

NEWSLETTER

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(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 **Saturday, 27th April 2019, 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: Sessions in the Hall as per the schedule
CONFIRMATION 2019: Sessions in the Hall at 4pm
JOURNEY IN FAITH: Sessions at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery as per published schedule



PARISH MEETINGS 2019:
Sat, 30 March, 10am -1pm : Readers Morning
Sunday, 17th March: Parish AGM in the Hall at 12h15

BRING AND SHARE: After the Parish AGM we will be celebrating a bring and share meal together. All parishioners attending the AGM are requested to provide a dish to share please.



LENT: Ash Wednesday this year falls on the 6th March. **Our Masses on that day are at 7.30 am, 9.30 am, 12 noon and 8.00 pm.**

My Day by Day - Lenten Booklets are now available at the back of the church at £1.00 each.

Fr Sylvester regrets to announce the death of his father Lawrence Ajewole Adeniyi on Sunday, 24th February 2019 and his uncle, Raphael Adeniyi on 26th February 2019. Please pray for the repose of their souls. Please keep Father Sylvester and his family in your prayers.

Red Box Appeal - Next weekend Fr Vincent Oates MHM will be speaking to us about the Red Box Appeal. Through Red Box, we care for our Church Family around the world. Thank you to all parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission - Missio - and Britain's own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries, through the Red Box.

CHRISTIAN TOGETHER CANTERBURY Forthcoming Events:
Fair Trade Fair, 10am-3pm Saturday, 9 March, **St Peter's Methodist Church** Refreshments all day & **homemade soup lunches** between 12 noon & 2pm.
How can I pray? St Stephen's Church, Hales Drive, CT2 7AB
Introductory Talk: Saturday 9th March: 10.30 – **Barbara Wallace** – Changing Lives Prayer Network; Monday 11th to Friday 15th from 9.00 – 16.00.
Morning Prayer 9.00. **Silent Prayer** 11.00 – 12.00. **Evening Prayer** 16.00
'What's Age Got To Do With It: God's Purpose for Older Age'
Canterbury Baptist Church: Thursday 21st March -10am-1:30pm
Speaker: Louise Morse
Details on all the above events on Flyers and Poster in the Narthex

16th Canterbury St Thomas' Scout Group asks "Are you or do you know a young person aged 5½ to 10 years who is looking for fun and adventure? " Yes? , then see details about joining the Beavers and Cubs on the poster in the Narthex.

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, 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, Barbara Markham, A. Charles Ryan, Pat Gibson, James Hayes, Stephen Rogers, Phyllis Stirton, Lisa Hood, Mary Connolly, Gemma Macey, Joan Meakin, Margaret Mason, Fr Louie Kitt, Pauline Ryan, and John O'Driscoll

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Phyllis Higenbottam, Marcin Wesolowski, Kevin Hackman, D'arcy Campbell, Celia Welch, Sarafin Arevalo, Henriette Soar, Tony Ashman, Bryan Hardy, Deidre Lovell, Michael Murphy, Alex Grogan, Canon John Bailey, Marissa Arevalo, Teresa Wicker, Vincent Siudad, Lawrence Ajewole Adeniyi, Raphael Adeniyi and John Todd

Thank you! Collections for weekend 23/24 February 2019:
Offertory: £951.61 loose & £456.09 Gift Aided -Total **£1407.70**
2nd Collection: for SVP raised **£628.68**

From Fr Anthony ...

