

# 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  
**St Anselm's Catholic Secondary School:** Executive Head Teacher: Mr Michael Walters (01227 826200);  
**St Thomas' Catholic Primary School:** Head Teacher: Miss Lisa D'Agostini (01227 462539)

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 on **Saturday, 15 September 2018** at 9.00 am in the Presbytery. Places are limited so please call the office to book. Please fill in a Registration Form in advance (on website or from Office).



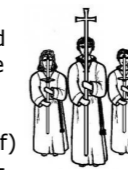
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018/2019:**  
 Dates to be advised later in the year  
**CONFIRMATION:** 2019 Programme to be advised  
**RCIA:** Next programme starts 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery



**PARISH MEETINGS:**  
**Monday, 23 July - 7.30 pm Open Air Mass Debrief - Presbytery**  
**Friday, 27 July - 3pm. FHC Planning Group - Presbytery**

### New Altar Servers

There is a special practice for all those who would like to train as Altar Servers, and those who have begun serving recently, on Thursday 26th July at 5pm, lasting approximately 45 minutes. If you would like your child to attend (or indeed yourself) please contact Fr Daniel or Linda in the Parish Office to confirm. Parents are welcome to stay for the practice.



### Rosary Chain

A group of younger parishioners has discerned a call to make the beauty and power of the Holy Rosary (and indeed of Mary Immaculate) more widely known and available and are planning to distribute rosaries free of charge in the street in Canterbury. They are looking for donations of new rosaries or financial donations in order to have a large available supply of beads and prayer guides. Please contact Fr Daniel or Linda in the Parish Office if you are able to help. God bless you.

**SVP VACANCY:** The SVP is seeking to recruit an 1833 Research and Project Development Officer to review, re-model, project plan and potentially produce resources for our programme for 18-30 year olds in preparation for a service re-launch in Sept 2019. £27k pa pro rata; 3 days a week; one year contract. Home-based with national travel. Closing date: 10:00 on Wednesday 25th July 2018. Interviews: Thursday 26th July 2018. Start date: Wednesday 29th August 2018. For more details & application pack, please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website: <https://www.svp.org.uk/>.

**A request from the UCM:** The children's badminton set (packed in a black cloth bag (1m long by 20cm high, 20cm depth) )has gone missing from the stage in the Hall. If you borrowed this set, please return it to the UCM or the Parish office as soon as possible. Thank you

**"8th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage** Saturday 28th July, for details see; [www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk](http://www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk) Send us any prayer requests; [CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk) or text to 07795205114" Information on poster in the Narthex.



### OPEN AIR MASS RAFFLE WINNERS:

Names of all winners are displayed on lists in the Narthex. Please bring your ticket stub to Linda in the office between 9am and 3pm, Monday to Friday, to claim your prize.

**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, 21/22 July** - In Aid of the SVP  
**Next weekend - 29/29 July** - There is no second collection

### From Fr Anthony ...

Shepherds are those who care for the sheep, gather them, watch over them and lead them to safety finding for them pasture for food and water to slacken their thirst. We have bad shepherds in the first reading this weekend. They have allowed the flock to be destroyed and scattered. The shepherd is an enduring and powerful image for us today. In the gospel Jesus saw a large crowd had followed him and the disciples despite best efforts to find a lonely place where they could rest. Mark says; "He took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd." Jesus saw men and women who were scattered, aimless, disorientated and lost. His response was to teach them at some length. He feed them, giving them the nourishment of his lying word. Today we are both sheep and shepherds. I am sure, just like sheep, there are times when we feel lost, not sure is which to go. We thirst for the living Word and a deep experience of Jesus. We are also like shepherds, responsible to gathering together and leading and feeding those for whom we have a responsibility. We may be parents, teachers, leaders, priests, deacons, catechists, or religious sisters or brothers. We are now entering the traditional time for holidays. Jesus when he welcomed his disciples as they returned from their mission to proclaim the Good News said, "You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while." As one commentator wrote, "Busy people must recognise that if they never voluntarily come apart then they will soon involuntarily fall apart or be torn apart." Not everyone will be able to go away on holiday but however fraught our lives may be we need to find a time for quiet and reflection. A time to listen and reflect and hear the Lord. Each day the Lord wants to shepherd us and lead us to restful waters to revive our drooping spirit.

Lord, I thank you for this time to be renewed and refreshed.  
 Lord, I thank you for this time that I can spend with my family  
 Lord, I thank you for this time to enjoy your creation  
 Lord, I thank you for this time of rest  
 Help me to live in the present and enjoy all your gifts.

### TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Regina Kilo & Cecile Galabe - RIP (*Angafor fam.*)  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Sixteenth Sunday (Ordinary Time)** *Mk 6:30-34*  
 8 am Margaret, Douglas and Charles Ward  
 9:30 am Raymond Allcorn - RIP (*Annie and John*)  
 11am Rev. Peter Edwards - RIP (*Family*)  
*Baptism of Tobias Suslik during Mass*  
 12.15 *Baptism of Margaret Devlin*  
 2.30 pm Syro Malabar Community Mass **2nd Collection: SVP**  
 6 pm People of the Parish  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July St Bridget, Patron of Europe** *Mt 12:38-42*  
 7.30 am Martin & John Simms' Health (*Anne Booth*)  
 12 noon Philo & Herminio Correa - RIP  
 7.30 pm Open Air Mass Debriefing Meeting - Presbytery  
 7-9 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July FERIA** *Mt 12:46-50*  
 NO MORNING MASS  
 12 noon Francis Brown - RIP  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July St James, Apostle** *Mt 20: 20-28*  
 7.30 am John A Kemsley - RIP (*Smith Family*)  
 10.30-11.30 *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)*  
 12 noon Eilish O'Meara RIP (*A Sullivan*)  
 7.30 - 8.30 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
 7 - 9 pm *Charismatic Prayer group (Link Lane Rooms)*  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July Sts Joachim & Anna, Parents of the BVM** *Mt 13:10-17*  
 7.30 am Luisa Ward - wellbeing  
 12 noon Gozie Akah - RIP (*Constance and Family*)  
 5.00 pm *New Altar Servers' Practice - in the Church*  
 7.45 pm *Prayer and Pub*  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July FERIA** *Mt 13:18-23*  
 7.30 am Morning Prayer  
 12 noon Raymond Allcorn - RIP (*Mrs Garside*)  
*Adoration after Mass*  
 3.00 pm *First Communion Planning Group - Presbytery*  
 7.30 pm Roberta Johnson and Family (*Mary Reynolds*)  
*Adoration until 9pm*  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July FERIA** *Mt 13:24-30*  
 10.30 - 11.30 *Reconciliation ( )*  
 12 noon John Spillett - RIP (*Bernard Packer*)  
 4.30 - 5.30 *Reconciliation (Fr Peter Geldard)*  
 6pm (Vigil) Hugh Fitzgibbon - RIP (*Una Harris*)  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July Seventeenth Sunday (Ordinary Time)** *Jn 6:1-5*  
 8 am People of the Parish  
 9:30 am Vinod Family - Thanksgiving (*Anand Vinod*)  
 11am Braeden Harris - exam intentions (*Peter Smith*)  
 6 pm Welfare of Terry Hogan (*Fr Anthony*)

**Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land November 2019**  
 from Father Anthony: I will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from the **20 - 27 November** 2019. The price will be £959 plus estimated flight price £440 = £1399. We will spend two nights in Galilee, two nights in Bethlehem and three nights in Jerusalem. If you would like to join me please give your details to the parish office. I am giving you plenty of notice so that you can start saving.  
 Regards Father Anthony

### PARISH GROUPS SUMMER RECESS:

**Charismatic Prayer & Scripture Group** last meeting before summer break 25 July. Next meeting: 05 September 2018.  
**The Scripture Group** are in Summer Recess. Recommencing in the upper room after midday Mass: Thursday, 13 September.  
**Coffee after the 9.30am mass.** Now in recess until Sunday 2nd September. Come and meet your fellow parishioners from all over the world? John & Marie-Claire Renn.

**A Time for Mourning.** A Retreat/Workshop for the recently bereaved is being held at Aylesford Priory from 12 to 14 October 2018, led by Elizabeth Partridge and Fr Francis Kemsley. For contact details and more information see leaflets in Narthex.

**A Day with Mary** - Saturday 4 August 2018, St Anne, Eastern Esplanade, Cliftonville, Margate. A Day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. More information on Poster in Narthex.

**DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR?** 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

Annual remembrance of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings takes place in the Choir Chapel at Aylesford Priory on Monday 6 August, starting at 8.20 pm. All are welcome to join us, not only Catholics, but people of any Faith, or none. Details on Notice in Narthex

### 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, , Angelina 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, Mary Connolly and Bernhard Hilder-Brando

### 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 Canning, Frank Johnson, Wolfgang Dittrich, Guisto Offredi, John Kemsley, John Spillett, Katie Cobbett and Deacon David Pease.

**Thank you! Collections for weekend 14/15 July 2018:**  
**Offertory:** £1018.32 loose & £626.35 Gift Aided- Total **£1644.67**  
**2nd Collection:** No second collection this weekend