

# NEWSLETTER

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## PARISH MATTERS



**NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS:** Following the changes to the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) we now have a new parish email address:  
**[canterbury@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:canterbury@rcaos.org.uk)**

Please only use this email in future as the old one will not be monitored after the end of September. Thank you, Linda



Fiona Galt and Steve Williams will be speaking at the end of all Masses this weekend about the upcoming Adoramus Conference in Liverpool.



**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 (from Office).



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019:** Will be held at 9.30 and 11 am Mass on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
**CONFIRMATION:** 2019 Confirmation Mass takes place on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 11 am  
**RCIA:** Programme starts 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery



**RCIA - OUR JOURNEY IN FAITH:** Our next course begins on **25th September at 59 Burgate at 7:30pm**. This is for those thinking about becoming Catholic and those who might have been baptised as Catholic but never completed their Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist and/or Confirmation). Forms are available at the back of the Church.  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** First Reconciliation and First Eucharist preparation begins on **Sunday 6th January at 9am in the Hall**. Registration Forms are available at the back of the church and need to be returned with a copy of your child's baptism certificate no later than 25th November. The first parents' meeting is on **Mon, 17th December in the Church Hall at 7:30pm**.

**RAFFLE PRIZES** There are still some to be collected from the Presbytery. Any prizes not collected by Wed, 29/08, will then be donated to charity.

**Pope Francis: A Man of his Word.** The good news for those who missed this film at the Curzon, or want to see it again. It will be on at the Gulbenkian from 14 Sept to 20th inclusive. Please see Gulbenkian listings for specifics.

### CATCHING LIVES: CANTERBURY COMMUNITY SHELTER VOLUNTEERS

The Canterbury Community Shelter will be running from **Monday 1st October 2018 through to Sunday 31st March 2019**. In partnership with 7 churches in Canterbury (of which St Thomas's is one) we will be providing overnight accommodation for rough sleepers to shelter from the cold weather and work with staff/volunteers to find more permanent housing. If you would like to volunteer, we will need a form from you and you will need to attend induction.  
1. You can download and complete a CCS volunteer form from: <http://www.catchinglives.org/catching-lives-winter-shelter-volunteers-required-induction-evening-dates/> Please email it to [ccs@catchinglives.org](mailto:ccs@catchinglives.org)  
2. Our induction days are at Canterbury Open Centre, Station Road East Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2RB (opposite snooker club). Please see the poster in the Narthex for more information

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Friday 21st September 2018 at 1230pm in St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7HY. Archbishop Peter Smith will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to [roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk) [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

**100 Club:** Congratulations to our August 2018 draw winners: Judith Roser (No. 26) and Patty Baxter (No. 33)

### SECOND COLLECTION

**This weekend, - 25/26 August - Saint Vincent De Paul -** gift aid envelopes are available in the Narthex  
**Next weekend - 01/02 September -** no second collection

We welcome **Fr Sylvester Adeniyi** - a member of the Spiritual Order, who will be arriving the first week of September as Assistant Priest in our Parish. Fr Sylvester will be with us until Christmas.

**Kent Catholic Schools Partnership is looking for Foundation Governors** to join governing bodies across a number of our academies in Kent. Foundation Governors are committed to supporting education in a Catholic context and help the Trust to deliver outstanding spiritual, moral and learning outcomes for children and young people. For further information please see the KCSP website at <http://www.kcsp.org.uk/recruitment/> or contact the Trust on [office@kcsp.org.uk](mailto:office@kcsp.org.uk)

**PARISH GROUP MEETINGS AFTER SUMMER REAK:**  
**Charismatic Prayer & Scripture Group:** 05 September 2018.  
**The Scripture Group** 13 September 2018.  
**Coffee after the 9.30am mass.** 2nd September 2018.

**Young persons' Talent Show, 6th October**  
A "just for fun" talent show for under 18s will be held in the church hall from 2 - 5pm on 6th October. This will not be judged, so get polishing your showpiece, whatever it is, for performing among friends. Refreshments will be provided. Application forms will be available shortly.

