

NEWSLETTER

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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Office open: Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm for all parish business
(Closed for lunch between 12.30 - 1.00pm)



TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

2nd Collection
World Communications

6pm (Vigil) Helen Osula - RIP (5th Anniv.) (Isoken Zowa)
Sunday 02nd June 7th Sunday of Easter
8 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Celia Welch - RIP & intentions of UCM members
11 am Roy Williams - RIP (Steve and Family)
6 pm Private Intentions
Monday 03rd June St Charles Lwanga & Companions Jn 16:29-33
7.30 am Francis & Michael-Joe Keavney (Mary & Geraldine)
12 noon Requiem Mass of Beryl Sammut
7 - 8.30pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7.00 Open Air Mass Meeting
Tuesday 04th June Feria Jn 17:1-11a
7.30 am Celia Rednap - RIP
12 noon Leelamma Kunnasseril - RIP (Jimmy)
7.30 pm RCIA House Mass
Wednesday 05th June St Boniface Jn 17: 11b-19
7.30 am Private Intentions
10.30 - 11 am Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)
12 noon M Abraham - RIP (Abraham Family)
7.30 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 06th June St Norbert Jn 17: 20-26
7.30 am Private Intentions
12 noon Beau Edmilao - RIP (Lewis)
Scripture group in Upper Room
7.45pm Prayer and Pub
Friday 07th June Feria Jn 21: 15-19
7.30 am Morning Prayer
12 noon John Wilkins - RIP (Jo Wilkins)
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7.30 pm Alice Edwards- RIP
8.00 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 08th June Feria Jn 21: 20-25
10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)
12 noon Albert Edwards - RIP
4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)
6pm (Vigil) Peter Edwards - RIP
Sunday 09th June Pentecost Sunday Jn 14: 15-16, 23b-26
8 am Grandad Robert - Health and Wellbeing (Ruth)
9:30 am Frederick Prior - RIP (Mrs Prior)
11 am Roy Williams - RIP (Steve and Family)
4.00 pm Confirmation in the Hall
6 pm Grace Ngalim-Wirbir - wellbeing (H Natrass)

2nd Collection
CaTEW

From Fr Anthony ...

Before coming to Canterbury I had planned to walk three hundred kilometres on the way of St James from Burgos to Compostela in Spain, part of the Camino (the way of St James) from France. In my preparation I realised that I was not fit enough and postponed the pilgrimage. It is still my fond wish to walk the Camino. I know that there are members of our parish who have walked this many times. In the time I have been here at Canterbury I have met people setting off to walk to Rome - a mere 1,900 kilometres. You might have seen on television a group of celebrities walking part of the route and meeting the Pope at their journey's end. Going on pilgrimage is a part of the spiritual life not only in Christianity but in other faiths as well. Many of us have been on pilgrimage to the well known Christian sites of Lourdes, France, The Holy Land, Rome. We don't walk but fly or go by train. What is the attraction of pilgrimage? It is going to a place of religious significance. We give ourselves the opportunity to distance ourselves from our hectic life to go apart. Going on pilgrimage can be a time to face ourselves, our faith and our relationships. The key to getting the most of a pilgrimage is to place ourselves totally in the hands of a compassionate, listening and caring God. Pope Francis spoke these words at the start of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. "The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a viator, a pilgrim travelling along the road, making his way to the desired destination."

This past week, the L'Arche community, has been walking from Dover to Canterbury. Between the 12th and 15th June there is a Canterbury Pilgrims Festival celebrating pilgrimage and providing some walks. (c.f. The website www.pilgrimstorome.org.uk for more detail.) Some of us are going to Lourdes in October on pilgrimage. There are still places available. Forty of us are going to the Holy Land in November. (Sadly it is fully booked). I realise that some are unable to go to Lourdes or the Holy Land because it can be too expensive or the time is not right. Shrines in this country are Aylesford, Faversham, Ramsgate and the great shrine at Walsingham in Norfolk. As a parish we need to welcome the many pilgrims that come to Canterbury. I have asked the Archbishop if he could designate our church a shrine of St Thomas of Canterbury that can be a place of prayer and quiet rest for pilgrims. "The shrine is also the tent of meeting in reconciliation. There, in fact, the pilgrim's conscience is moved; there he confesses his sins, there he is forgiven and forgiven; there he becomes a new creature through the sacrament of reconciliation; there he experience divine mercy and grace." (Pilgrimage in the Great Jubilee)

PARISH MATTERS



Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be **Saturday, 22nd June 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 /website).



