

NEWSLETTER

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Office open: Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm for 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, 08 December 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



My Day by Day - Advent 2018

These booklets are available in the Narthex of the Church. Priced at £1.00 each

CHRISTMAS FAIR:



9th December 10:30 -1:30 in the Hall. Thank you for the donations received so far! We are appealing for help to run stalls on the day of the fair, as much time as you can spare, if you are able to help please get in touch with Sherene on 07805490217.

OUR PARISH 100 CLUB

Application forms in the Narthex at the back of the church. Completed forms and cheques or cash to be left at the Parish Office please. Than you for all your support.

Clearing the Cobwebs for Christmas. - Church Clean-

up. We DO NEED volunteers for these Church Cleaning sessions on two consecutive Saturdays: 8th and 15th December from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Please contact Linda on 01227 462896 if you can help! Refreshments will be provided

HAPPY TO BE A CATHOLIC CLUB: The meeting on 8th December will be a special celebration for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Everyone is welcome to join the group for discussion and refreshments.

Hall Stage Clearing. In order to comply with Health and Safety requirements, we are in the process of clearing the hall stage. If you have any items stored on or under the stage, please contact Linda in the office before Monday, 26 November. After this date, all unidentified items in the Hall will be removed and disposed of. Thank you

Please remember in your prayers:

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, Barbara Markham, A. Charles Ryan, Pat Gibson, James Hayes, Stephen Rogers, Phyllis Stirton, Lisa Hood, Mary Connolly, Darcey Campbell, Gemma Macey, Joan Meakin and Margaret Mason

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, John Butler, Nick Grealy, Michael Chukwuelue and Dr Michael Goggin

Thank you! Collections for weekend 17/18 November 2018:
Offertory: £861.71 loose & £610.42 Gift Aided -Total **£1472.17**
2nd Collection: There was no second collection this weekend.

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Francis Brown - RIP

Sunday 25th November Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe Jn 18:33b-37

Youth Day

8 am Doherty Family (Elizabeth Lee)

9:30 am Welfare of Julian Riley and family (Tita Riley)

100 Club Draw after Mass in the Hall

11 am People of the Parish

2.30 pm Syro Malabar Community Mass

6 pm for the donor's intentions

2nd Collection:
Catholic
Youth Work

Monday 26th November Feria Lk 21: 1-4

7.30 am Hazel Ellis (Athena Kelly)

12 noon Private intentions

7-9pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 27th November Feria Lk 21: 5-11

7.30 am Deceased family & friends (Phyllis Steel)

12 noon Mrs Shaw - health and wellbeing (Justine Strohm)

7.30 pm Journey in the Faith (RCIA) in the Presbytery

Wednesday 28th November Feria Lk 21: 12-19

7.30 am for the Holy Souls

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12 noon Deceased members of Evans & Quinn Families

7- 8.30pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 29th November Feria Lk 21: 20-28

7.30 am Doreen Durnan - RIP (Victor de Gray)

12 noon Jimmy and Lini - wedding anniversary (Jimmy)

Friday 30th November St Andrew, Apostle Mt 4:18-22

7.30 am Morning Prayer

12 noon Hannah Loughran - RIP (Loughran Family)

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm John Nattrass - RIP (Helen Nattrass)

8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 01st December Feria Lk 21:34-36

10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12 noon Dermot Egan - RIP (A Nichols)

4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

6pm (Vigil) Intentions of Eileen Browning (Gill)

Sunday 02nd December First Sunday of Advent Lk21:25-28,34-36

8 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Dermot Egan - RIP (UCM members)

11 am Mary Fleming - RIP (Gill)

6 pm Maureen Pepper - RIP (Debra Pepper)

From Fr Anthony ...

The Church celebrates National Youth Sunday every year on the feast of Christ the King. Last year one of the posters issued for this Sunday was a photo of my goddaughter. This year the advertising is very different. The theme is #JustOneFilter. It is addressing young people who use social media everyday. For us oldies "social media" refers to, Facebook, SnapChat, WhatsApp, YouTube, Twitter, Instagram and the like. No one thinks twice about altering an image before posing it on social media – it's all just part of the process of attracting as many likes and comments as possible. This year the theme #JustOneFilter encourages young people to think about where else in their lives they are using filters.

What do they do to mask who they really are?

Are they hiding or enhancing parts of their lives to make themselves feel good?

What do they do to feel like they belong?

How do they make themselves look right?

We want young people to hear the message that there is ONE filter that helps us stay true to ourselves, that helps us all to measure our lives in the right ways and present ourselves to others as we are. This is the filter of God's Love.

Obviously this is a message not only for young people but for all of us.

When we look at our lives through this filter we see ourselves and others as God does, as truly loved, valued, and significant, no matter what is going on in our lives. We want young people to know that they are works of art, masterpieces, lovingly created by a God who knows them and wants to be close to them.

There is a link to this Sunday's Gospel for the Feast of Christ the King.

In the gospel we hear that Jesus came to "testify to the truth" and that "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:33-37). Many of our young people do not hear often enough the truth that God loves them, and that Jesus, King of the Universe, can transform their lives if they allow Him into their hearts.

This weekend Let us pray for the young people of our parish, all those at St Anselm's School, those who come to Prayer and Pub, those who are beginning their Confirmation preparation programme in the new Year, those at the University of Kent, Canterbury Christ Church, Canterbury, the University of the Creative Arts and Canterbury College.

Anselm Study circle

The next session of 12 December will be postponed to a new date early next year.

If you are interested to join the circle and participate in the theological discussion please email g.butrous@kent.ac.uk

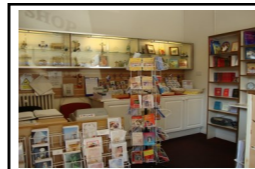
Umbrella Centre - Becket's Café

Join us on Saturday, 08th December from 10am - 12pm for this new community initiative providing a listening ear, free food and a cup of tea or coffee at the Umbrella Centre, St Peter's Place, CT1 2DB.



LATE NIGHT SHOPPING:

Cathedral Quarter late night opening on: **Friday, 30 November 2018**



ADVENT and CHRISTMAS Items are now available in the **Church Shop** - We have Advent Calendars, Tree decorations and beautiful Christmas Cards please come in, browse and buy because availability is limited!

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Wednesday evening meetings have been suspended until further notice.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK: On Friday 7th December, the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 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 Further information at: <http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Prayer-and-Fasting-Days.html>

NEWS ON THE WINTER SHELTER: As you know, we participate in the Winter Shelter Programme coordinated by Catching Lives each year. This season, this temporary shelter scheme has been extended to run from 01 October 2018 to 31 March 2019. The uptake by guests has been good and Catching Lives has, since October, been able to assist at least six people with more permanent arrangements. They do, however, need VOL-UNTEERS, especially overnight volunteers. If you feel you can give of your time, the Shelter Coordinator, Aziza Kilmister, would love to hear from you on 01227 464904. More information on the work of Catching Lives is at www.catchinglives.org.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend- 24/25 November - Catholic Youth Work - we support youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service (SCYS)

Next weekend- 01/02 December - SVP - Gift Aid envelopes in the back of the church