

# NEWSLETTER

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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. **Parish Administrator:** Miss Linda Scott  
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 for all enquiries, appointments, bookings and all parish business  
 (Closed for lunch between 12.30 - 1.00pm)



## PARISH MATTERS

### MASS OF THE FEAST OF THE TRANSLATION OF THE BODY OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Saturday, 7 July 2018 at 8.00pm  
 Our Main Celebrant for this Mass at the High Altar of Canterbury Cathedral is Bishop Nicholas Hudson.  
 Entrance to the Cathedral is through the south door.

### Funeral of the late John Spillett.

The Requiem Mass of the late John Spillett, who served St Thomas' for over 40 years, takes place here in St Thomas' on Thursday, 12 July 2018 at 12 noon.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018/2019:

Dates to be advised later in the year

### CONFIRMATION 2017-2018 Final Meeting:

Sunday, 01 July, 3-4.30 pm in the Upper Room

RCIA: Next programme starts September 2018



**Weekly Saturday Concerts:** All are welcome to the Concerts from **10.45 to 11.30am.** (commencing with tea a little earlier)  
**The last concert this season will be 07 July**

**The Southwark Brethren** is a long standing charity which helps sick and retired Priests in need. We thank you for your continuous generosity in the past and ask for your help again this year. Please send donations to: Reverend Paul Hough, St Elpheges Presbytery, 120 Stafford Road, Wallington, Surrey, SM6 9AY. Last year we were able to give £1650 each to 46 Priests in the Diocese of Southwark and Arundel and Brighton, and also help 3 working Priests who had serious sickness. We also have a Gift Aid Scheme for those who pay tax and thank the lay people who have completed the Gift Aid form.

### Activities at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Faversham:

Beginning on **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> July** a series of reflections around the Apostle, St. Jude. The first is entitled *St Jude – Disciple of Jesus. Becoming hope-filled disciples; creating islands of hope.* Please see posters in Narthex for more details

**100 Club June Draw:** Congratulations to our June 2018 Winners of £20 each: Tina Hamilton (34) and Tony Welch (85)

Dr. Joanne Paul of the University of Sussex is guest speaker at the Annual St. Thomas More Commemoration Service on Friday 6th July at 7.30 pm, St. Dunstan's Church, Canterbury: The topic "*Utopia and Beyond; lessons from the pen of Thomas More*". All welcome. Refreshments afterwards in the Hall with a chance to speak to Dr. Paul.

From Bishop Paul Mason: **Vacancy: Foundation Director on the Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership (KCSP) Board.** We are seeking nominations/volunteers for the above. Individuals who currently serve as Foundation Governors within KCSP are invited to apply. An opportunity for a forward-thinking individual to offer their skills and experience to contribute to the education of our young people in our successful Multi-Academy Trust. The term of office is 4 years. As a minimum, the Foundation Director is required to attend 4 Board Meetings per year plus additional committee meetings where applicable. Please contact Michelle Boniface, Company Secretary, [mboniface@kcsp.org.uk](mailto:mboniface@kcsp.org.uk) (01622 232670) for additional information or application details.

**Memories of St Thomas of Canterbury:** Do you have any photos in your family albums or have memories of events within our Parish? Please contact Bernard on tel. 01227 765810 or by post to 3 Hollowmede, Wincheap, CT1 3SD

### SECOND COLLECTION

**This weekend, 30 June/01 July - SVP**  
**Next weekend - 07/08 July - Apostleship of the Sea** - supporting seafarers worldwide, providing practical and pastoral care.

### Dates for your Diary

St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School Summer Fair 2018 - Saturday 14th July, 12-3 p.m.

Remember to check the notice boards and website for more information not able to fit in the newsletter.