CONFIRMATION 2019: Normal sessions in the Hall resume 09 June 2019 at 4.00 pm.



RCIA Meetings as per schedule.



PLEASE PUT IN YOUR DIARIES:

Our Open Air Mass is on Sunday, 30 June 2019 at 10h30 at St Anselm's School, Old Dover Road, followed by lunch. There will be NO MASSES at St Thomas' Church on that Sunday. There will be Vigil Mass at the church on Saturday evening at 6pm



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS 2019:

Sunday 16 June, 11 am - Confirmation Mass
Sunday, 30th June 2019 at 10h30 Parish Open Air Mass at St Anselm's School, Old Dover Road.

Missio Red Boxes. So many parishioners now have collection boxes that we cannot deliver your envelopes by hand. They will be available at the back of the church during the week-end of 8th and 9th June individually named. Please take yours and return them, filled up, to the Presbytery. Thank you for your generosity last year when you gave £1380. Do ring Anne Rooke on 01227 830298 if you have any questions.

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 13th at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please apply as soon as possible. Get in touch with the parish office and provide your names, the anniversary you are celebrating, your home address, email address and telephone, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN CANTERBURY EVENT:

Wednesday 10th July 7:30-9pm at St Andrew's United Reform Church – an evening of creative and multi-sensory prayer using 'prayer stations'
Tuesday 10th September 7:30-8:30pm at St Thomas's – an hour of Taizé prayer and worship .
More details on the posters 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, 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, John O'Driscoll, Fr Kevin St Aubyn, Margaret Jones, Fr Timothy Finigan and Veronica Derbyshire

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Canon John Bailey, Marissa Arevalo, Teresa Wicker, Vincent Siudad, Lawrence Ajewole Adeniyi, Raphael Adeniyi, John Todd, Frederick Prior, Christine Mahy, Father Alexander Fraser, Fr Alan Wright, John Reidy, Daniel Bannon, Eileen Donovan, Jean Vanier, Beryl Sammut and Norah Pitt

Thank you! Mass Collections at weekend 11/12 May 2019:

Offertory: £1152.98 loose & £562 Gift Aided -Total **£1714.98**
2nd Collection: For Ecclesiastical Education raised **£487.52**.

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE run by Marian Fathers have their **Divine Mercy Conference 2019 - SATURDAY - 15th JUNE 2019** from 10:45 am - 6:00 pm at Church of Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Ealing Broadway, London. The main speaker is **Sister Briege McKenna OSC**. See poster and pamphlets in the Narthex for more details.



ROAD WORKS IN CANTERBURY LANE: A very early warning that Canterbury Lane (outside Halifax) will be closed from Saturday, 22 June 2019 for a minimum of four days. We are assured there will be diversions in place to accommodate access.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: HCPT Group (5)87: **Early October 2019** Come and enjoy a pilgrimage holiday in Hosanna House, Lourdes, with the HCPT group (5)87. All ages welcome and helpers also needed. Costs include travel, full board accommodation and comprehensive travel and medical insurance. Option of own travel arrangements possible. Some grant assistance for funding available. Please reserve your place by 10th June. Find out more by talking to Father Anthony or Annie Judge on 07866 515797 or anniejudge@hotmail.com. Please take a leaflet from the Narthex (Porch).

CAFOD Southwark Summer Pilgrimage, 2019

Saturday 22 June, around Hartley, in Kent – looking at the new Climate Change campaign, 'Our Common Home'. If possible, try to let us know that you are coming, please contact CAFOD Southwark on 020 8466 9901 or email: southwark@cafod.org.uk. Detailed information on poster in the Narthex

" CALAIS REFUGEES NOW - a Social Justice issue. Phil Kerton from Seeking Sanctuary will be speaking on this topic at the beginning of Refugee Week June 17th - 24th, at Whitstable RC social Centre on Monday June 17th at 7.30 pm. We invite you to join us, everyone is welcome. Further information 01227 261673 "

Canterbury Medieval Pageant St Thomas's is again taking part in the Family Trail for the Medieval Pageant on Saturday, 6th July. If you could volunteer time and talents to this event, please contact Linda in the office.

SECOND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend - 01/02 June - World Communications Day - supporting Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales. Envelopes available at the pews and in the Narthex.
Next weekend - 08/09 June - Catholic Trust for England and Wales (CaTEW) - supporting the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Bishop's Conference, its departments, agencies and offices. Also helps supply the Bishops of England and Wales with the revenue necessary for the central administration of the Church in this country.