**Anselm Study circle** next meeting is at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, 19th September 2018 in the Parish Hall. Our discussion topic: **Saint Augustine and the experience of God** (by Father Jaime Garcia Alvarez OSA), is led by **Matteo Casati**. Reading lists are on the parish website: <https://goo.gl/8vjlh> ALL INTERESTED ARE WELCOMED TO ATTEND!  
Details from: Prof Ghazwan Butrous: [G.butrous@kent.ac.uk](mailto:G.butrous@kent.ac.uk)

**SVP SPECIAL APPEAL FOR FLOOD VICTIMS IN KARALA**  
As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India - it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk), telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

**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, 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, Mary Connolly, Darcey Campbell and Michael Goggin*

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of:**  
Joe Connor, 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 Spillet, Katie Cobbett and Deacon David Pease, Bernhard Hilder-Brando, Maurice Penfold, Jean Munier, George Emmanuel Gomez, Mgr Leo White and Fr Phillip Mathias

**Thank you! Collections for weekend 18/19 August 2018:**  
**Offertory:** £967.89 loose & £763.10 Gift Aided- Total **£1730.99**  
**2nd Collection:** There was no second collection this weekend

### TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Katy Cobbett - RIP (*Mary Reynolds*)

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August Twenty First Sunday (Ord. Time)** In 6:60-69

8 am Good Health

9:30 am Raymond Allcorn - RIP (*Pamela Dodds*)

11 am Augustino Vu Van Thuong & Anna Luong Thi Xiem  
(*Vin Family*)

2.30 pm Syro Malabar Community Mass

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:  
SVP

6 pm People of the Parish

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August St Monica** Mt 23: 13-22

Special Appeal:  
SVP Karala

7.30 am NO MORNING MASS

12 noon Deceased Family and Friends of Pam Dodds

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August St Augustine** Mt 23: 23-26

7.30 am NO MORNING MASS

12 noon Intentions of Fr Tony Cassidy (*Mary Dittrich*)

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August The Passion of St John the Baptist**

Mk 6: 17-29

NO MORNING MASS

10.30 - 11.30 *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)*

12 noon Shaun Terriss - RIP (*Jordan-Hargreaves Family*)

7-8.30 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and**

**Margaret Ward**

Mt 24:42-51

NO MORNING MASS

12 noon Lee Jordan - RIP (*Jordan-Hargreaves Family*)

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August St Aidan and Sts of Lindisfarne** Mt 25: 1-13

7.30 am Morning Prayer

12 noon Margaret Armstrong - RIP (*L Armstrong*)

*Adoration after Mass to 1.30pm*

7.30 pm NO EVENING MASS

*Adoration from 8 - 9 pm*

**Saturday 01<sup>st</sup> September Feria** Mt 25:14-30

10.30 - 11.30 *Reconciliation (Fr. Daniel)*

12 noon Jonathan Green (*Brigid Rowe*)

4.30 - 5.30 *Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)*

6pm (Vigil) Patrick McLaughlin - RIP (*Monte Bre Sisters*)

**Sunday 02<sup>nd</sup> September Twenty Second Sunday (Ord. Time)**

Mk7:108; 14-15; 21-23

8 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Intentions of UCM members and their families

11 am In Thanksgiving

*followed by farewell party in the Hall*

2.30 pm Filipino Community Mass

6 pm Bernard Packer and Family

### From Fr Anthony ...

Pope Francis has responded to new reports of clerical sexual abuse and the ecclesial cover-up of abuse by writing an impassioned letter addressed to the whole People of God. In this letter he calls on the Church to be close to victims in solidarity, and to join in acts of prayer and fasting in penance for such "atrocities".

He writes: *"To see things as the Lord does, to be where the Lord wants us to be, to experience a conversion of heart in his presence. To do so, prayer and penance will help. I invite the entire holy faithful People of God to a penitential exercise of prayer and fasting, following the Lord's command. This can awaken our conscience and arouse our solidarity and commitment to a culture of care that says "never again" to every form of abuse."*

He says that the only way that we have to respond to this evil that has darkened so many lives is to experience it as a task regarding all of us as the People of God. This awareness of being part of a people and a shared history will enable us to acknowledge our past sins and mistakes with a penitential openness that can allow us to be renewed from within. Without the active participation of all the Church's members, everything being done to uproot the culture of abuse in our communities will not be successful in generating the necessary dynamics for sound and realistic change. The Pope is asking all of us as church to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others. He suggests that peace penance and prayer will help us to open our eyes and our hearts to other people's sufferings and to overcome the thirst for power and possessions that are so often the root of those evils. Can I suggest that on Friday 14th September, the feast of the Triumph of the Cross we make this a special day of fasting and prayer? Let us fast on this Friday so that we will hunger and thirst for justice and it will force us to walk in the truth, "supporting all the judicial measures that may be necessary".

Towards the end of his letter the pope says: *"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it", said Saint Paul. By an attitude of prayer and penance, we will become attuned as individuals and as a community to this exhortation, so that we may grow in the gift of compassion, in justice, prevention and reparation. Mary chose to stand at the foot of her Son's cross. She did so unhesitatingly, standing firmly by Jesus' side. In this way, she reveals the way she lived her entire life. When we experience the desolation caused by these ecclesial wounds, we will do well, with Mary, "to insist more upon prayer", seeking to grow all the more in love and fidelity to the Church (SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, Spiritual Exercises, 319).*