

NEWSLETTER

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Office open: Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm
 for all enquiries, appointments, bookings and all parish business
 (Closed for lunch between 12.30 - 1.00pm)



PARISH MATTERS



Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be confirmed at a later date. 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 Final Meeting:
 Sunday, 01 July, 3-4.30 pm in the Upper Room
RCIA: Next programme starts September 2018



Dates for your Diary

7th July at 8pm Translation Mass - Canterbury Cathedral Quire



PARISH MEETINGS:

Wednesday, 27 June - Parish Council Meeting -in Presbytery



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

Early Notice: The Canterbury Medieval Pageant, commemorating the pilgrimage of Henry II, is taking place on Saturday, 7th July 2018. St Thomas' is hosting one of the Family Trail Events. This will mean that both the Church and Hall will be open to visitors from 12.45 to 5.00pm with activities for children. If you could donate your time to help with this activity, please contact Linda in the Office.

VACANCY: Ten Ten is a Catholic charitable organisation that uses drama to speak to the hearts and minds of young people in schools throughout the UK. They are looking for a schools' facilitator to lead sessions on "Relationship and Sex Education" using films created by Ten Ten. This is a fixed-term, part-time role with an attractive salary and benefits. For information, please visit: www.tententheatre.co.uk/recruitment. Deadline is Monday 2 July.

Film: "Summer in the Forest" at the Gulbenkian on: Tuesday 26th June at 17.00 - A calm and affecting study of the Christian philosopher Jean Vanier, who created the L'Arche community for people with learning disabilities. (Randall Wright: UK/France/Palestine: 2018: 108 mins: Documentary)
Theology Any Questions: Anglican Deanery of Canterbury Ecumenical Event at Saint Paul's Church, **Wednesday 27th June at 7.30 pm.** Come and join in the debate.

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

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 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 16/17 June 2018:
Offertory: £1022.95 loose & £596.15 Gift Aided- total £1619.10
2nd Collection: We raised £220.42 for Day for life.

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Francis Brown - RIP
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

Monday 25th Feria Mt 7:1-5

NO MORNING MASS
 12 noon Alfie McKay - RIP & Lucy McKay (McKay Family)
 7-9 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 26th June Feria Mt 7:6, 12-14

7.30 am Rosanna Faccioli - RIP (Paola Madini)
 12 noon Mr L Armstrong - RIP (L Armstrong)

Wednesday 27th June Feria Mt 7: 15-20

7.30 am Welfare of Grace Ngalm-Wirbir (Helen Natrass)
 10.30-11.00 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)
 12 noon Mary Frances Johnson - RIP (Collins/Crowther Families)
 7 - 8.30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting in Presbytery
 7 - 9 pm Charismatic Prayer group (Link Lane Rooms)

Thursday 28th June St Irenaeus, Dr of the Church Mt 7:21-29

7.30 am Welfare of Esme Mills (Fr Anthony)
 12 noon Raymond Allcorn - RIP (Levey Family)
 7.45 pm Prayer and Pub

Friday 29th June Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles Mt 16:13-19

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

7.30 am For the People of the Parish
 9.30 am Varghese Joseph - RIP (Joseph Family)
 12 noon Welfare of Ted (Fr Daniel)
 8.00 pm Joan Willey - RIP (A Nichols)
 9 pm Benediction after Mass

Collection for Peter Pence

Saturday 30th June 1st Martyrs of the Roman Church Mt 8:5-17

10.45 am Saturday Concert in the Church (Tea from 10.15)
 10.30 - 11.30 am Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)
 11 am - 2 pm "Exploring the Eucharist" talk in the Hall
 12 noon Ernest Punnett - RIP (Jordan-Hargreaves Family)
 1.00 pm Wedding of Jennifer Walker and Satish Patchai
 4.30 - 5.30 pm Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)
 6pm (Vigil) Patrick Simms- RIP (Anne Booth)

Sunday 01st 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
 3.00 pm Filipino Community Mass
 3.00 pm Confirmation: Final Meeting in the Upper Room
 6 pm People of the Parish

2nd Collection: SVP

From Fr Anthony ...

Last Wednesday was the UN World Day for Refugees. This last week we witnessed the MV Aquarius a refugee rescue ship carrying refugees which had been turned away from Italian and Maltese ports being eventually welcomed by Spain and docked at the port of Valencia. Also last week we saw, in less than a week, that more than 2,000 children (including infants and toddlers) were separated from their parents who entered the US illegally. The US President finally had to relent and give in to universal outrage and pressure from all quarters. He finally signed an executive order, which ended the administration's policy of separating migrant families crossing the US-Mexico border. In a statement issued to mark this World Day for Refugees Bishop Paul McAleenan, an auxiliary in Westminster diocese, and lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees said: "I call on our society as a whole to reflect on how we can better help refugees, both through welcoming them into our society and communities, and through supporting refugees globally. In his message for Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis said; "our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate". The Bishop said that "a society is judged by how it treats the most vulnerable within it, and in England and Wales we must do more." "As Catholics, we should welcome refugees into our communities, reaching out to the most vulnerable groups through the community sponsorship scheme for Syrian refugees. We should also keep refugees in our prayers, and look on practical ways to help. Our society must be mindful of the challenges and abuses refugees face, and look to protect them. Currently, in England and Wales refugees and asylum seekers can be indefinitely detained, often made destitute, and face unprecedented levels of hate crime. Refugees and asylum seekers must be integrated and their cause promoted so they can flourish and contribute to our society. We must recognise the value and gifts that they bring - instead many currently face barriers to work, effectively barring them from our society. Refugees abroad, and the organisations that care for them, also need support, and I commend the work done to support those groups. In his message on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees in January this year Pope Francis stated that 'every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age.' I hope that we will continue to see Christ in the refugees we welcome and support. O Lord, to whom no one is a stranger and from whose help no one is ever distant, look with compassion on refugees and exiles, on segregated persons and on lost children; restore them, we pray, to a homeland and give us a kind heart for the needy and the stranger.

Weekly Saturday Concerts: All are welcome to the Concerts **10.45 to 11.30am.**



(commencing with tea a little earlier)
This week the concert will be in the Church (due to the Eucharist Talk by Canon John O'Toole in the Hall)

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, 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**

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 (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, 23/24 June - No 2nd Collection.
Next weekend - 30 June/01 July - SVP (Gift Aid Envelopes available in Porch)