS



Calling all parents who are wishing to have their children Baptised... our next preparation meeting will be on **Friday, 15th September 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



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.

The Salvation Army is still collecting for refugees in northern France. They need: sleeping bags, blankets, s/m mens jeans, s/m mens tops, mens socks or items suitable for a first aid kit Drop off weekdays mornings at the Salvation Army. Thank you



Our Parish will again be participating in the 'Ride +Stride for Churches' on Saturday 9th September. Sponsorship forms are in the porch raise money for your parish by cycling or walking, visiting Kent churches and chapels in Canterbury and surrounding areas. You can plan your route with the list of participating churches on the porch notice board

CONFIRMATION 2018

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



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 from October.

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

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

FOOD BANK... thank you to all who give to this important collection. Currently, the Food Bank is short of: **Jams, Fruit Juices, Tinned Peas and Tinned Carrots.** If you feel able to give, please consider these items. Thank you!

Aylesford Day of Renewal, Saturday 9th September
 Poster at the back of church for further details

OUR PARISH DIRECTORY

our latest Parish Directory, highlighting all our societies and contact details is now available on our website or at the back of church. Please feel free to check our entries and let the office know if there are any omissions or errors. But, more importantly, come and support our Ministries!

There is much going on - probably more than you realise... get involved and add **your** energy to **our** community!

SVP - the 2nd collection TODAY is for SVP. Gift Aid envelopes (especially for the organisation) are available from the collector. Please give as generously as you can - this organisation supports those in need locally. thank you

URGENT REQUEST: From Sr Claire Knowles "single lady, aged 36, practising Catholic, to be homeless in one week, seeks a room in female household until December. Non-smoker, non-drinker with good reference. Will contribute her share of all bills. If you might be able to help, please telephone Lucy on +4477 1262 7973"

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

For young people 18-40 - Young Catholic Adults are organizing a faith and knowledge deepening weekend at Douai Abbey (Berkshire) with Lawrence Lew O.P., and Canon Poucin ICKSP.

To book:- <https://v1.bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2017>
 For more details:- www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm

Book soon as places are limited! Prices start from £18.50

Celebration! at St George's Cathedral Saturday 4th November with **David Wells** keynote speaker info at the back of church

ANNUAL DIOCESAN DAY FOR ALL CATECHISTS - You are invited to join other Catechists from the Diocese at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 23 September 2017 for workshops and Mass. If you are interested please see poster at the back of Church or speak to Fr Anthony or Fr Daniel.

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, Francis Brown, Patty Baxter, Frank Johnson, Kathleen Hutchinson

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Ronald Colbeck, John-Paul Glynn, Betty Steward, Jean Baillie, baby Ruan Shaker, Catherine Packer (Kath) and Mary Franklin

Offertory Collection weekend of 20th August was £1246.49 loose and £647.79 Gift Aided - totalling £1894.28. Thank You for your generosity