**SCHOOL CHAPLAIN Vacancy at St Anselm's Catholic School** - 37 hrs per week, 39 wks per year Salary: KR5; Start: ASAP Closing date: **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 12 noon.** Interview: W/C 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018

A vacancy has arisen for a School Chaplain, to provide support and leadership of liturgical events, act as link between school and local clergy and to provide support and counsel to students, staff and parents, including counselling as needed. Full job description and personal specification available on website, against which candidate applications will be considered. See Poster at the back of church. Please submit an application form, available to download from our website: [www.st-anselms.org.uk](http://www.st-anselms.org.uk) to: St Anselm's Catholic School; Old Dover Road, CT1 3EN Tel: (01227) 826200 Fax: (01227) 826201 e-mail: [Recruitment@st-anselms.org.uk](mailto:Recruitment@st-anselms.org.uk)

**Charismatic Prayer & Scripture Group** continues to meet every Wednesdays from 7pm to 9 pm in the Link Lane rooms.

**DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR?** A new programme following from the training programme run at the Franciscan International Study Centre (FISC) teaching both the theory and practice of Spiritual Direction (Accompaniment) in an enjoyable and inspiring ecumenical programme is starting at the **Carmelite Friary**, Aylesford early in October 2018. Details from Marie at email [tpsdlaylesford@gmail.com](mailto:tpsdlaylesford@gmail.com), or visit [www.spiritualdirectionaylesford.co.uk](http://www.spiritualdirectionaylesford.co.uk) or see poster in Narthex

**SOCIAL JUSTICE: Open Meeting to discuss progress upon issues such as reducing poverty, persecution, conflict, discrimination and environmental degradation - all dear to the heart of Pope Francis.** The next such meeting will be from 2.00 to 4.00 pm on Sunday July 8th at the Area Bishop's house ("The Hermitage", More Park, West Malling ME19 6HN - near the Catholic Church and school). All are welcome!

### Please remember in your prayers:

Nick Grealy, Gloria Soar, Suzy Drayson, Agnes Daly, Theresa Punnett, Lorna Feeney, Toni-Lee D'Amiral, David Tully, Winifred May, Margaret Holman, Mary Wallace, Marie Strong, Pat Gill, Katie Cobbett, Angeline Frizell, Mary Gillette, Christopher Browne, Erlinda Rogers, David Bull, Alan Skeet, Louisa Ward, Mary Donellan, Janette Hughes, Vlasta Cerna, Amanda Watts, Maurice Crosland, Barbara Brett, Hannelore Hall, Mary Dittrich, June Carver, Keith Purbrick, Sean Maple, Kathleen Hutchinson, Rosa Maria Santos, Lucy Purbrick, Josie Price, Mrs Cleary, Becky Judge, Dolores Klosky, Barbara Markham, A. Charles Ryan, Pat Gibson, James Hayes, Stephen Rogers, Phyllis Stirton, Lisa Hood and Mary Connolly

### Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Francis Brown, Joan Calloway, Owen Jordan, Monica Kenny, Ruby Cookman, Jacqueline Hill, Catherine Concannon, Joe Connor, Fr Michael Murphy, Peter Rosser, Franco Pizzigallo, Josephine MacDonald and Marcin Wesolowski, Joan Willey, Raymond Allcorn, Sr Anne Channing, Frank Johnson, Wolfgang Dittrich, Guisto Offredi, John Kemsley and John Spillett.

**Thank you! Collections for weekend 16/17 June 2018:**

**Offertory:** £808.83 loose & £400.61 Gift Aided- total £1209.44  
**2nd Collection:** There was no second collection this weekend.

### TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

**Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> July Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Mt 5:21-43

8 am Fr Peter Madden - RIP (*Connellan Family*)  
 9:30 am Intentions of UCM Members and Families  
 11am John Nolan - RIP  
 12.15 *Baptism of Oliver Dumitriu* **2nd Collection: SVP**  
 3.00 pm Filipino Community Mass  
 3.00 pm Confirmation: Final Meeting in the Upper Room  
 6 pm People of the Parish

**Monday 02<sup>nd</sup> July FERIA** Mt 8:18-22

7.30 am Frank Johnson - RIP (*A. Nichols*)  
 12 noon Frances & Michael-Joe Keavney - RIP (*Mary & Geraldine*)  
 7-9 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Tuesday 03<sup>rd</sup> July St Thomas, Apostle** Jn 20:24-29

NO MORNING MASS  
 12 noon Joseph Crowley - RIP (*Nora King*)

**Wednesday 04<sup>th</sup> July FERIA** Mt 8: 28-34

7.30 am Good Helth  
 10.30-11.30 *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)*  
 12 noon Ben Kelly : Healing (*Fr Daniel*)  
 7 - 8.30 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
 7 - 9 pm *Charismatic Prayer group (Link Lane Rooms)*

