



# NEWSLETTER

**CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY**  
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St Thomas' Shop (462896): open Sunday mornings & weekdays (Times on Shop Door)

Parish Priest: Canon Anthony Charlton. Assistant Priest: Father Daniel Weatherley. Parish Deacon: Rev. David Avery.

Also assisting: Fr. George Marsden.

St Anselm's Catholic Secondary School: Head Teacher: Mr Michael Walters (01227 826200);

St Thomas' Catholic Primary School: Head Teacher: Miss Lisa D'Agostini (01227 462539)

University of Kent Chaplain: Fr Peter Geldard (Telephone/Facsimile: 01227 462198 : Mobile 07970 228762)

Office open: Monday-Thursday 9am - 3pm Friday 9am - 1pm  
for all enquiries, appointments, bookings & all parish business  
(Closed for lunch between 12.15 - 1pm)



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



Your patience is requested... our office is currently only being manned by 'goodwill'! for the next month. Please be kind and patient - thank you!



Calling all parents who are wishing to have their children Baptised... our next preparation meeting will be on **Friday, 13th October 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

Do your nearest and dearest know your wishes for your funeral? This may seem like a taboo subject for many, but for those left after your death having your wishes to hand can make that particular decision making much easier. The Catholic Church in England and Wales have put together a leaflet to help with this process. Available at the back of church

### PARISH AGM

Thank you to all who attended our AGM last week. Lively discussions took place. The main points of will be on our Parish Website.  
More to follow.....

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, 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, Rosa Maria Santos

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), Mary Fleming, Maria Rosaria Adorisio and John Sullivan

Offertory Collection weekend of 24th September was £1,144.22 loose and £743.25 Gift Aided - totalling £1,887.47. Thank You for your generosity

### TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) For Hugh (anon)  
**Sunday 1st October - Twenty-sixth Sunday (A) Mt 21: 28-32**

8am People of the Parish  
9.30am Nellie Ryan - RIP  
11am Chris Silcock (Silcock-Stone)  
3pm Filipino Mass  
6pm Patrick Heren - intentions

CAFOD Fast Day - envelopes at the back of church

**Monday 2nd October - The Holy Guardian Angels Mt 18: 1-5.10**

7.30am Michal Orth  
12 noon Teresa de Lacy - RIP (Stockdale)  
4pm Reception of body into church  
7-9pm Eucharistic Adoration  
7pm Charismatic Prayer and Bible study group - Upper Room

**Tuesday 3rd October - Feria Lk 9: 51-56**

7.30am Tony Deverson - RIP (Harris)  
12 noon Funeral: Mary Fleming  
7.30pm RCIA - in Presbytery

**Wednesday 4th October - St Francis of Assisi Lk 9: 57-62**

7.30am Brendan Chima Ugwu - RIP  
10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)  
12 noon Thomas (Tom) Nichols - RIP  
7-8.30pm Eucharistic Adoration in Church

**Thursday 5th October - Feria Lk 10: 1-12**

7.30am Kath Packer - RIP (Callaghan)  
12 noon Frances & Michael-Joe Keavney - RIP  
Scripture Group after Mass  
5pm Confirmation  
7.45pm Prayer & Pub

**Friday 6th October - St Bruno Lk 10: 13-16**

12 noon Kathy Martin - RIP (Harvey)  
Eucharistic Adoration after Mass and Benediction 1.30pm  
7.30pm Dominique & Mark Ledger & family  
Eucharistic Adoration after Mass 'til 9pm

**Saturday 7th October - Our Lady of the Rosary Lk 10: 17-24**

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)  
12 noon Benito & Soul Peligro (Lewis)  
1.30pm Wedding: Kurt & Heather  
3pm Senior Servers' meeting  
4.30 - 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)  
6pm Josie & Tom Carr - 53rd wedding anniv.

