

# NEWSLETTER

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



To all parents who are wishing to have their children baptised... our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 13th January 2018 at 9.30am**. Please call the office to make sure we have your name and please fill in a Registration Form in advance (available on website or at the back of church). Thank you.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018** : Sunday, 14 January at 9 am in the Hall

**CONFIRMATION 2017 - 2018 Next Meeting:**

Thursday, 18th January 2018, 5 - 6 pm in the Upper Room

**RCIA (Journey in Faith) Next meeting** : Tuesday, 16th January 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery.



**HALL LIFT:** Please could all users of the Hall lift take special care when entering and exiting the lift as the doors are very sensitive and if bumped can inactive the lift. This causes inconvenience to those who rely on it to access the hall as we have to call a technician to reactivate the lift. Please do not allow children to play in and around the lift as this is unsafe and can also cause damage to the lift. It cost £468 to fix and reactivate the lift this week.

**Weekly Concerts:** Parishioners are reminded of the Weekly Concerts, which started this week in the Church Hall - Saturdays from 10h45 to 11h30. Come early and chat over a cup of tea. There is no charge but donations are gratefully received. All are welcome.

**Polish Community Masses for 2018:** All Masses at 4pm

14 January	11 February	11 March
8 April	13 May	10 June
8 July	12 August	9 September
14 October	11 November	10 December

**Fundraising for Worthing Churches Homeless Project.** Sr Rose from Monte Bre Franciscan Convent in Blean will be taking part in a 'Sleep Out' in Littlehampton on Sat. Feb 24th 2018 to raise funds for Worthing Churches Homeless Project. If you could sponsor Sr Rose, please contact Fr Anthony.

**HCPT (Group 587) Summer Pilgrimage to Lourdes**  
 This will take place from 24 - 31 August 2018. To find out more information please talk to Father Anthony or contact Annie Judge on 07866515797 / anniejudge@hotmail.com

The Guild of Our Lady & St Joseph invite you to a talk on: **Life, Gender, Relationships: Catholic Ethics & Today's Society** by Dr. Anthony McCarthy on 16 January, 2018 at 7 pm at Our Lady of Victories Parish Hall, Kensington High St W8 6SA  
 For more details see notice at the back of Church

**Please remember in your prayers:** Nick Grealy, Mike Roser, 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, Erlinda Rogers, David Bull, Dara Borland, Alan Skeet, Louisa Ward, Joan Willey, Mary Donellan, Janette Hughes, Vlasta Cerna, Amanda Watts, Maurice Crosland, Joao Ferreira, Barbara Brett, Hannelore Hall, Mary Dittrich, June Carver, Francis Brown, Frank Johnson, Kathleen Hutchinson, Rosa Maria Santos, Brian Henley, Lucy Purbrick, Keith Purbrick, Sean Maple, Josie Price, Joan Calloway, Mrs Cleary, and Barbara Markham.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Mary Jones, Helen Gordon, Fr John Leahy, Fr Peter Madden, Fr Tony Ford, Fr Roy Dunstan, Fr Kevin Pelham, Bishop Francis Walmsley, Molly Bennett, Pat Ware, William Horne, Harry Vaughan and Mary Organ.**

**Collections on the weekend of 07 January 2018:**  
 Offeratory: £1029.85 loose & £606.70 Gift Aided - total £1636.55  
 Second Collection: There were no second collections.  
 Thank You for your generosity.

### TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Herman and Philo Correa - RIP (Noronha)  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan Second Sunday of Ordinary Time** Jn 1:35-42  
 8am Joseph Jaconelli - RIP (Jaconelli)  
 9:30am Private Intentions  
 11am Gordon Matthews - RIP (Roberta Johnson)  
 6pm People of the Parish  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January Feria** Mk 2:18-22  
 7.30 am Michael and Mary Picozzi - RIP (Anthony)  
 12 noon Pat Ware - RIP (Maureen Sullivan)  
 5.30 pm Reception of the Body of Pat Ware into the Church  
 7.30 pm Open Air Mass Preparation Meeting in Presbytery  
 7 - 9 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January Feria** Mk 2:23-28  
 7.30 am Welfare of Michael Lynch (Anthony)  
 12 noon Funeral of Mrs Pat Ware (Annie Judge's Mother)  
 7.30pm RCIA Meeting in the Presbytery  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January St Antony, Abbot** Mk 3:1-6  
 7.30am Welfare of Dan Lynch (Anthony)  
 10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)  
 12 noon Sidney Harlow - RIP (Harlow)  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January Feria** Mk 3:7-12  
 The Start of Church Unity Week  
 7.30 am Rita and Wally Thundow - RIP (Thundow)  
 12 noon Ann Lally - RIP (Anthony)  
 Scripture Group after Mass in the Upper Room  
 5-6 pm Confirmation in the Upper Room  
 7.30 pm Unity Service in the Cathedral  
 7.45pm Prayer and Pub  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January Feria** Mk 3:13-19  
 7.30 am Morning Prayer  
 12 noon Tom Nichols - RIP (Mrs Nichols)  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass with Benediction at 1.30pm  
 NO EVENING MASS  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January Feria** Mk 3:20-21  
 10.45 - 11.30 First Music Concert in the Hall  
 10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)  
 12 noon Mariam Ambroisine - RIP (Ambroisine)  
 4.30 - 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)  
 6pm (Vigil) Mary Fleming - RIP (Noronha)  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan Third Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mk 1:14-20  
 8am Mr Joseph Kunnasseril - RIP (Jimmy)  
 9:30am Diugwu Family Intentions (Fr Malachy celebrating)  
 11am People of the Parish (Fr Malachy celebrating)  
 6pm John Aitkin Gray - RIP (Myrna Gray)

