



NEWSLETTER

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TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) People of the Parish

Sunday 6th August - TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Mt 17: 1-9

8am Winnie D'Souza - RIP (Flanagan)

9.30am UCM Members & families

11am Thanksgiving (Gurubatham-Kenny)

12.15 Baptism: Luis & Freya Cross

3pm Filipino Mass

6pm Thanksgiving to the Father of All Mankind (Silcock-Stone)

Monday 7th August - St Sixtus II Mt 14: 13-21

7.30am For Special Intentions/Help

12 noon Deacon David & Brigit - Thanksgiving (Tessa)

7-9pm Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 8th August - St Dominic Mt 15: 1-2, 10-14

7.30am Hilda Long RIP

12 noon Denis & Jerry Corcoran - RIP (Corcoran)

Wednesday 9th August - St Teresa Benedicta Mt 15: 21-28

7.30am Michael Orth - welfare

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)

12 noon Romali & Margie de Silva - RIP

7-8.30pm Eucharistic Adoration in Church

NO SVP meeting TONIGHT

Thursday 10th August - St Lawrence Jn 12: 24-26

7.30am Judy Lynch - RIP

12 noon Funeral of Ronald Colbeck

Scripture Group after Mass

Friday 11th August - St Clare Mt 16: 24-28

12 noon John Davis (Davis Family)

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass and Benediction 1.30pm

7.30pm James Kunnasseril - RIP (Jimmy)

Eucharistic Adoration until 9pm

Saturday 12th August - St Jane Frances de Chantal Mt 17: 14-20

10.30 - 11.20 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12 noon Colin Stavely - RIP

4.30 - 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Binoy)

6pm (Vigil) John Hamilton - RIP (Tina)

Sunday 13th August - Nineteenth Sunday (A)

8am For the People of the Parish

9.30am Megan Bridget Rembridge - RIP (Joyce)

11am Holy Souls

and Baptism: Keandra Goulden

6pm Michael Orth - welfare

From Fr Anthony ...

This past week I have been in Walsingham, Norfolk for the New Dawn Charismatic Conference. Walsingham has been a place of pilgrimage since the eleventh century. In 1061 Our Lady appeared to a Saxon noblewoman, Richeldis de Faverches and asked her to build a replica of the house of the Holy Family at Nazareth in honour of the Annunciation. After the Dissolution of the monasteries in 1538 everything was destroyed. A great revival took place at the beginning of the twentieth century. There is now an Anglican shrine near the ruins of the Abbey and the Catholic shrine is based around the Slipper Chapel, a mile away. For Catholics Walsingham it is the National Shrine of Our Lady. It isn't the easiest place to reach nevertheless hundreds came for the 31st Annual Charismatic Conference. The opening talk was by Michelle Moran who has just stepped down this year as the President of the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service ICCRS. She is chairwoman of the English National Service Committee. She recalled the gathering with the Pope in Rome this last Pentecost, to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Catholic renewal. Pope Francis talked about charismatic renewal as a current of grace in the Church and in the world. Michelle encouraged us to let the Holy Spirit carry us further. She sees this as a wonderful time of the Holy Spirit in the Church when things are stepping up. She reminded us that the Pope needs our help. He said "Share with all the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, praise God ceaselessly, walk together with Christians of different churches and Christian communities in prayer and in action for those most in need." There was a youth section of the conference and I spent two hours with them hearing their confessions. That same evening, with its theme of Reconciliation, I and other priests were hearing confessions for two and half hours. On another evening, Ugandan priest Fr John Basabora led a service of healing. He reminded us that we are saints on a journey but not yet perfect. We need to receive what God has already given us. The theme of the conference was "Perfect love casts out fear" and Charles Whithead reminded us of this when he said that we must not allow any fear to prevent us from doing God's will and allowing the Spirit to work in our lives. As with any conference, retreat or time away ending is like coming down from the mountain. We face the ordinary but with a renewed heart and a fresh spirit.

PARISH MATTERS



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



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 !

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

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.

100 CLUB WINNER!

Congratulations to the following £20 winners:

July: Chris Richmond (No. 45) and Mark Bateson (No. 46)

Aug: Nora King (No.55) and Hannelore Hall (No. 83)

SPONSORED WALK: Celia Welch recently successfully completed her sponsored walk in aid of Headway. If you sponsored her please leave any money owed in a clearly marked envelope at the Presbytery/Office.

Thank you from: Canterbury Cathedral for the Translation Mass collection of £331.75.

SVP

Please note that the SVP are having break during August and meetings will re-commence on 06 September 2017. Phone calls and referrals will be taken as usual.

BLESSED OSCAR ROMERO

A Centenary Mass followed by drinks and a screening of the documentary "The Claim" (depicting the martyrdom of Romero) will take place at St George's Cathedral on Saturday, Aug 12th at 12h30. Further information see Romero Trust Website or the poster at the back of the Church.

PRAYER VIGIL - Helpers of God's Precious Infants at Maidstone 08 Sept 2017. See poster at back of Church for Details.

DIVINE MERCY RETREATS - Ponders End and Kilburn, London Please see posters at the back of the Church for details.

LUTHER 500 Commemoration Talks at St Peter's Methodist Church Canterbury 27 Sept to 25 Oct. Please see poster at the back of Church for details

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

There will be no coffee/refreshments after 9.30 mass during the month of August. 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

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



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, Angelina 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:

Romali De Silva, Evelyn Vaughan, Roy Williams, David Riley, Patrick Simms, Fr Peter Ryman, Vivianne Brunet, Ronald Colbeck and John-Paul Glynn

Thank you from: Bernard Packer for prayers for and visits to Catherine

Offertory Collection weekend of 30th July was £1038.95 loose and £831.67 Gift Aided - totalling £1870.62. Thank You for your generosity