



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)



TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

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)

Monday 30th October Feria Lk 13:10-17

7.30am Gabriel Abkowicz - RIP (Gordon)

12 noon William James Ainsworth (R.Delaney)

7-9pm Eucharistic Adoration

7pm Charismatic Prayer - Upper Room

Tuesday 31st October Feria Lk 13:18-21

12 noon Matthew & Mary Queshed - RIP (M. Reynolds)

6 pm Roy Shersby - RIP (Osborne)

7.30pm RCIA - in Presbytery

Wednesday 1 November All Saints

(Holy Day of Obligation) Mt.5:1-12a

9.30am Gloria Ricofuerto - RIP

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12 noon Joseph Hughes - RIP

8 pm Bozena & Gabriel Abkowicz - RIP (Forester)

Thursday 2nd November All Souls Ws3:1

7.30am Brendan Chima Ugwu - RIP

12 noon Caetano Velho - RIP

Scripture Group after Mass

5.30pm Confirmation Team Meeting

7.45pm Prayer & Pub

8pm To remember deceased family members (Scott Family)

Friday 3rd November St Martin de Porres R. Lk14: 1-6

12 noon Kevin Hughes (Get well) (E. Seaton)

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass & Benediction 1.30pm

7.30pm Domnick Marlow (Webb)

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass 'til 9pm

Saturday 4th November St Charles Borromeo B. Lk 14:1. 7-11

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)

12 noon The Souls Departed (Josephine)

4.30 - 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

6pm (Vigil) Ann Patricia O'Leary - RIP (M. MacDonald)

Sunday 5th November 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 23:1-12

8am People of the Parish

9:30am David Riley - RIP (Tita Riley)

11am Joachin Dyer - RIP (M&C Scott)

12.15pm Baptism of Harmony-Anne Viscount

3pm Filipino Community Mass

Blessing of the graves at Canterbury Cemetery

6pm Good Health

2nd Collection:
The Columban
Mission Appeal
(red boxes!)

From Fr Anthony ...

Well we have seen the costumes and the accessories in the shops for weeks reminding us that Tuesday is Halloween. Since I was a boy this day has become more sophisticated. We used to have games such as trying to grab floating apples from a bucket with only our teeth. Now it seems to be about witches and ghouls. Halloween is All Hallows Eve, which means the eve of All Saints. Traditionally November is the time when we remember those of our loved ones who have died. On the First of November, All Saints, we honour the "Holy men and women of every time and place" (collect) who rejoice in God's presence. These are not just the saints that our listed in our church calendar but also those whose names are known to only a few or to none, possibly our own family members who have lived their faith to the full. Then on All Souls day, 2nd November, we remember all the faithful departed. These we pray will one day share in the resurrection of Jesus. Praying for the dead in deep in our Catholic tradition and goes back to the earliest days of the Church. We believe that our prayers can be of assistance to the dead. We profess this every time we say the creed. "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

This weekend we have at the back of the Church sheets on which we encourage you to write the names of family and friends who have died. Every day throughout November we will bring these sheets up in the offertory procession at Mass and place them on the Altar. Also next Sunday, 5th November, we will have the blessing of graves at Canterbury Cemetery (3pm). We gather outside the chapel for some prayers and then the people go and stand beside the graves of their family and friends and Fr Daniel and myself will bless the graves. We are very fortunate to be able in these various way express our faith in the gift of everlasting life.

PARISH MATTERS



Calling all parents who are wishing to have their children Baptised... our next preparation meeting will be on

Saturday, 18 November at 09h30

Please call the office to make sure we have your name and also please fill in a Registration Form in advance (available on our web-site 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.

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 31 October 2017

in Presbytery at 7.30pm.

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

Come and take part in the **CITYWIDE SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE in Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday 19 November at 6.30pm** – a big celebration of our Christian faith. Regret no cameras. There will be a retiring offering for the Pilgrims Hospices. The Cathedral regret that because of building works it will not be possible to park in the Precincts.

SIGN UP SUNDAY - 18/19 NOVEMBER 2017

Your parish needs you...to get involved ... just for a while ... the more of us that do means we share the load and the joys... Please think about giving your time - even if it is just for an hour a month - to one of our many Ministries. You can do this in th Hall after your Mass on the weekend of 18/19 November 2017. Thank you

Official Prayer to prepare for the World Meeting of Families 2018

God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:
[We pause and remember family members and others by name].
Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
This we ask, through Christ our Lord, **Amen**

Dates for your Diary



Curry & Quiz Evening for all ages!

Saturday 11th November

in the Church Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Curries to suit all tastes - vegetarian available

Bring your own drinks

(tea, coffee and children's soft drinks provided)

Adults £7 / 17yrs and under £3

Tickets available in advance:

After all Masses in the Hall Entrance or

from the Parish Office Mon - Fri 9am to 3pm

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.

Divine Mercy Apostolate (run by Marian Fathers) is organising the **DIVINE MERCY RETREAT:**

Sunday - 12 November 2017 2:15 pm - 5:30 pm

Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord

165-169 Kirkdale, Sydenham, London, SE26 4QL

Info: DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE - MARIAN FATHERS
1 Courtfield Gardens, London W13 0EY

phone: 020 89980925; email: info@divinemercury.org.uk

www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk

See poster at back of church for details

Celebration at St George's Cathedral

Saturday 04 November 2017 from 9.45am to 4.45pm

David Wells: What it means to be a missionary disciple today.

Praise and Worship - Reconciliation - Testimony - Healing Service - Mass

Father Jim Fleming SSC will speak at all Masses on 4/5 November about the work of the Columban Missionaries

November Lists: We remember family and friends who have died. Please write their names on the sheets at the back of Church to be brought up with the offertory

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 Adoriso, John Sullivan, Gordon Andrews, Fr Gerry Coates and Edward Salmon

Collections on the weekend of 22nd October :
Offertory: £990.28 loose & £721.21 Gift Aided - total £1711.49
Missio Sunday: Your contribution of £525.23.
Thank You for your generosity.