

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 (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 16th June 2019 at 11 am
RCIA: Programme starts 25th 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 will be on **Monday 17th December in the Church Hall at 7:30pm**.

CATCHING LIVES CANTERBURY COMMUNITY SHELTER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

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 have an **induction**.

- 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
- 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

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.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION
This weekend, - 18/19 August - There is no second collection
Next weekend - 25/26 August - Saint Vincent De Paul - gift aid envelopes are available in the Narthex



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

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.

LOURDES PETITIONS:
 If you would like a petition taken to the Grotto at Lourdes by the **HCPT (Group 587) Pilgrims** on your behalf, please hand them with Linda in the Parish Office before Thursday, 23rd Aug 2018

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

Registration Forms for Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land November 2019
 Documentation for the pilgrimage being led by Fr Anthony to the Holy Land from the 20 – 27 November 2019 are available from Linda in the Office. Please could those who indicated interest contact Linda to collect these at their earliest convenience.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: Sunday, 7th October 2018, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. Please see details on notice in the 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, 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 Spillett, 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 11/12 August 2018:
Offertory: £788.87 loose & £621.30 Gift Aided- Total **£1410.17**
2nd Collection: For the Overseas Missions raised £1603.50

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

12 noon John Davis - RIP (*Davis Family*)
 6pm (Vigil) Margaret Henderson - RIP (*Nina Kitt*)
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*)
Monday 20th August St Bernard *Mt 19: 16-22*
 7.30 am NO MORNING MASS
 12 noon Frank Johnson - RIP & Roberta's intentions
 2.30 pm Wedding of Sofia and Thomas
 7-9 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
Tuesday 21st August St Pius, Pope *Mt 19:23-30*
 7.30 am NO MORNING MASS
 12 noon Andrew Walker (65th birthday) (*Walker Family*)
Wednesday 22nd August The Queenship of Mary *Mt 20: 1-16*
 7.30 am Vinod Family
 10.30 - 11.30 *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)*
 12 noon Mary Ashman - RIP (*Catherine Ashman*)
Thursday 23rd August St Rose of Lima *Mt 22:1-14*
 7.30 am Liucijus Sarausras - RIP (*Virginijus Sarausras*)
 12 noon Good Health
Friday 24th August St Bartholomew, Apostle *Jn 1:45-51*
 7.30 am Morning Prayer
 12 noon Francis Brown - RIP
Adoration after Mass to 1.30pm
 7.30 pm NO EVENING MASS
Adoration from 8pm - 9pm
Saturday 25th August Feria *Mt 23:1-12*
 10.30 - 11.30 *Reconciliation (Fr. Norris)*
 12 noon Denis Willis - RIP (*Lesley and Chris Smith*)
 4.30 - 5.30 *Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)*
 6pm (Vigil) Katy Cobbett - RIP (*Mary Reynolds*)
Sunday 26th August Twenty First Sunday (Ord. Time) *Jn 6:60-69*
 8 am Good Health
 9:30 am Raymond Allcorn - RIP (*Pamela Dodds*)
 11 am Vu Van Thuong & Luong Thi Xiem (*Vin Family*)
 2.30 pm Syro Malabar Community Mass
 6 pm People of the Parish

From Fr Anthony ...

I announced at all Masses last weekend that a new priest had been appointed as assistant in our parish. I learnt last Wednesday that the particular priest was not now going to come. "Plans had changed", I was told. Since then the Chancellor of the Diocese has managed to find a religious order priest who is able to help out until at least Christmas, which is great news. I will be able to give you more details when I have met with the priest.

This got me thinking about the role of the priest in the parish and his relation to the people. Sharing the ministry of the bishop, the priest is a sacramental image of Christ the Good Shepherd.

The law of the Church gives the parish priest an ultimate responsibility for all aspects of parish life (including finance and administration, as well as Liturgy, catechesis pastoral care) for which he is answerable to the Bishop and the Diocesan Trustees.

But the priest does not lead and serve in isolation, but rather in collaboration and partnership with the whole parish community. It is essential that in this parish as in every parish there is full lay participation. This is because of the dignity and responsibility that flows from Baptism and Confirmation.

There is great participation in our parish in areas of administration, liturgy, catechesis and prayer. I would like to encourage all in the parish to be involved as much as you are able. My dear friend Bishop Michael Evans who died 7 years ago, wrote "Encouraging lay people to take on such tasks ... is enabling men and women to live more fully their call to active and responsible participation in the life of the Church at every level and in the Church's mission to the world." He went on to say "It is essential that the full dignity and equality of women be recognised. The development of lay leadership and other ministries should provide opportunities for great use of so many unused skills and resources, especially the often untapped intellectual and leadership skills of women in the Church." I appreciate that many in our parish have limited time that must be given to the family. It is in our ordinary lives, nourished each Sunday at Mass by the Word of God and the Bread of Life, that we live and share our Catholic Life.