

NEWSLETTER

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 for all enquiries, appointments, bookings and all parish business
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PARISH MATTERS



Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting is **Saturday, 23rd June 2018 at 9.00am.**

Places are limited so please call the office to book. Please fill in a Registration Form in advance (on website or from Office).



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018/2019:

Dates to be advised later in the year

CONFIRMATION 2017-2018 Ongoing Formation:

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

RCIA: Next programme starts September 2018



Canterbury Deanery - Exploring the Eucharist.

A talk by Canon John O'Toole- National Ecumenical Officer -CBCEW, entitled **Eucharist - One Bread, One Cup (Meal, Memorial, Sacrifice, Presence)** to be held at St Thomas of Canterbury Church Hall on Saturday, **30th June 2018** from 11am to 2pm. Details on poster in the Porch.



Weekly Saturday Concerts: All are welcome to the Concerts in Hall - **Saturdays: 10.45 to 11.30am.**(commencing with tea a little earlier)

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.



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

Happy to be a Catholic Club: Next meeting is 23 June 2018 in the Upper Room after midday Mass - all welcome. Please see notice board for further information

Activities at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Faversham:

Our next *Monthly Conversation* is Thursday, 21st June. The topic: **Mary Magdalene: victim of fake news?** facilitated by Rev. Helen Hollands (Methodist minister) based in Whitstable.

Beginning on **Saturday, 7th 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**

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

2nd Collection: Day for Life: This year the Day for Life will focus on those suffering or who have survived human trafficking and modern slavery. Please visit www.dayforlife.org for more information. If you wish to donate or make a legacy this can be done online at www.dayforlife.org/donate; cheques (payable to **CATEW**) sent to: Day for Life, 39 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1BX or by phoning 02079 014838

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, 16/17 June - Day for Life.
Next weekend - 23/24 June - No 2nd Collection next weekend.

Dates for your Diary

24th June, 10.30am, Open-air Mass at St Anselm's School
7th July, 8pm, Translation Mass in Canterbury Cathedral Quire

Friday, 29 June: Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. (Holy Day of Obligation). Masses are at 9.30am, 12 noon and 8.00pm. A **collection for Peter Pence** (used for works of Mercy and Charity and Services to the Universal Church) will be taken at Masses.

2018 OPEN AIR MASS: VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS

We are looking for additional willing and able people to assist at the Open Air Mass on Sunday, 24 July:
Traffic Marshalls, Set Up and Clear Away: We need more bodies to boost the numbers - please volunteer by completing a form in the Porch.

Eucharistic Ministers - please complete the form in the Sacristy if you can offer your services.

Raffle: A Raffle is being organised - Please donate prizes of all shapes and descriptions! Please leave them at the Presbytery.

All parish musicians and singers are invited to a rehearsal for the Open Air mass. The practise will be at 7:30pm in the church hall on Friday, 22nd June. For music in advance please email: philip@gascoynes.org

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 (01622 232670) for additional information or application details.

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.

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, Janet 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 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 and John Spillet.

Thank you! Collections for weekend 09/10 June 2018:

Offertory: £995.51 loose & £640.21 Gift Aided- total £1635.72
2nd Collection: For Catholic Trust raised £404.92.

From Fr Anthony ...

A little book I bought when I knew I was coming to Canterbury as parish priest in 2014 was entitled "Canterbury" a Pocket Miscellany published by The History Press and compiled by Kathryn Bedford. Each double page had different facts about the City. There was a page entitled Festivals. It listed three: the first was the Canterbury Festival held in October and started in 1929. The second was The Antifest. "The South East's only animation festival" and thirdly "Catholic Pilgrimage" There was a black and white photo taken in 1974. It showed a large group of religious in habits, walking behind a reliquary, flanked by Knights of St Columba carrying torches about to pass through Westgate, and the caption read "An annual event organised by the Knights of St Columba in October. Members of the order walk the traditional pilgrim route while others come to view the procession through the city with the relics of Thomas Becket and the special cathedral service. The event is considerably smaller than it used to be." Sadly this event has long since disappeared. Why is this? As Catholics we now seem reluctant to process in public. Is this because we lack the confidence to declare our identity and difference? Is it because we don't want to give others an opportunity to laugh at us or ridicule us. Do we worry too much about what others think? It would be interesting to know why you think there has been this change of mood.

Next Sunday we are gathering together as one parish family not in the Church but in the grounds of St Anselm's School. This is an opportunity for us to gather around one altar, at one celebration of Mass. The central act of the day is the 10:30am Mass. For all Catholics, the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The 24th June happens to be the feast of the Birthday of John the Baptist. I encourage you to come celebrate Mass at St Anselm's school, stay to eat, to spend time together and enjoy music and each other's company. This Open Air Mass is only possible through the kindness and generosity of the school in allowing us the use of their grounds and equipment. Also many of you have given your time to help plan the day and be there early to set up the field and provide food and drink. There is still a chance this Sunday to sign up to help. The planning group have told me that I am responsible for making sure that we have a beautiful sunny day.

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) John Stratford (Stratford Family)

Sunday 17th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 4:26-34

8 am Thanksgiving (V. Anthony & Family)

9:30 am William Curley - RIP (Mrs Riley)

11am People of the Parish

12.15 *Baptism of Raphael Elderton-Welch*

2.00pm *Wedding of Ancella and Jack*

6 pm Mr L Armstrong - RIP (L Armstrong)

Monday 18th Feria Mt 5:38-42

7.30 am Hannah Purbrick - RIP (Keith and Sue Purbrick)

12 noon Wolfgang Dittrich - RIP (Mary Dittrich)

2 pm *Wedding of Albina and Gary (Fr Peter Geldard)*

7-9 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Tuesday 19th June Feria Mt 5:43-48

NO EARLY MASS

12 noon Keith Kidby (Keith and Sue Purbrick)

Wednesday 20th June St Alban, Protomartyr Mt 61-6:16-18

NO EARLY MASS

10.30-11.00 *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)*

12 noon Requiem Mass for Joan Willey

7 - 8.30 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

7 - 9 pm *Charismatic Prayer group (Link Lane Rooms)*

Thursday 21st June St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious Mt 6:7-15

7.30 am Joe Connor - RIP (Keith and Sue Purbrick)

12 noon Thanksgiving (Pauline Myerscough)

7.45 *Prayer and Pub*

Friday 22nd June Sts John Fisher & Thomas More Mt 6:19-23

7.30 am Morning Prayer

12 noon Funeral of Raymond Allcorn

NO EVENING MASS

8 - 9 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Saturday 23rd June St Etheldreda, Abbess Mt 6:24-34

10.45am *Saturday Concert in the Hall (Tea from 10.15)*

10.30 - 11.30 *Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)*

12 noon John Stratford (Stratford Family)

2.30 - 4.30pm *Altar Servers Summer Meeting*

4.30 - 5.30 pm *Reconciliation (Fr Joe Feeley)*

6pm (Vigil) Francis Brown

Sunday 24th June Nativity of St John the Baptist Lk 1 57-66.80

NO MASSES IN THE PARISH CHURCH

10:30 am People of the Parish

**COMMUNITY MASS AT ST ANSELM'S SCHOOL,
 OLD DOVER ROAD**

Friday 29th June St Peter and Paul, Solemnity (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses: 9.30am, 12 noon and 8.00pm

Please note there will be **NO EARLY MORNING MASS**

2nd Collection:
 Day for Life