

NEWSLETTER

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St Thomas' Shop (462896): open Sunday mornings & weekdays (Times on Shop Door)
 Parish Priest: Canon Anthony Charlton. Assistant Priest: Fr Sylvester Adeniyi Parish Deacon: Rev. David Avery
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PARISH MATTERS



Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 13 October 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
Journey in Faith: Programme starts 25th September 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery



GLOBAL HEALING - how our faith helps us to care for our common home

An excellent new film produced by CaFE (Catholic faith exploration film company), sponsored by the Bishops. I would very much like to organise a free and inspiring evening of film, food & friendship responding together to Pope Francis' call to care for creation and to pass on a healthy planet to our children's children. I can't do this on my own and am looking for help to organise an evening for the parish. If you are willing to help please contact me. Thank you. Fr Anthony

Eucharist: Parish Mission and Ministries: presented by Canon Luke Smith. This is the next of, and final, in our Deanery series of reflections on the Eucharist. It will be at St. Teresa's, Ashford on **Saturday, 13th October** from 10.30 am - 3.30 pm. See Poster in Narthex for details.

OUR PARISH SHOP

Our Parish shop has regular stocks of faith items including Candles, Crucifixes, Cards and Calendars. You are always welcome to come in, browse and buy! If you are seeking a special item which is not available, please speak to the shop volunteers and, where we can, we will try and help get the item for you. If you have a special bulk order request for stocked items, let the volunteer staff know and we can help arrange for these, too!



Barn Dance to raise funds for HCPT Group 87
 on Saturday, 10th November at 7.15 for 7.30 pm at St Anselm's School, Old Dover Road. Come and dance to live bank "Meadow Folk". Bring your own food and drinks - coffee and tea provided. Tickets in advance from Annie: email - anniejudge@hotmail.com or tel. 07866 515797

PARISH MEETINGS:

Monday, 08th October at 7pm: Finance Meeting in Presbytery
Tuesday, 09th October at 6.30 pm: Confirmation Catechist Meeting in the Upper Room

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, 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, Michael Goggin and John Butler.

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 and Keith Purbrick

Thank you! Collections for weekend 29/30 Sept 2018:
Offertory: £1022.91 loose & £709.40 Gift Aided- Total **£1732.31**
2nd Collection: There was no second collection

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Sadie Reynolds - RIP (*Holmes Family*)
Sunday 07th October Twenty Seventh Sunday Mk 10: 2-16
 8 am People of the Parish
 9:30 am Betty Todd - RIP (*Pamela Dodds*)
 11 am Helen Flood Snr - RIP (*Sharon Baker*)
 3.00 pm *Filipino Community Mass*
 6 pm Zochowski Family (*Fr Daniel Weatherley*)
Monday 08th October FERIA Lk 10: 25-37
 NO MORNING MASS
 12 noon Frances & Michael-Joe Keavney- RIP
 7-9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 7.00 pm *Finance Meeting*
Tuesday 09th October FERIA Lk 10: 38-42
 7.30 am Purbrick Family (*Mary Reynolds*)
 12 noon Fr Tom Burke - RIP (*Mary Insall*)
 6.30 pm Confirmation Catechist Meeting
 8 pm Cathsoc Mass
Wednesday 10th October FERIA Lk 11: 1-4
 7.30am Good Health
 10.30 - 11.30 *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)*
 12 noon Imelda Davy - RIP (*Pat Parker*)
 7-8.30 pm **NO ADORATION TODAY**
 7 - 9 pm *Charismatic Prayer Group (Link Lane Rooms)*
Thursday 11th October FERIA Lk 11: 5-13
 7.30 am Peggy Mallon - RIP (*Jean Povey*)
 12 noon Moya Heyes - RIP (*Sheila Schlarmann*)
Friday 12th October FERIA Lk 11: 15-26
 7.30 am Morning Prayer
 12 noon Yvonne Cadwallader - Health (*Fiona Cadwallader*)
Adoration and Benediction
 7.30 pm Paul Nye - RIP (*Henniker Family*)
 8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
Saturday 13th October St Edward the Confessor Lk 11: 27-28
 10.30 - 11.30 *Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)*
 12 noon Roy Shersby - RIP (*Osbourne*)
 4.30 - 5.30 *Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)*
 6pm (Vigil) Jean Horan - RIP (*Pauline Ventress*)
Sunday 14th October Twenty Eighth Sunday Mt 22: 1-4
 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES
 8 am People of the Parish
 9:30 am Vivienne Low - RIP (*UCM Members*)
 11 am John McMurray - RIP (*Mary McMurray*)
 4.00 pm Polish Community Mass
 6 pm Mary Hanafin - RIP (*Bridget Hanafin*)
 St Anselm's School Education Sunday Mass

