



# 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) 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

**Monday 9th October - Blessed John Henry Newman,**

*Lk 10:25-37*

7.30am Miranda Challiner - intentions (Morrissey)

12 noon Funeral of John Sullivan

7-9pm *Eucharistic Adoration*

7pm *Charismatic Prayer - Upper Room*

**Tuesday 10th October - St Paulinus of York Lk 10:38-42**

7.30am Good Health

12 noon Catherine Packer RIP (Sullivan)

7.30pm *RCIA - in Presbytery*

**Wednesday 11th October - Saint John XXIII, Pope**

*Lk 11:1-4*

7.30am Mary Fleming (Reynolds)

10.30 - 11.30 *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)*

12 noon Welfare of Patricia Heenan (Steel)

7-8.30pm *Eucharistic Adoration in Church*

**Thursday 12th October - St Wilfrid, Bishop Lk 11:5-13**

7.30am Intention of Miranda Challiner (Morrissey)

12 noon In Thanksgiving

*Scripture Group after Mass*

5pm Confirmation 7.45pm Prayer & Pub

**Friday 13th October - St Edward the Confessor,**

*Lk 11:15-26*

12 noon Intention of Miranda Challiner (Morrissey)

*Eucharistic Adoration after Mass and Benediction 1.30pm*

6pm (Note Time) Welfare of John and Marie Claire Renn

*Eucharistic Adoration after Mass 'til 9pm*

**Saturday 14th October - St Callistus 1 Lk 11:27-28**

10.30 - 11.30 *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)*

12 noon Mary Fleming RIP (Gill)

4.30 - 5.30pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)*

6pm (Vigil) Tony Deversan RIP (Harris)

**Sunday 15th October Twenty-Eight Sunday (A) Mt 22:1-4**

8am Lawrence Moles (Sealt Moles)

9:30am Lucy and Alfi McKay (McKay Family)

Baptism of Elena and Luisa Crisanti

11am Deceased members of the Nichols Family (Nichols)

6pm People of the Parish

## From Fr Anthony ...

When I was about 16 I was at a junior seminary near Tunbridge Wells. The priests teaching us would meet to assess both our academic and spiritual progress and I always remember that my spiritual director relaying to me a criticism that that was made of me. The priests thought I was "uppish". I didn't know what that meant and had to look it up in a dictionary which read "arrogantly self-assertive". Their assessment stung me but no help or explanation was given so that I could address this in my life. An important aspect of our spiritual life is to know ourselves, to know and be honest about our strengths and weaknesses. Hopefully I am no longer "arrogantly self-assertive". Perhaps this is part of being young. I saw a young person wearing a tee shirt that read "Young and Powerful". As we grow older we affirm and accept our weakness. Today we teach our children to be self-assertive. We don't want them to be pushed around or taken advantage of. We want our children to be confident to express themselves and articulate their needs and desires. They should be affirmed and valued.

What I have needed to develop in my life is the virtue of humility. I like the quote from C.S. Lewis "Humility isn't about thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less. "The term "humility" comes from the Latin word humilitas, a noun related to the adjective humilis, which may be translated as "humble", but also as "grounded", or "from the earth", since it derives from humus (earth). To be humble it to be rooted in the earth, Humility is certainly not denying our gifts and abilities but having an honest and deep understanding of who we are, our strengths and weakness and thus our need for God. To be humble is to affirm our own poverty and come to the place where we can truly pray "Lord what do you want me to do?"

Here is a prayer for Humility:

*Let me have too deep a sense of humour ever to be proud.*

*Let me know my absurdity before I act absurdly.*

*Let me realize that when I am humble I am most human, most truthful, and most worthy of your serious consideration.*

—Daniel A. Lord, SJ



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



## Dates for your Diary

**CHARISMATIC RENEWAL** at St George's Cathedral  
**Saturday 4th November 2017 9.45 am- 4.45 pm**  
 with **David Wells** keynote speaker  
 info at the back of church

## Quiz & Curry Night 11th November

Evening: Church Hall *More details to follow*

## BARN DANCE

**Saturday, 18th November** at St Anselm's School  
 in aid of HCPT Group 587

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

## 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 10th 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

## Faith, hope and love...

### Second of three evenings of exploration

Wednesday 11th, from 7.15pm to 9pm

at St. Thomas' Catholic Church Hall

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.*

## Thank you from CAFOD

A big thank you from CAFOD for welcoming our speaker to your parish last week. If you would like any more information about CAFOD or to find out how you can share your time as a volunteer, please contact the local centre on 020 8466 9901 or southwark@cafod.org.uk.



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

## Mission Sunday 22nd October 2017

On 22nd October the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for his Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. **Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of Peace in South Sudan and around the world.** Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Mission. 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.

**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, 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 Adoriso and John Sullivan and Gordon Andrews**

Offertory Collection weekend of 1st October was £973.66 loose and £617.95 Gift Aided - totalling £1,591.61. Thank You for your generosity