



NEWSLETTER

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



PARISH MATTERS

Calling all parents who are wishing to have their children Baptised...
 our next preparation meeting will be on
Saturday, 18 November 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)

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.

FROM FR ANTHONY:
 please note: **All** parents who wish priests of the parish to sign their child's supplementary form for St Anselm's or Saint Thomas of Canterbury Schools, 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 .

Divine Mercy Apostolate run by Marian Fathers is organising the DIVINE MERCY RETREAT
Saturday, 11 November 2017, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
RC Church of St Agnes, 35 Cricklewood Lane, Cricklewood, London NW2 1HR
 Details on Notice at the Back of the Church

A Call To Action next meeting:
Saturday, 28 October at 2pm
2 Manor Road, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 2JT

Canterbury Community Shelter Volunteer induction sessions:
 Saturday, 11 November 2.30 - 4.30pm
 Tuesday, 14 November 6.00 - 8.00 pm
 Monday, 20 November 6.00 - 8.00 pm.
 at: Canterbury Open Centre
 13 Station Road East, Canterbury CT1 2RB
 MORE INFORMATION AT THE BACK OF CHURCH

Marriage Preparation 'Day Courses' 2018
Sunday 15 April 2018, 20 May 2018 and 24 June 2018
 St Margaret's Millennium Centre
 Gatekeeper Chase, Rainham, Gillingham, ME8 9BH
FOCCUS Preparation Service (couple to facilitator basis) ongoing
 Information: Alma on 01634 362896 or almapayne1@gmail.com
 Bookings: 0800 389 3801

St Thomas 100 Club winners for October each receive £20.
 Congratulations to Simon Brown (number 16) and Una Harris (number 59)

Dates for your Diary

Curry & Quiz
 Saturday 11th November
 in the Hall. From 7.00pm. More details to follow.

Barn Dance (in aid of HCPT -Group 87)

Saturday, 18 November.
 7.15 for 7.30pm
 at St Anselm's School, Old Dover Road.
 £6 (U14 - £3)

Dancing to live band Meadow Folk
 Bring your own food and drinks - tea and coffee provided
 Tickets: anniejudge@hotmail.com / tel. 07866 515797
 See Notice at the back of the church for more details.

TODAY! Mission Sunday (22nd October 2017)
 Special collection for Missio, the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission. You may Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Mission. Thank you.

Good Counsel Network:
 On Friday, 27th October (50th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act) please join the Good Counsel Network in praying and fasting for the end of abortion. **All-night Prayer Vigil:** from 7pm Friday, 27th October to 7am Saturday 28th October at St James' Catholic Church, George Street, London, W1U 3QY. More information on the notice at the back of the church or www.goodcounselnetwork.com

Seeking Accommodation: Male, single, non-smoker with no pets is looking for long term house/flat share or single occupancy. He is a L'Arche employee/volunteer. If you can help please contact Anne Holiday, at L'Arche tel/ 01227 643025 .

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, Francis Brown, Frank Johnson, Kathleen Hutchinson, Rosa Maria Santos.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
Mary Franklin, Catherine Packer (Kath), Mary Fleming, Maria Rosaria Adorisio and John Sullivan, Gordon Andrews and Fr Gerry Coates

Patty Baxter would like to thank all those who have been praying for her during the last challenging months. Though still tired, she knows that the love and support that she has received have hugely contributed to her recovery.