Since the beginning of the year I have been writing short reflections on the Mass (the Eucharist) which is for us the source and summit of our Christian life. This Sunday is the last before we enter the season of Lent. Lent is a six week period in preparation of the greatest feast of the year, Easter. At all masses this weekend we will be reading the Archbishop's letter. Pope Francis has also given us a Lenten message.(c.f. www.vatican.va). In his letter, Archbishop Peter has given us the image of Holman Hunt's famous picture, "Jesus the Light of the Word". He wants us to think of Lent as the time when we open the door of our heart to Christ who waits patiently knocking at the door of our heart. The season of Lent gives us the opportunity of allowing Christ's light into our hearts. Pope Francis centres his message around St Paul's words; "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rom 8:19)" Pope Francis says that this eager longing, when we all enter into the travail, is what conversion entails. "All creation is called, with us, to go forth from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21)." Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion. It invites us to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in our personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Regarding Almsgiving; as a parish, I would like to suggest that we adopt the work of Father Federico, a Franciscan, who studied here in Canterbury and is now working with children and their families in South Sudan. Details of his work can be seen on the Lenten Noticeboard. We can do this through prayer and donations. Two Lenten talks have been arranged. The first, on Tuesday 26th March, is about Pope Francis's letter on the call to holiness in today's world led by Chris Chapman. The second on the following Tuesday, 2nd April, entitled "Global Healing" which is a film based event that will inform, challenge and equip us to engage with Pope Francis' vital Call to "Care for our Common Home." (Laudate Si). Whatever we decide to do in this season of Lent, under the banner of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, the aim is to become people able to celebrate Easter, to renew our baptismal promises and to join with those who are to be baptised and received into the Church. We are people of Easter Joy, rejoicing in the redemption of all creation.

"Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch (life, death and resurrection). Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation." (Pope Francis)

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil)	In Thanksgiving (Martina)	2nd Collection Poor Parishes
Sunday 3rd March Eighth Sunday Lk 6:39-45		
DAY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED		
8 am	People of the Parish	
9 am	First Holy Communion Classes in the Hall	
9:30 am	Sandra Monger's intentions (Pam Dodd)	
11 am	Francis Brown - RIP (Philomena)	
3.00 pm	THERE IS NO FIIPINO MASS TODAY	
4.00pm	Confirmation Classes in the Hall	
6 pm	Marigold Murphy - RIP (Sue Purbrick)	
Monday 4th March St Casimir Mk 10:17-27		
7.30am	Lawrence Ajewole Adeniyi - RIP	
10 am	Funeral of Diedre Lovell at Barham Crematorium	
12 noon	Welfare of McDonnell Family (Marjery Craig)	
7 - 9 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
7.30 pm	First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting in Hall	
Tuesday 5th March Feria Mk 10:28-31		
NO MORNING MASS		
12 noon	Rocco Divito - RIP (Agata Borza)	
4 pm	Funeral of Marisa Arevalo at Barham Crematorium	
7.30pm	RCIA	
Wednesday 6th March Ash Wednesday Mt 6:1-6, 16-18		
7.30am	Good Health	
9.30 am	People of the Parish	
12 noon	Private Intentions	
7 - 8.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
8 pm	Special Intentions	
Thursday 7th March Sts Perpetua and Felicity Lk9:22-25		
7.30 am	Canon John Bailey - RIP	
12 noon	John Berry - RIP (Berry Family) Scripture group in Upper Room	
7.45pm	Prayer and Pub	
Friday 8th March St John of God Mt 9:14-15		
7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
12 noon	Frances & Michael-Joe Keavney - RIP Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
6.30 pm	Galilee Group Meeting	
7.30 pm	In Thanksgiving (Mary Reynolds)	
8 - 9pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday 9th March St Francis of Rome Lk5: 27-32		
RCIA:	Rite of Election at St Georges Cathedral	
10.30 - 11.30	Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)	
12 noon	Vera Jedlickova - Daria's mother (Garside Fam.)	
4.30 - 5.30	Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)	
6pm (Vigil)	Margaret & John Reynolds - RIP (Mary)	
Sunday 10th March First Sunday of Lent Lk 4:1-13		
8 am	Lilford Family intentions	
9 am	First Holy Communion Classes in the Hall	
9:30 am	Shala Perera's stepfather - RIP (Anna)	
11 am	John Delaney - Health and Welfare (Philomena)	
4.00 pm	Polish Community Mass	
4.00pm	Confirmation Classes in the Hall	
6 pm	People of the Parish	