

# 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  
**Also assisting:** Fr. George Marsden. **Parish Administrator:** Miss Linda Scott  
**St Anselm's Catholic Secondary School:** Executive Head Teacher: Mr Michael Walters (01227 826200);  
**St Thomas' Catholic Primary School:** Head Teacher: Miss Lisa D'Agostini (01227 462539)

## 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  
**Journey in Faith:** Tuesdays at 7.30 pm in Presbytery



**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 meet with Canon Anthony in the Presbytery between **6.00 and 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. NO FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A PREARRANGED MEETING.

**"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.

**Uniformed Groups:** Last month our uniformed groups had their AGM at which the mayor was present. 16 received the Chief scout Bronze award, 12 received the chief scout silver award. 7 trophy awards were given for various activities. Two complete their adult training and the following received long service Awards. Daisy Noble, Jon Pratt, Felicity Lewis, Matthew Capper, Ryan Flockhart, Mark Chaplain, Christine Mooney, Mark Johnson and Tracy Bragger. Well done to all.

**KCSP Director/Trustee (volunteer role):** Kent Catholic Schools Partnership are looking for a Director/Trustee to join the Board of Directors. To find out more information or submit an expression of interest, please contact Michelle Boniface, Company Secretary at email [mboniface@kcsp.org.uk](mailto:mboniface@kcsp.org.uk) or tel 01622 232670.

**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.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.** Today is World Mission Sunday - your chance to support missionaries and our Church in proclaiming the gospel of hope to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Today, your prayers and donations will help build a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a UK taxpayer. Thank you

**55th Anniversary of Opening of Bishop Douglass School** - a reunion for all past pupils between 1963 and 2013 at the school on Saturday, 10 November 2018. Information and £10 tickets at [www.bdreunions.com](http://www.bdreunions.com)

**HARVEST CELEBRATION:** The community spirit is truly amazing in our parish! Over 15 bags of food items were collected and delivered to Catching Lives as part of our Harvest celebration. Thank you all who donated and came upstairs to enjoy the activities on offer and for our wonderful harvest display in the church. *Many thanks, Sherene*

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**  
**This weekend- 20/21 October** - Missio (formerly the Association for the Propagation of the Faith). The Church's official organ for supporting the Foreign Missions.  
**Next weekend- 27/28 October** - SVP -

**CONFIRMATION:**  
**Application Forms** are available in the Narthex. Please return these FULLY COMPLETED (on both sides) and with Baptismal Forms attached on or before **Sunday, 01 December 2018**. Initial Parents' meeting is on **Tuesday, 04<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm** in the Hall.  
**Candidate Sessions** start on **Sunday, 16 January 2019; 4.30pm - 5.45 pm** in the Hall. Candidate are expected to attend 6.00pm Mass following each session.

**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)

**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.

**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 : 20<sup>th</sup> October; 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Foundation Governors - Kent Catholic Schools Partnership**  
 KCSP is looking for Foundation Governors. 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 information on KCSP: website <http://www.kcsp.org.uk/recruitment/> or email on [office@kcsp.org.uk](mailto:office@kcsp.org.uk)

**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, Dr 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, Keith Purbrick and Mark Ventress

**Thank you! Collections for weekend 06/07 October 2018:**  
**Offertory:** £965.70 loose & £642.01 Gift Aided - Total **£1607.71**  
**2nd Collection:** There was no second collection  
**Special CAFOD Fast Day Collection:** We raised **£1341.41**

### TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) John Povey (*Jean Povey*)  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October Twenty Ninth Sunday Mk 10: 46-52**  
 WORLD MISSION DAY - MISSIO  
 8 am People of the Parish 2nd Collection: Missio  
 9:30 am Rueben - RIP (*Sue Purbrick*)  
 11 am Mass for Oscar Romero (*Josephine Lewis*)  
 3.00 pm Syro Malabar Community Mass  
 6 pm Alice Holt - RIP (*Mary Buckenham*)  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October St John Paul II, Pope Lk 12: 13-21**  
 7.30 am Lorna O'Callaghan - RIP (*Mary Buckenham*)  
 12 noon John Wilkins - RIP (*The Tuesday Ladies*)  
 7-9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 6 pm Confirmation Planning Meeting  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October St John of Capistrano, Priest Lk 12: 35-38**  
 7.30 am Thanksgiving - Mother Mary & Infant Jesus  
 12 noon John Wilkins - RIP (J Wilkins)  
 7.30 pm Journey in the Faith (RCIA) in the Presbytery  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October St Anthony Claret, Bishop Lk12:39-48**  
 NO MORNING MASS  
 10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)  
 12 noon Francis Brown - RIP  
 7-8.30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7 - 9 pm Charismatic Prayer Group (Link Lane Rooms)  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October FERIA Lk 12: 49-53**  
 7.30 am Oscar Fernando & Bertrand Gent - RIP (Da Silva)  
 12 noon John Wilkins - RIP (*Jones Family*)  
 Prayer and Pub  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October Sts Chad and Cedd, Bishops Lk 12:54-59**  
 7.30 am Morning Prayer  
 12 noon Keith Purbrick - RIP (*Josie Carr*)  
 Adoration and Benediction  
 7.30 pm Private Intentions  
 8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October FERIA Lk 13: 1-9**  
 10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)  
 12 noon John Wilkins - RIP (J Wilkins)  
 4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)  
 6pm (Vigil) Eric Griffiths - RIP (*Fiona Cadwallader*)  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October Thirtieth Sunday Mk 10: 46-52**  
 8 am People of the Parish 2nd Collection: SVP  
 9:30 am Fr Angus Frasier - RIP (*Theresa Punnett*)  
 11 am Fr Peter Cryan ODC - RIP (*Roberta Johnson*)  
 12.15 Baptism of Lyra Vizzini-Tolley  
 6 pm Maureen Handley - RIP (*Catherine Handley*)

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

### From Fr Anthony ...

Painfully at this time in the Church we are having to deal with sexual abuse of children by some priests. We need to give priority to the special pastoral care to all those effected by this abuse.

This abuse has changed many people's attitude towards priests. There are those who say that abuse has been allowed to go unchallenged because of clericalism within the Church. I believe that clericalism has been allowed to happen when we disassociate Holy Orders from Baptism. It is when we forget the connection to the baptised. I must remember that I exist as a priest only to serve the baptised. For me, my baptism is more fundamental than my ordination. Holy Orders serves the baptised and when you forget that then you have clericalism. Clericalism happens when we cling to honour, power and prestige as a priest. It happens when there is an obsession with holy orders in itself. We all must never forget that the priesthood is a ministry of service. A priest is here to help people become holy. *"When we forget that we become caved in on ourselves as St Augustine says."* (Bishop Robert Barron)

In the gospel for this Sunday Jesus says: "Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Pope Francis said, *"We must never see our ministry as a source of self-gain; rather our sacred ministry has to be the means of our self-giving."* Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston wrote, *"In the life of the priest and deacon there can be no dichotomy between our cultic role and the humble service we must give as in washing the feet of our brothers and sisters. The towel should be as emblematic as the stole for our priests and deacons, where humble service must reflect the humble and loving service of the Good Shepherd."* Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. We need men who are willing to embrace a life of humble service of the baptized.