



NEWSLETTER

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TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Dilein & Waclawski families (Maciej)
Sunday 17th September - Twenty-fourth Sunday (A) Mt 18: 21-25
8am Wally Thundow - RIP
9.30am Tita Riley - in thanksgiving
11am Kath Packer - RIP (Nolan)
6pm People of the Parish

2nd collection
today for Home
Mission Sunday

Monday 18th September - St Edith of Kemsing Lk 7: 1-10

7.30am Maureen & Kenny West (Martin)
12 noon Ron Colbeck - RIP
7-9pm Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 19th September - St Theodore of Canterbury Lk 7:11-17

7.30am The West Cousins (Marin)
12 noon Sheila Little (Clare Little)

Wednesday 20th September - St Andrew Kim Tae-gon Lk 7: 31-35

NO MORNING MASS
10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)
12 noon Joseph Evans (Evans)
7-8.30pm Eucharistic Adoration in Church
SVP meeting TONIGHT

Thursday 21st September - St Matthew, Apostle Mt 9: 9-13

NO MORNING MASS
12 noon Joao Ferreira - welfare
Scripture Group after Mass
7.45pm Prayer & Pub

Friday 22nd September - Feria Lk 8: 1-3

12 noon Tony Deverson - RIP
Eucharistic Adoration after Mass and Benediction 1.30pm
7.30pm Holy Souls
Eucharistic Adoration after Mass 'til 9pm

Saturday 23rd September - St Pius (Padre Pio) Lk 8: 4-15

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)
12 noon Sean Clancy - intentions
1.30pm Wedding: Jennie Delaney & Michael Arnold
3pm ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE
4.30 - 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)
6pm (Vigil) For England, the Dowry of Mary

Sunday 24th September - Twenty-fifth Sunday (A) Mt 20: 1-16a

8am People of the Parish
9.30am Tita Riley - in thanksgiving
11am Our Lady's Dowry - England (anon)
12.15 Baptism: Evie Vince
2.30pm Syromalabar Rite
6pm Holy Souls

2nd collection today for
SVP

From Fr Anthony ...

Last week while visiting family in Co Cork, Ireland, I visited several cemeteries praying for my grandparents, aunts, and uncles. One graveyard was on the edge of town and two others seemed to be in the middle of nowhere. It was salutary walking among the ancient gravestones. These visits were a chance for me to reflect on my own life and inevitable death. We read in Psalm 90 "Seventy years is the span of our days or eighty if we are strong." According to statistics in the UK, in 2013 - 2015 a man aged 65 had a further 18.5 years of life remaining and a woman 20.9 years. The most common age of death in the UK for men was 85 years and for women was 89 years. Obviously we could die at anytime and the gospel encourages us to be ready "Keep awake therefore, for you neither know the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). In the second reading this Sunday St Paul writes to the Romans "If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord."

I realised it is most important for me to remember to live each moment as a gift. I need to live in the present and enjoy the moment. I mustn't allow myself to be full of regrets about the past or anxious about what might be. It is easy enough to ponder on past mistakes, failures and missed opportunities.

Lord I thank you for this moment, the gift of this day. By the gift of your grace I give myself totally to you. May I belong to you. May I live for you and die for you. Amen.

PARISH MATTERS

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.

date for your diary... BARN DANCE
Saturday, 18th November at St Anselm's School
in aid of HCPT Group 87

Discovering Priesthood Day (ages 10-19)
St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate
Saturday, 30th September 11am - 4.30pm
(info poster at back of church)

TODAY the second collection is for the Catholic Home Mission. The money received ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic faith. There are Family Prayer Maps available at the back of church! please take one



Calling ALL Altar Servers! those already serving and those who might be interested
Servers Practice, Saturday 23rd September 3pm for ALL, please make every effort to attend!

Speak to Fr Daniel via the office for info/questions

also... **Senior Servers Meeting, Saturday 7th October at 3pm** (Fr Daniel will contact those for whom this is relevant)

FROM FR ANTHONY, please note: all parents who wish priests of the parish to sign their child's supplementary form for St Anselm's school or Saint Thomas of Canterbury School, should make an appointment at the office to see the priest individually. Please do not ask the priest to sign these forms after Mass on Sunday. Thank you very much

CONFIRMATION 2018

begins very soon! but it is not too late to register if you are in school Year 9 or above. Registration Forms are still available at the back of church. Hand in to church office ASAP !!



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 - CHANGE OF DATE

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 **7pm Sunday 15th October 2017** - in the Upper Room after 6pm Mass. Contact, via email, Prof Ghazwan Butrous: G.butrous@kent.ac.uk

Amateur theatre company Phoebus Fire are presenting a modern production of Shakespeare's The Tempest in aid of our local homeless charity Catching Lives. The play is set in the modern day and on the street.

Tickets for most performances are £12, and must be booked through the Catching Lives website: <https://www.catchinglives.org>. Tour dates:
15th Sep: St Mary's Arts Centre, Sandwich 7:30pm
16th Sep: St Mary of Charity, Faversham 7:30pm
19th Sep: The Marlowe Studio, Canterbury 8:00pm
22nd Sep: The Old Kent Market, Margate 7:30pm
24th Sep: Central Bandstand, Herne Bay (matinee) 2:30pm No tickets; payment by donation
30th Sep: St Mary Bredin, Canterbury 7:30pm
Note that the Herne Bay matinee on Sept 24th is unticketed; payment by donation.

Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio www.heavensroadfm.com is broadcasting new series on Poverty: including topics like the Hungry; Homeless; Lonely; Sick and Dying; Prisoners; Refugees; Lost and Parentless Children; Slavery; no religious freedom; lack of education; trapped in War zones; those trapped in Debt; those in Sin. Programmes start on Sunday 1st October. But it's not too late, if you've a story to tell as an individual or parish or diocese and would like to get involved, please email admin@heavensroadfm.com
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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. Come and support our Ministries! There is much going on - probably more than you realise... get involved and add your energy to our community!

Free Training at Catching Lives... open to anyone interested in finding out more about each topic and how it relates to homelessness - may be of particular use to those intending to volunteer at the Winter Night Shelter. Each course is free of charge, and you will receive a certificate on completion.

Venue: Catching Lives day-centre 13 Station Road East, Canterbury CT1 2RB. No parking on site.
INFORMATION AT THE BACK OF CHURCH



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.

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, 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, Mary Franklin, Catherine Packer (Kath) and Mary Fleming

Offertory Collection weekend of 10th September was £1192.68 loose and £735.5 Gift Aided - totalling £1928.18. Thank You for your generosity