

# NEWSLETTER

**CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY**  
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Parish Priest: Canon Anthony Charlton. Assistant Priest: Fr Sylvester Adeniyi Parish Deacon: Rev. David Avery

Also assisting: Fr. George Marsden. Parish Administrator: Miss Linda Scott

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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 on **Saturday, 10 November 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:** Parents meeting on **10 December 2018 at 7.30pm**

**CONFIRMATION:** Sessions start Sunday, 16 January 2019 from 4.30pm - in the Hall  
Parents meeting on 04 December at 7.30 pm in the Hall  
**Journey in Faith:** Tuesdays at 7.30 pm in Presbytery



*Holy Day of Obligation - Thursday 01st November : All Saints. Masses at St Thomas' at 9.30; 12 noon and 8.00 pm*

### NOVEMBER PRAYER LISTS FOR HOLY SOULS

Prayer Lists for Holy Souls are available in the Narthex. Please leave your completed list in the box and the Priest will place them on the Altar during Masses during November.

### BLESSING OF THE GRAVES AT CANTERBURY CEMETARY

The Blessing of the Graves will take place on Sunday 04<sup>th</sup> November. Please all meet Father Anthony and Father Sylvester outside the Cemetery Chapel at 2.00pm.

On the eve of All Saints, Wednesday 31st the Adoration will be extended to Midnight. We encourage those who are able to spend time praying for the light of Christ to penetrate the ignorance and darkness that obscures the path to life. Rather than celebrating darkness and death we celebrate the goodness and light that is Jesus, really and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

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

### Up coming funerals:

The Requiem Mass for:  
Mark Ventress is on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 12 noon;  
John Butler is on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 12 noon; and  
Dermot Egan will be announced shortly.  
*"Lord, those who die still live in your presence and your saints rejoice in complete happiness. Listen to our prayers for your sons Mark, John and Dermot who have passed from the light of this world, and bring them to the joy of eternal radiance".*

### 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, 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, Sean Maple, Kathleen Hutchinson, Rosa Maria Santos, Lucy Purbrick, Josie Price, Mrs Cleary, Dolores Klosky, Barbara Markham, A. Charles Ryan, Pat Gibson, James Hayes, Stephen Rogers, Phyllis Stirton, Lisa Hood, Mary Connolly, Darcey Campbell and Dr Michael Goggin.*

### Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

John Spillett, Katie Cobbett and Deacon David Pease, Bernhard Hilder-Brando, Maurice Penfold, Jean Munier, George Emmanuel Gomez, Joao Ferreira, Fr John Mulligan, Fiona Tucker, John Wilkens, Frances MacDonald, Keith Purbrick, Mark Ventress, Dermot Egan and John Butler

**Thank you! Collections for weekend 20/21 October 2018:**  
**Offertory:** £875.18 loose & £746.41 Gift Aided - Total **£1601.59**  
**2nd Collection: Overseas Missions** raised £449.87

### TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil)	Eric Griffiths - RIP ( <i>Fiona Cadwallader</i> )	2nd Collec- tion: SVP
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October Thirtieth Sunday</b>	<i>Mk 10: 46-52</i>	
8 am	People of the Parish	
9:30 am	Fr Angus Fraser - RIP ( <i>Theresa Punnett</i> )	
11 am	Fr Peter Cryan ODC - RIP ( <i>Roberta Johnson</i> )	
12.15	Baptism of Lyra Vizzini-Tolley	
6 pm	Maureen Handley - RIP ( <i>Catherine Handley</i> )	
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October Feria</b>	<i>Lk 13: 10-17</i>	
7.30 am	Lucy & Alfie McKay - RIP ( <i>Jim &amp; Family</i> )	
12 noon	Funeral Mass for Mark Ventress	
7-9pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October Feria</b>	<i>Lk 13: 18-21</i>	
7.30 am	Matthew & Mary Quedest - RIP ( <i>Mary Reynolds</i> )	
12 noon	Patricia Scully ( <i>Josie Carr</i> )	
6.30 pm	Confirmation Planning Meeting in the Hall	
7.30 pm	Journey in the Faith (RCIA) in the Presbytery	
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October Feria</b>	<i>Lk 13: 22-30</i>	
7.30 am	Dennis Ives - RIP	
10.30 - 11.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)	
12 noon	Naomi Malange - Health & Wellbeing (Deo Gratias)	
7pm - 12mid	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
7 - 9 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group (Link Lane Rooms)	
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November All Saints</b>	<i>Mt 5: 1-12a</i>	
<b>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>		
No Early Morning Mass		
9.30 am	Andre Ambroisine - RIP ( <i>Ambroisine Family</i> )	
12 noon	Mary Jones - RIP ( <i>Victor de Gray</i> )	
5.30 pm	Visit to the Church by the Scout Group	
8.00 pm	People of the Parish	
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November All Souls</b>	<i>Jn 6: 37-40</i>	
The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed		
7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
12 noon	Frances & Michael-Joe Keavney - RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
7.30 pm	Christine Edwards	
8 - 9pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November St Martin de Porres</b>	<i>Lk 13: 1-9</i>	
10.30 - 11.30	Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)	
12 noon	Dorrie Stone - RIP ( <i>Cherry Stone</i> )	
4.30 - 5.30	Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)	
6pm (Vigil)	Rosaleen Willis - RIP ( <i>Elizabeth Murphy</i> )	
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November Thirty-First Sunday</b>	<i>Mk 12: 28b-34</i>	
8 am	Good Health	
9:30 am	Peggy Hodgkinson - RIP ( <i>Angela Warburton</i> )	
11 am	Ronald Markham - RIP ( <i>Barbara Markham</i> )	
2.00 pm	Blessing of the Graves at Canterbury Cemetery	
3.00	Filipino Community Mass	
6 pm	People of the Parish	