Offertory Collection weekend of 1st October was £1441.36 loose and £767.20 Gift Aided - totalling £2208.56. Thank You for your generosity

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Thanksgiving (Velho Family)

Sunday 22nd October Twelfth Sunday (A) Mt 22:15-21

8am People of the Parish

9:30am Maureen Handley - RIP (C.Handley)

11am Margaret Ward - RIP (Strien)

Baptism of Gracie May Miller

2.30pm Syro-Malabar Community (No Mass) -
 Rosary in the Hall

6pm Kenneth Staynor - RIP (1st Anniv) (M.Gray)

Monday 23rd October - St John of Capistrano P. Lk 12:13-21

7.30am Johnny Purcell - RIP

12 noon Kathleen & Georgie (Welfare) (Philomena Brown)

7-9pm Eucharistic Adoration

7pm Charismatic Prayer - Upper Room

Tuesday 24th October St Anthony Claret B. Lk 12:35-38

7.30am Good Health

12 noon Mary Mulrey - RIP (Mulrey)

7.30pm RCIA - in Presbytery

Wednesday 25th October Feria Lk 12: 39-48

7.30am Adina - RIP (C. Ghiuzwan)

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)

12 noon McGonagle Family - RIP (Nicholls)

7-8.30pm Eucharistic Adoration in Church

Thursday 26th October Feria Lk 12:49-53

7.30am Miranda Challiner (Morrisey)

12 noon Funeral of Gordon Andrews

Scripture Group after Mass

5pm Confirmation 7.45pm Prayer & Pub

Friday 27th October Feria Lk12: 54-59

12 noon In reparation for 50 years of abortion

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass and Benediction 1.30pm

7.30pm Good Health

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass 'til 9pm

Saturday 28th October Ss Simon & Jude Aps. Lk 6:12-16

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12 noon Ordination of Casimir Agbuawenwor (Natrass)

4.30 - 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

6pm (Vigil) Gurubatham-Kanny Family - Thanksgiving

Sunday 29th October Thirtieth Sunday (A) Mt 22:34-40

8am People of the Parish

9:30am Andrew & Dalisay Walker 2nd Wedding Anniversary

(10th October) (Walker family)

Baptism of Carlos Riordan

11am Strien Family

6pm Francis Brown Wellbeing (Philomena Brown)

From Fr Anthony ...

1975 was an important year for me personally because it was in that year that I was ordained a priest. Also that year two Vatican documents were published. On the 8th December Pope Paul VI issued an Apostolic exhortation "Evangelii Nuntiandi" (On Announcing the Gospel.) On the 29th December the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published "Persona Humana," "Declaration on certain questions concerning Sexual Ethics" You can guess which document got all the publicity and it wasn't the document on Evangelisation. During the last 40 years the Popes and bishops have constantly reminded us that being a Catholic means sharing the Gospel. Pope Paul in his Apostolic exhortation wrote, "We wish to confirm once more that the task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church..... Evangelising is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelise, that is to say, in order to preach and teach, to be the channel of the gift of grace, to reconcile sinners with God, and to perpetuate Christ's sacrifice in the Mass, which is the memorial of His death and glorious resurrection". Yet when people talk about the Catholic Church they seem to focus on its teaching on sexual ethics. It was nearly four years ago that Pope Francis published "The Joy of the Gospel" and in it he reminded us, "Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel." In the UK and in Canterbury are we a church that goes forth from our comfort zone? What does this mean in practice? Pope Francis has written a letter for this year's World Mission Sunday. He asks us to reflect anew on the mission at the heart of our Church. "The Church is missionary by nature; otherwise, she would no longer be the Church of Christ, but one group among many others that soon end up serving their purpose and passing away. So it is important to ask ourselves certain questions about our Christian identity and our responsibility as believers in a world marked by confusion, disappointment and frustration, and torn by numerous fratricidal wars that unjustly target the innocent. What is the basis of our mission? What is the heart of our mission? What are the essential approaches we need to take in carrying out our mission?"

How would you answer those three questions?

These are important questions because through our baptism we have all become missionary disciples. This work must not be left to the professionals. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are "disciples" and "missionaries," but rather that we are always "missionary disciples".

World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony Grace for his work as promotor of the APF and for all those who have Red boxes at home and thus give regularly to the work of Missions .

2nd
 Collection today
 is for World
 Mission Sunday
 - Missio (red
 boxes!)