**Sunday 8th October - Twenty-seventh Sunday (A) (Prisoner's Sunday) Mt 21: 33-43**

8am Miranda Challiner - intentions (Morrissey)  
9.30am UCM members & families  
11am Lily Marmion - RIP (Johnson)  
12.15 Baptism: Romy Violetta Riva  
4pm Polish Mass  
6pm People of the Parish

### From Fr Anthony ...

Today is the first day of October. Although it is the tenth month of the year, October retained its name (from the Latin *ôctô* meaning "eight") after January and February were inserted into the calendar that had originally been created by the Romans. Among the Anglo-Saxons, it was known as Winterfylleth, because at this full moon (*fylleth*) winter was supposed to begin. October is known as the month of the Holy Rosary. Saturday 7th October is the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. The feast of the Holy Rosary was instituted by Pope Pius V to celebrate the anniversary of the defeat of the Turkish fleet at the battle of Lepanto on the first Sunday in October 1571, which ended the threat of Muslim domination of the Mediterranean and was ascribed in part to the prayers and processions of the Rosary confraternity in Rome. It is noted in the Liturgical Calendar that "those who recite five decades of the Rosary in church, or as a family, a religious community or as a group of the faithful may gain a plenary indulgence daily. The practice of reciting the Rosary should be explained and commended. In the Rosary with its sequence of prayers and mysteries we contemplate the gospel in company with Mary our Mother. Pope St John Paul II wrote in his letter on the Rosary, "The Rosary is my favourite prayer. A marvellous prayer! Marvellous in its simplicity and its depth. It can be said that the Rosary is, in some sense, a prayer-commentary on the final chapter of the Vatican II Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, a chapter which discusses the wondrous presence of the Mother of God in the mystery of Christ and the Church. Against the background of the words *Ave Maria* the principal events of the life of Jesus Christ pass before the eyes of the soul. They take shape in the complete series of the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries, and they put us in living communion with Jesus through - we might say - the heart of his Mother. At the same time our heart can embrace in the decades of the Rosary all the events that make up the lives of individuals, families, nations, the Church, and all mankind. Our personal concerns and those of our neighbour, especially those who are closest to us, who are dearest to us. Thus the simple prayer of the Rosary marks the rhythm of human life". I am aware that many people struggle with the Rosary and do not see it in the same way as St John Paul II. It is good to read in the directory on Piety where it says "In recommending the value and beauty of the Rosary to the faithful, care should be taken to avoid discrediting other forms of prayer, or of overlooking the existence of a diversity of other Marian chaplets which have also been approved by the Church". It is also important to avoid inculcating a sense of guilt in those who do not habitually recite the Rosary: "The Rosary is an excellent prayer, in regard to which, however, the faithful should feel free to recite it, in virtue of its inherent beauty.

### PARISH MATTERS

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

### dates for your diary... BARN DANCE

Saturday, 18th November at St Anselm's School  
in aid of HCPT Group 87

**CHARISMATIC RENEWAL** at St George's Cathedral  
Saturday 4th November 2017 9.45 am- 4.45 pm

**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

### Journey in Faith (RCIA) - ongoing

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 There are forms at the back of the church or talk to

Fr Anthony or Fr Daniel

Next meeting Tuesday 3rd October 2017 in Presbytery at 7.30pm.

### 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](mailto:G.butrous@kent.ac.uk)

### Faith, hope and love... Three evenings of exploration

Wednesdays October 4th, 11th and 18th,  
from 7.15pm to 9pm

at St. Thomas' Catholic Church Hall, Canterbury, 59 Burgate, CT1 2HJ

Led by Christopher Chapman

Christopher Chapman is an experienced retreat leader and spiritual director. He is the former Spirituality Adviser for the Anglican Diocese of Southwark, and author of *Seeing in the Dark, Canterbury Press 2013*. Suggested donation for each evening: £10, or £20 for the three sessions. Resources to take away will be made available.

So that we know how many to prepare, please let us know if you intend to come. Contact: [chapmans314@btinternet.com](mailto:chapmans314@btinternet.com) 01227 479498

**Quiz & Curry Night 11th November**  
Evening: Church Hall  
More details to follow