### From Fr Anthony ...

Happy Halloween?  
We have seen the costumes and the accessories in the shops for weeks reminding us that Wednesday is commercially known as Halloween. I am not sure what we are wishing people when we say Happy Halloween. Since I was a boy this day has become more sophisticated. We used to have games such as trying to grab floating apples from a bucket with only our teeth. Now it seems to be about witches, bats, carved pumpkins, zombies and ghouls. Halloween or All Hallows Eve is the night of 31 October, the eve of All Saints' Day. According to the Oxford dictionary it is "often celebrated by children dressing up in frightening masks and costumes. Halloween is thought to be associated with the Celtic festival Samhain, when ghosts and spirits were believed to be abroad."

Traditionally for us, November is the time when we remember those of our loved ones who have died. The 1st of November, All Saints, we honour the "Holy men and women of every time and place" (collect) who rejoice in God's presence. These are not just the saints that are listed in our calendar but also those whose names are known to few or none, our own family members possibly who have lived their faith to the full. Then on All Souls Day, 2nd November, we remember all the faithful departed. These we pray will one day share in the resurrection of Jesus. Praying for the dead is deep in our tradition and goes back to the earliest days of the Church. We believe that our prayers can be of assistance to the dead. We profess this every time we say the creed. "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." This weekend we have at the back of the Church sheets on which we encourage you to write the names of family and friends who have died. Every day during November we will bring these up in the offertory procession at Mass and place them on the Altar. Also next Sunday 4th November we will have the blessing of graves at Canterbury Cemetery. After prayers outside the chapel, the people go and stand beside the graves of their family and friends and Fr Sylvester or myself will come and say prayers with you. We are very fortunate to be able in these various way express our faith in the gift of everlasting life.

**ADMISSION FORMS TO SCHOOLS:** Parents needing the Parish Priest to sign admission forms for St Anselm's Secondary and St Thomas' Primary Schools are requested to arrange a meeting with Canon Anthony. NO FORMS WILL BE SIGNED WITHOUT A PREARRANGED MEETING. Forms signed on 23rd October are ready for collection from Linda in the office.

**TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION:** Quiet Catholic female RE teacher, joining the staff at St Anselm's School, needs a room to rent (Mondays to Fridays) for 7 months initially (Jan 2019 -July 2019). If you think you can help, please contact Phil on 07894058498."

**Anselm Study Circle.** The next discussion, taking place in the Church Hall on 12 December 2018 is on the subject of **Filioque**. All are invited to attend. Details are available on the website [www.stthomasofcanterbury.com](http://www.stthomasofcanterbury.com). Videos of previous discussions are also available on the website.

"The Way of Silence" - A short course in silent prayer. **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> November** from 10 to 11 am in Saint Thomas' Church "Upper Room". All welcome. Led by John Renn.

**Chilli and Quiz night 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the hall**  
The Social Events group are holding another of the ever-popular quiz nights, this time with chilli con carne and a vegetarian version, plus all the accompaniments. Entertainment and a raffle. See posters in church for further details. Tickets £8 available from this weekend.

**Barn Dance to raise funds for HCPT Group 87**  
**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15 for 7.30 pm at St Anselm's School, Old Dover Road.** Dance to live band "Meadow Folk". Bring your own food and drinks - coffee and tea provided. Tickets at £6 for adults and £3 for U14's can be reserved in advance from Annie: **tel. 01227700553** or email - [anniejudge@hotmail.com](mailto:anniejudge@hotmail.com)

**Clearing the Cobwebs for Christmas. - Church Clean-up.**  
Yes! We are having two more sessions to polish our brassware (and every other surface in the church) on Saturday, 8th and 15th December from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. All welcome to join us for Mass at 12 noon (or just the clean up at 1pm) If you can participate, please contact Linda on 01227 462896.

**Happy to be Catholic Club** - Some L'Arche members and other parishioners meet regularly after the 12 noon Mass on Saturdays to pray, discuss our faith and have refreshment together in the Upper Room. All are welcome on the following dates : 10<sup>th</sup> November, 24<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> December

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**  
**This weekend- 27/28 October** - SVP - Gift Aid Envelopes available in the Narthex.  
**Next weekend- 03/04 November** No second Collection