### From Fr Anthony ...

#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018

I first met Michael Evans when we joined the seminary at the start of our training for the priesthood. He became a dear friend. Not long after ordination we decided with another friend to drive to Taize in Burgundy, France. The village is a Centre of Ecumenical Christian community founded by Brother Roger Schutz. Over 100,000 young people from around the world make pilgrimages to Taize every year. It was an inspiring and fruitful week for me but for Michael it was a place he would return to again and again. For him it became his annual place of pilgrimage and he would accompany groups of young people every year. During his lifetime as a priest, Taizé was a vital 'source' and 'wellspring' for his own spiritual life. Shortly before his untimely death he wrote: "Taizé reminds us that pilgrimage is the very character of the Christian life. On that pilgrimage we learn to walk together with all our fellow Christians, whatever differences remain between us." As so often, Pope John Paul echoed the witness of Taizé: "I thank the Lord that he has led us to make progress along the path of unity and communion between Christians, a path difficult but so full of joy (Ut unum sint, n.2). Are our own Christian communities 'committed...irrevocably to following the path of the ecumenical venture' (Ut unum sint, n.3)? Taizé shows that it is possible not only to pray and work together as Christians, but also to be together something of what the Risen Christ calls us to be."

This coming Thursday, 18th January, we begin our Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In Canterbury this year the different Churches are working together under the banner of HOPE 2018. HOPE 2018 brings churches together in mission. The goal is to see individuals and communities in villages, towns and cities throughout the UK transformed by Jesus' love. Whether or not we get involved in the particular events throughout the year we need to see ourselves as on pilgrimage together. We need to heed and respond to the call of Jesus to Unity. Being ecumenical is not an option for us. Do try to go to the Unity Service this coming Thursday in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. In the following week, on Tuesday 23rd January we have an hour of Taize song and prayer starting at 7:30pm. The Decree on Ecumenism from the Second Vatican council states "All the faithful should remember that the more effort they make to live holier lives according to the Gospel, the better they will further Christian Unity and put it into practice. This change of heart and holiness of life, along with public and private prayer for the unity of Christians, should be regarded as the soul of the whole ecumenical movement, and merits the name, 'spiritual ecumenism'."

#### PARISH MEETINGS:

**Open Air Mass Preparation:** Monday, 15 January at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery

#### Funeral Mass for Father Peter Madden

The Requiem Mass for the late Fr Madden will take place at St Paul's in Dover on 22nd January at 12 noon.

The Solitude Group meets at Greyfriars on the 3rd Saturday of the month (next meeting: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January) for a quiet morning of prayer. Beginning with refreshments at 9.00am, followed by a short reflection, and then quiet time in the chapel or grounds and ending at 11.45am. Please see notice at the back of the Church for details. Newcomers please phone Louise on 07962 256908 in advance as access to the site is variable through the winter months. Others will be notified by email.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** The Archdiocese of Southwark is setting up a Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee to develop the practice of Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Archdiocese. You are welcome to attend an information meeting in **St Thomas More Church, West Malling, Kent ME19 6HN**, on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 from 3pm to 4.15pm. Refreshments will be served. Please see poster at the back of Church for details or contact Father Anthony or the Church office.

#### Monthly Conversations:

Thursday, 18 January 2018 at 8.00 pm at the St. Jude Welcome Centre, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Faversham, Tanner Road, ME13 7JW. Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali will be speaking on **'Is there good news for the 21<sup>st</sup> century?'** See notice at the back of the Church for more details

#### Divine Mercy Apostolate run by Marian Fathers

is organising the **DIVINE MERCY RETREAT:** on Saturday, 27 January 2018 from 11:00 am - 4:30 pm at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southwark, London SE1 6HR. See poster at the back of Church for details.

#### Taize Prayer Evening: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.30 pm

An hour of prayer in St. Thomas' Church combining readings, chants, silence with the theme: **God Acts for the Powerless** This forms part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th to 25th Jan) and **Hope 2018**

#### Celebration of Hope: The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

takes place from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018. This year it will start with a service in the Cathedral on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30. with a talk by Bishop Trevor Willmott. See poster at the back of Church for more details