From Fr Anthony ...

I was visiting Oxford last week and went to the chapel of New College. In the antechapel under the West window depicting a nativity scene based on a design by Sir Joshua Reynolds stand a large sculpture of Lazarus by Jacob Epstein that he carved in 1951.

It stands about 12 feet high. It is said that Khrushchev, after a visit here, claimed that the memory of this haunting work kept him awake at night. Lazarus is still wrapped in the bands and his head is twisted halfway round so that his chin touches his shoulder. The wrists are bound tightly to the thighs. But the arms and elbows project away from the body.

As I walk round this amazing piece of work I found myself uttering those words of Jesus, "Unbind him let him go" from the Gospel of John (11: 44). Jesus had called his dead friend out of the tomb. He had set him free. We speak about the bond of marriage as in the first reading this weekend. God unites Man and Woman and in the gospel Jesus talks about God uniting two into one Body and this is life giving.

But there is also much in our lives that bind us, constrict us, keep us in the dark tomb in a dead like state. We might be living our lives more dead than alive. There could be habits of sin that constrict us and make us prisoners. We need to hear the voice of Jesus calling us back to life. He is the only one who can set us free. He calls us out into the sunlight and to live the new life of Easter given to us at our baptism. We are unable to free ourselves however much we try. It requires the healing grace and gentle voice of Jesus.

This will most certainly take place when we encounter Jesus is the sacrament of Reconciliation.



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 send an email request to canterbury@rcaos.org.uk for a meeting with Canon Anthony. Please include the school name, child's name, your contact telephone number, contact email address and home address in the email. **NO FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A PREARRANGED MEETING.**



SHOP VOLUNTEERS - Our Church shop fulfils a very important ministry both to our own Parish Family and the broader Christian Community in Canterbury. To this end we are still looking for willing volunteers to help staff our Church Shop. The more we have the easier it becomes to provide this wonderful service. If you could give time, give advice or give suggestions, please chat to one of the current volunteers, Father Anthony or Linda in the office.

KCSP Director/Trustee (volunteer role): Kent Catholic Schools Partnership are looking for a Director/Trustee to join the Board of Directors. Our Trust Board meet at least five times per annum at our offices in Barham Court, and as a Director you will be expected to follow the principles of the Nolan Committee and assist the Trust in delivering its mission to deliver outstanding Catholic education for children and young people across Kent. To find out more information or submit an expression of interest, please contact Michelle Boniface, Company Secretary at email mboniface@kcsp.org.uk or phone 01622 232670.

Heaven's Road Catholic Radio needs funds and ongoing support We broadcast 24/7 with a wide mix of Catholic-orientated programmes including prayers, original features and music. Our Mission is to celebrate our Catholic Faith and bring the joy and comfort of Our Lord to our listeners, especially those confined to their homes and unable to attend Mass or other parish activities. We're a not-for-profit Catholic online Radio run by a small team of unpaid volunteers and is funded entirely by donations from our friends and listeners. We'd really appreciate your support for our Mission to spread God's love. Visit our website (<http://www.heavensroadfm.com>) to listen to inspiring radio programmes, watch live daily Holy Mass from 25 churches in England and Ireland and Listen Again to our 400+ podcasts. We hope you'll find something there to inspire you! Thank you for helping and God Bless you for your prayers, support and generosity!
 Gerry Coates and the Team (admin@heavensroadfm.com)

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend- 06/07 October - No second collection but please remember to place your CAFOD envelopes in the basket
Next weekend- 13/14 October - No second collection