

NEWSLETTER

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PARISH MATTERS

PARISH DIRECTORY 2018/19: The Parish Directory for 2018/19 has been updated and is now available on our Church Website. A few paper copies will be provided shortly. Please have a look at the details of the many Ministries active - everyone is welcome to join in and contribute your gifts, blessings and skills to our Parish Life.



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 2019: Will be held at 9.30 and 11 am Mass on 12th May 2019

CONFIRMATION: 2019 Confirmation Mass takes place on 9th June 2019

RCIA: Programme starts 25th September 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery



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.

On Tuesday 14th August, the Vigil of the Feast of the Assumption, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com See poster at back of the Church. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting see: <http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Prayer-and-Fasting-Days.html>

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

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.

RIDE AND STRIDE. This annual fund raising event for churches in Kent takes place in September. If you are interested in taking part or can volunteer some time to host the table at the church for participants to sign in, please contact Linda in the office.

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, 11/12 August - The Work of the Overseas Missions - spreading the message of the Gospel.
Next weekend - 18/19 August - There is no second collection

From Fr Anthony ...

The first reading from the Book of Kings at Mass this weekend is a favourite reading of mine. Elijah had come off worse in his confrontation with Jezebel and so fled in the wilderness. He sat down under a furze bush (broom tree) and wished he was dead. He can't go on. It is all too much for him. Then he fell asleep. But an angel wakes him up and tells him to eat and drink the scone and the jar of water that have appeared by his side. The angel tells him he cannot fall asleep again and he would not survive the journey without this food and drink. This nourishment sustained Elijah as he walked for forty days and night until he reached Horeb, the Mountain of God. We don't hear in this reading that when he reached this mountain Elijah has an amazing encounter with God, not in the mighty wind, or in the thunder but in a gentle breeze. I love this reading because of the transformation that comes to the prophet when he is given food and drink. He is revived and refreshed. I am sure that in some way we can all identify with the experience of Elijah who has come to the end of his tether. He can't take it anymore and he just wants to lay down and die. He wants to give up. God's gift of food refreshes him and changes him. A friend of mine said that when things were difficult or chaotic in her life she didn't come to church because she told herself she had no time, she was too busy and had too much to do. When circumstances changed and things were calmer then she would return. But it is precisely when we are hungry, alone and down that we need the sustenance of the presence of Jesus. God provided the energy and direction to the Israelites during their years of wandering in the desert. "Likewise, through the Eucharist Jesus provides vitality and meaning to us weak and frightened members of his flock. Care for his loved ones is one of God's principal characteristics." Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk in his reflection on today's passage writes: "We have all sat with Elijah under the broom tree thinking or saying, 'This is enough O Lord!' But the same Lord who took care of Elijah and brought him to a deeper level of knowledge of God takes care of us and leads us into a closer contact with his goodness, a deeper knowledge of his love."

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 12th August Nineteenth Sunday (Ordinary Time) *Jn 6:41-51*
8 am Luiza d'Souza - RIP (*Glenda Flanagan*)
9:30 am Ronad Dodds - RIP (*Pamela Dodds*)
Baptism: *Sofia Craycroft*
11 am People of the Parish
4 pm Polish Community Mass
6 pm Hugh Ruddy - RIP (*Pauline & Richard Horton*)
Monday 13th August Feria *Mt 17: 22-27*
7.30 am NO MORNING MASS
12 noon David Hugh - RIP & Family (*Bruff Family*)
7-9 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday 14th August St Maximilian *Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14*
7.30 am NO MORNING MASS
12 noon Funeral of Maurice Penfold - RIP
Wednesday 15th August The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION *Mt 18: 15-20*
7.30 am NO EARLY MORNING MASS
9.30 am Clyde & Rina Pereira 25th Wedding Anniversary (*Brett & Carla Pereira*)
10.30-11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (*Fr Anthony*)
12 noon Ann Silcock 90th Birthday
8.00pm Tina D'Silva - RIP (*Mary Insall*)
Thursday 16th August St Stephen of Hungary *Mt18:21 Mt19:1*
7.30 am Patricia Metcalfe - Recovery (*Tessa Metcalfe*)
12 noon Eileen Hobbs- RIP (*Margaret*)
Friday 17th August Feria *Mt 19: 3-12*
7.30 am Morning Prayer
12 noon Intentions of Sean Clancy
Adoration after Mass to 1.30pm
7.30 pm No Evening Mass
Adoration from 8pm - 9pm
Saturday 18th August Feria *Mt 19:13-15*
10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (*Fr. Norris*)
12 noon Margaret Henderson - RIP (*Nina Kitt*)
2.30 pm Baptism: *Maxwell Hilton-Owen*
4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (*Fr Anthony*)
6pm (Vigil) John Davis (Davis Family)
Sunday 19th August Twentieth Sunday (Ordinary Time) *Jn 6:51-58*
8 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Canon de Laubaque - RIP (*Pamela Dodds*)
11 am Catherine Packer - RIP (*The Packer Family*)
Baptism: *Caelean & Maley-Lennox Surgeon*
6 pm Winifred Cobb - RIP (*Mary Reynolds*)

FAREWELL TO FATHER DANIEL - can you help with the hospitality please?
Farewell As announced we are bidding Farewell to Father Daniel in September. Fr Daniel's last Mass will be at 11.00 am on Sunday, 2nd September. Mass will be followed by a buffet lunch in the hall to which all parishioners are invited. We hope to have a light, cold buffet. If you are able to contribute savoury or sweet finger food for the occasion, please let Richard Caraccio know by **25th August**. Richard can be contacted on: 07711 505396 or richardcaraccio@gmail.com. Thank you!

GIFT ENVELOPES for Fr Daniel are available at the back of Church or from Linda in the Office.

A warm welcome to Sint Martmus Chorale of Velgen (Belgium). They are celebrating their 90th Anniversary Year and are singing for us at the 11 am Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION: We welcome the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales who will be speaking at all Masses about their important work. Please give generously to the second collection in support of the work of the Missionary Sisters.

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

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: Sunday, 7th October 2018, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. Please see details on notice in the Narthex.

The Solitude Group meets at Greyfriars on the 3rd Saturday of the month, 18th August, for a quiet morning of prayer. We begin with refreshments at 9.00am, followed by a short reflection then quiet time in the chapel or grounds. We end at 11.45am. See notice at the back of the Church for details. Newcomers are welcome to phone Louise on 07962 256908 in advance.

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

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 Croslan, 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 Darcey Campbell and

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 Spillett, Katie Cobbett and Deacon David Pease, Berhard Hilder-Brandt, Maurice Penfold & Jean Munier

Thank you! Collections for weekend 4th/5th August 2018:
Offertory: £998.04 loose & £624.33 Gift Aided- Total **£1622.37**
2nd Collection: No second collection