**Thursday 05<sup>th</sup> July FERIA** Mt 9:1-8

7.30 am Connie Johnson - RIP (*A. Nichols*)  
 12 noon Mrs Margaret Armstron - RIP (*L Armstrong*)  
 7.45 pm *Prayer and Pub*

**Friday 06<sup>th</sup> July FERIA** Mt 9:9-13

7.30 am Morning Prayer  
 12 noon John Spillett - RIP (*A. Nichols*)  
 7.30 pm Kevin Flood - RIP (*Sharon Baker*)  
*Benediction after Mass*

**Saturday 07<sup>th</sup> July The Translation of St Thomas** Mt 9:14-17

10.45 am *Saturday Concert in the Church (Tea from 10.15)*  
 10.30 - 11.30 am *Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)*  
 12 noon James Burton - RIP (*Nick & Cathy Gadd*)  
 12.30 - 5.00 *Medieval Pageant Activities in Church and Hall*  
 4.30 - 5.30 pm *Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)*  
 6pm (Vigil) *Maria Sheridan (Fr Daniel)*  
 8 pm Mass of the Translation: Canterbury Cathedral Quire - Wolfgang Dittrich - RIP (*Mary Dittrich*)

**Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> July Fourteenth Sunday (Ordinary Time)** Mk 6:1-6

8 am Joan Willey - RIP (*Connellan Family*)  
 9:30 am David Riley - RIP (*Mrs Riley*)  
 11am Foundation Mass: Charles Jones Hill - RIP  
*Baptism of Sephora Barra during Mass*  
 12.15 *Baptism of Poppy Johnson* **2nd Collection: Apostleship of the Sea**  
 3.00 pm Polish Community Mass  
 6 pm People of the Parish  
 7.30 pm Receiving the Body of John Kemsley into the Church

### From Fr Anthony ...

Two people, this week, sent me Jean Vanier's latest newsletter. Jean Vanier is the founder of L'Arche. They were both taken by the last paragraph of his letter which read "*In a press conference on his return from Bangladesh, Pope Francis answered a journalist's question about which was more important: evangelisation or dialogue? He replied that we should not oppose the two. Evangelisation is not about proselytising but about bearing witness to the way of living the gospel. Live like the Good Samaritan, forgive 70 times 7 times, love your enemies etc. Dialogue is really meeting the other person as they are, really listening to them. To live the gospel, the good news for the poor, is the heart of everything.*"

Dialogue involves listening. We need to cultivate an attitude of real listening so that we can come to a deeper understanding of the other person. This dynamic is seen clearly in Jesus' encounter with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. When Jesus first met these two walking away from Jerusalem with their faces down cast he asked them what they were talking about. This listening is essential to dialogue. The importance of dialogue reminded me of the first letter that Pope Paul VI wrote after he became Pope. It was entitled "Ecclesiam Suam". I think it is a powerful and significant document. He wrote this before the third session of the Second Vatican council. He wanted to emphasize that the Church must enter into dialogue with the world in which it lives. He talks about the task of the Church is to serve society. When talking about dialogue the Pope was talking about the relationship the Church needs to have with the wider world. The Church distinguishes itself from humanity not in order to oppose it but to come closer to it. Of its nature the Church must share the Good News. Pope Paul says the Church must enter into dialogue with the world in which it lives. The characteristics of this dialogue should be clarity, meekness rather than arrogance, trust in the good will of both parties which promotes intimacy and friendship, and prudence.

Our own Archbishop emeritus, Kevin McDonald has written "*Dialogue and evangelisation are inextricably related. In a dialogue situation it is vital that the parties be able to articulate their faith, clearly and robustly. It is equally vital that they be genuinely open and receptive to the testimony of their dialogue partners. Likewise when we preach or teach the Gospel we create a dialogue situation in which an individual with his or her own story and experience engages with the Word of God*".

Finally last week Pope Francis visited Geneva to address the ecumenical meeting to mark the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the World Council of Churches. We need to continue the important dialogue within the Christian Church. He was encouraging all out of a heartfelt love for Jesus that they do not allow themselves to be mired in disagreements, but instead to look courageously to the future believing in unity and breaking down barriers of suspicion and fear. He said that what is needed is a new evangelical outreach. "*We are called to be a people that experiences and shares the joy of the gospel, praises the Lord and serves our brothers and sisters with hearts burning with a desire to open up horizons of goodness and beauty unimaginable to those who have not been blessed to truly know Jesus.*"