

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:
Mon 11 March, 7.30pm : Open Air Mass planning meeting
Sat, 30 March, 10am -1pm : Readers Morning
Sunday, 17th March: Parish AGM in the Hall at 12h15



Don't Forget:
CAFOD Family Fast day: Friday, 15 March 2019
First Reconciliation for candidates for First Holy Communion is on Saturday, 16th March 2019

FAREWELL: We bid a sad farewell to the Sisters from Monte Bré - Sister Ann and Sister Margaret, who are leaving to re-join their main community in Burnley.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Father Kevin St Aubyns, parish priest of Whistable, has had a successful heart operation last week. A priest from Uganda, Fr Gerard Balinnya is looking after the parish for as long as is necessary. Please continue to pray for Fr Kevin.

Also I ask your prayers for Patrick Pullicino, from our parish, who is being ordained deacon at St Anselm's Church. Tooting on Tuesday, 19th March at 7pm.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET. Starting time: **12.30pm (after Saturday Mass)** once a month: 6th April, 4th May, 1st June & 6th July 2019.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The priest will consecrate hosts that are to be distributed in Holy Communion at the Mass. Please do not go to the Tabernacle to bring down the Ciborium. The Ciborium in the Tabernacle is only brought down if there are not sufficient hosts consecrated at the Mass for everyone. This applies to weekdays as well as Sundays. The symbolism of receiving hosts consecrated at Mass is important. Thank you. Canon Anthony

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, 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! Mass Collections at weekend 02/03 March 2019:
Offertory: £998.18 loose & £531.47 Gift Aided -Total **£1529.65**
2nd Collection: for Poor Parishes raised **£502.92**

From Fr Anthony ...

Two years ago the Franciscan International Study Center closed its doors and was sold. We still have a Catholic Franciscan presence in Canterbury. There are the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Littlehampton at Monte Bré, Blean and the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph in Somner Close.

Sadly by the end of this month the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of St Joseph will have left the parish after their presence here of twenty-seven years when Sister Margaret arrived to study at the Franciscan International Study Centre (FISC). From there she moved to St Bonaventure's University in Upstate New York to study for her Masters in Franciscan Studies returning to teach at FISC where she remained until its closure. During that time, she served as Director of Franciscan Studies and Sabbaticals and the Spiritual Direction Course in which a number of our parishioners took part. Margaret also served as Vice Principal.

She was later joined by Sister Frances Slater who was one of the founding members of the Solitude Group and who was known to many of our parishioners. Other Sisters joined the community including Sisters Nuala, Killian and Christine and a Novitiate was established in King Street in the former friary of the Capuchin Friars.

In 2007 Sister Anne Bross from the USA came to have a Sabbatical at the Centre and stayed on to join the Community. Anne worked for a time at L'Arche and in the Library at FISC and as a Chaplain at Kent and Canterbury Hospital. Here in the Parish she was a Welcomer at the 9.30 Mass. Latterly, she has also been a volunteer at Age UK.

Many of their Sisters from various countries and cultures came to study at the Centre. Sisters from Kenya, Ecuador, Peru, Uganda, Holland and Ireland.

In this parish, over the years, we have been blessed with the presence of religious women and men. Pope Francis said, "Every consecrated person is a gift for the People of God on a journey. There is much need of their presence, that strengthens and renews the commitment to spread the gospel, to Christian education, to charity for the most needy, to contemplative prayer; the commitment to a human and spiritual formation of young people, of families; the commitment to justice and peace in the human family," It is important we pray for all those in religious life and for any young person who is considering whether God is calling them to this way of life. "Those in religious life are leaven that carry the people of God forward."

I would like to thank Sister Margaret and Sister Anne for their devoted service in our parish. We are going to miss them and their presence amongst us. We wish them God's blessing as they both move to the North to take up their new appointments.

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

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| 6pm (Vigil) | Margaret & John Reynolds - RIP (Mary) |
| Sunday 10th March First Sunday of Lent Lk 4:1-13 | |
| 8 am | Lilford Family intentions |
| 9:30 am | Shala Perera's stepfather - RIP (Anna) |
| 11 am | John Delaney - Health and Welfare (Philomena) |
| 3.00 pm | Stations of the Cross in the Church |
| 4.00 pm | Polish Community Mass |
| 4.00pm | Confirmation Classes in the Hall |
| 6 pm | People of the Parish |
| Monday 11th March Feria Mt 25:31-46 | |
| 7.30am | Andrew Mannion - RIP (Mannion Family) |
| 12 noon | Deceased relatives and Friends of Craig Family |
| 7 -9 pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| 7.30 pm | Open Air Mass Meeting in the Presbytery |
| Tuesday 12th March Feria Mt 6: 7-15 | |
| NO MORNING MASS | |
| 12 noon | Peggy Mallon - RIP |
| 7.00 pm | Stations of the Cross - led by the UCM |
| 7.30pm | RCIA |
| Wednesday 13th March Feria Lk 11: 29-32 | |
| 7.30am | Maureen Houghton - RIP |
| 10.30 - 11.30 | Reconciliation (Fr Anthony) |
| 12 noon | John Todd - RIP (Marie Sheridan) |
| 7 - 8.30pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Thursday 14th March Feria Mt 7: 7-12 | |
| 7.30 am | Aidan Pinder - welfare |
| 12 noon | Casey - RIP (Braeden) |
| | Scripture group in Upper Room |
| 7.45pm | Prayer and Pub |
| Friday 15th March Feria Mt 5: 20-26 | |
| CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY | |
| 7.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| 12 noon | Jim & Mary McIntyre - Wellbeing (Brown Family) |
| | Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| NO EVENING MASS AND NO EXPOSITION | |
| Saturday 16th March Feria Mt 5: 43-48 | |
| Confirmation Group to Minster Abbey for Retreat Day | |
| 10.00 | First Reconciliation in the Church |
| 12 noon | Kyle G-Kanny - Thanksgiving (Christine Kanny) |
| 4.30 - 5.30 | Reconciliation (Fr Anthony) |
| 6pm (Vigil) | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 17th March Second Sunday of Lent Lk 9: 28b-36 | |
| Fr Vincent Oates speaking at all Masses: Red Box Appeal | |
| 8 am | Mickey Guilfoyle, Patrick & Con Lyons, Mr & Mrs Kelly - RIP (Bernadette Lyons) |
| 9 am | First Holy Communion Classes in the Hall |
| 9:30 am | Justine Yvonne Gribbin - 100th birthday (Anna) |
| 11 am | Alain & Danielle Bardelang - RIP (C & L Smith) |
| 12.15 | Parish AGM with Bring and Share lunch in the Hall |
| 3.00 pm | Stations of the Cross |
| 6 pm | Kathleen Haley - RIP (Haley Family) |