

NEWSLETTER

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St Thomas' Shop (01227 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

University of Kent Chaplaincy: Fr Tom Herbst (

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, 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



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. **FORMS CANNOT BE SIGNED WITHOUT A PREARRANGED MEETING.**

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."

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

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING: The Cathedral Quarter shopping district is having late night opening on **Friday, 30 November 2018** where many of the shops will be opening until 8.00pm. There will be special offers, a grotto, entertainment and other fun things for the whole family. Our Church Shop will be open until 8.00pm with a sneak preview of Christmas goodies. Please support the local small businesses and our parish on the night.

L'Arche Christmas Puddings. After many years the Ultimate Pudding Company has sold up and the new makers have not been able to cope with the charity puds. So thank you very much to all the kind eaters who have got through many hundreds of Puddings over the years and helped L'Arche communities overseas. Anne

Christmas Fair
Sunday 9th December 10:30- 1:30 in the church hall.
 We would be grateful for the following donations:
Items to our raffle, Unopened bottles for our tombola (Wines, Spirit etc), Children's toys/games , new & nearly new items . Any contribution is appreciated and donations can be made up to the 7th December .
Home made cakes (on the day please)
 There will be many more stalls and activities including a visit by Father Christmas.
 All monies raised goes to our church projects.


'Good Counsel's Pro-Life Ball is back! On Saturday 10th November 2018, come and join us for a night of fun, food and dancing! The evening starts at 6pm at The Palace Suite, The Royal Garden Hotel, 2-24 Kensington High Street, London, W8 4PT. Tickets: £95 per person. Tables of 10 cost £900. To book tickets, email GCNBALL@GMAIL.COM or call 07886000882 please mention any dietary requirements. Dress code is BLACK TIE.'

SECOND COLLECTIONS
This weekend- 03/04 November No second Collection
Next weekend- 10/11 November Archbishop's Administration Fund

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.

Thank you! To the parishioners who generously donated the money to fix our church heating system - the work is being done this week.

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK 1ST - 7TH NOVEMBER. Gifts in your will are a wonderful way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information, pick up a leaflet; contact Your Catholic Legacy on 02070 955370 or contact Adrian Radford, the Diocesan Financial Controller, by email adrianradford@rcaos.org.uk

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.

Chilli and Quiz night 17th 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, 10th 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
Raffle Prizes gratefully received

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 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, John Butler and Nick Grealy

Thank you! **Collections for weekend 27/28 October 2018:**
Offertory: £881.16 loose & £717.98 Gift Aided - Total **£1599.14**
2nd Collection: SVP raised £685.74

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS	
6pm (Vigil)	Rosaleen Willis - RIP (<i>Elizabeth Murphy</i>)
Sunday 4th November Thirty-First Sunday Mk 12: 28b-34	
8 am	People of the Parish
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	Good Health
Monday 5th November Feria Lk 14: 12-14	
7.30 am	Julia Webster, Kate Goss & William Redmond-Carlos - RIP (<i>John Carlos</i>)
12 noon	Mark Ventress - RIP (<i>Sue Purbrick</i>)
7-9pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday 6th November Feria Lk 14: 15-24	
7.30 am	Anne Lohan (<i>Brian Murphy</i>)
12 noon	Mariam Ambroisine - RIP (<i>Ambroisine Family</i>)
7.30 pm	Journey in the Faith (RCIA) in the Presbytery
Wednesday 7th November Dedication of the Cathedral	
Church of St George Lk 14: 25-33	
7.30 am	Welfare of Archbishop Peter Smith (<i>Fr Anthony</i>)
10.30 - 11.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation (<i>Fr Sylvester</i>)
12 noon	M Breathnach - Bereavement (<i>Keaveny</i>)
7pm - 12mid	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7 - 9 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group (<i>Link Lane Rooms</i>)
Thursday 8th November St Willibrord, Bishop Lk 15: 1-10	
7.30 am	Dermot Egan - RIP (<i>Mary Reynolds</i>)
12 noon	Jadon Pereira (<i>Brett Pereira</i>)
Friday 9th November Dedication of The Lateran Basilica Jn2:13-22	
7.30 am	Morning Prayer
12 noon	Fr Angus Fraser - RIP (<i>Theresa Punnett</i>) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.30 pm	Brian Parker - RIP (<i>Angela Donovan</i>)
8 - 9pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 10th November St Leo the Great Lk 16: 9-15	
10.30 - 11.30	Reconciliation (<i>Fr Sylvester</i>)
12 noon	Pat McCarthy - RIP (<i>Angela Donovan</i>)
4.30 - 5.30	Reconciliation (<i>Fr Anthony</i>)
6pm (Vigil)	Theresa Punnett - birthday (<i>Jordan-Hargreaves</i>)
Sunday 11th November Thirty-Second Sunday Mk 12: 38-44	
Remembrance Sunday	
8 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	Mary Wright's Intentions
11 am	Mano Pragadeeswar (<i>Saguntha</i>)
4 pm	Polish Community Mass
6 pm	Edward Farrell - RIP (<i>Holmes Family</i>)

2nd Collection:
 Archbishop's Administration Fund

From Fr Anthony ...

On Wednesday night Fr Sylvester and I were at the Welcome of Fr Hans Puthiakulangara as the Pastoral Administrator of the parish St Simon Stock, South Ashford. He was asked a series of questions by Monsignor Matthew Dickens the Chancellor of the Diocese. The first was *"It is the duty of the priest to proclaim the word of God. He must study the bible and meditate on its message; believe what he reads; teach what he believes and practice what he teaches. Are you willing to co-operate with your bishop in preaching Christ in season and out of season, explaining to all the word of God?"* It reminded me of the Vatican II document on priestly life that clearly states that the primary duty of the priest is to proclaim the Gospel of God to all. I am sure that if you asking many people, when asked what is the primary duty of the priest they would answer *"to celebrate Mass"*. When we affirm that *"the force and power in the word of God is so great that it stands as the support and energy of the Church, the strength of faith for her sons, the food of the soul, the pure and everlasting source of spiritual life"* we are not denying that the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. I remember a priest working in Chile said that his one aim as a parish priest was to get people to read and love the Scriptures.

The Mass and the sacraments mean little to anyone who does not know Jesus. We can come to a deep and intimate knowledge of Jesus through the Gospels especially. We as a parish are called to be missionary. We need to ask ourselves *"How important is Scripture in my life?"* At the end of Mass, the priest says *"Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."* We are better able to do this if the gospels are part of our life.

Pope Francis speaking to young people of Argentina earlier this year said: *"But to travel this path of helping to lift up others, let us not forget, we need personal encounters with Jesus, moments of prayer, adoration and, above all, listening to the word of God. I ask you: how many of you read two minutes of the Gospel each day? Two minutes! Keep a little copy of the Gospel in your pocket, in your wallet ... While you are on the bus, while you are on the subway, on the train or you stop and sit at home, open it and read it for two minutes. Try, and you will see how your life changes. Why? Because you will meet Jesus. You will meet Him with the Word"*.