

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

6pm (Vigil) Joanna Nam - RIP [1st Anniversary] (Sangwoo Han)

7.30 pm Introduction to the Holy Land Talk in the Hall

Sunday 12th May 4th Sunday of Easter Jn 10: 27-30

8 am Ciju Jacob's intentions

9:30 am First Holy Communion Mass - for the children

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4.00 pm Polish Community Mass

4.00 pm Confirmation in the Hall

2nd Collection
Ecclesiastical
Education

6 pm People of the Parish

Monday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima Jn 10: 1-10

7.30 am Mrs Bridie Harte - RIP (Harte Family)

12 noon John Reidy - RIP (Angela Nichols)

7 - 8.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 14th May St Matthias, Apostle Jn 15: 9-17

NO EARLY MASS

12 noon David Heap - RIP (Christine)

Wednesday 15th May Feria Jn 12: 44-50

7.30 am Intentions of the Bardy Family (Renn Family)

10.30 - 11 am Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12 noon Little Lennie, Sheila Murphy & John Mullins - RIP
(Bernadette Lyons)

7 - 8.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 16th May St Simon Stock Jn 13: 16-20

NO EARLY MASS

12 noon Mary & Matthew Queded - RIP (Mary Reynolds)
Scripture group in Upper Room

7.45pm Prayer and Pub

Friday 17th May Feria Jn 14: 1-6

7.30 am Morning Prayer

12 noon Kathleen Huntley - RIP (J A Crane)

7.30 pm Bishop Trevor & Mrs Margaret Willmott (Tessa)

8.00 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 18th May St John 1, Pope & Martyr Jn 14: 7-14

10am - 1pm Readers' Morning in the Hall

10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)

12 noon Frances & Michael-Joe Keavney - RIP
(Mary & Geraldine)

4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

6pm (Vigil) Michael Reynolds - RIP (Mary Reynolds)

Sunday 19th May 5th Sunday of Easter Jn 13: 31-33a, 34-35

8 am People of the Parish

9:30 am John & Marie Claire Renn - 40th wedding Anniv.
Going Forth Mass for First Holy Communicants

11 am Billy Ashman - RIP (Catherine Ashman)

12.15 Baptism of Max Albert Staniszewski

4.00 pm Confirmation in the Hall

6 pm Joao Ferreira - RIP (Elizabeth and Family)

From Fr Anthony ...

We celebrate the wonderful gift of the Eucharist received by our young children at Mass today for the first time.

We pray that they who belong to Jesus will always hear his voice. We rejoice that each of these children is known by Jesus. May they continue to follow him and cherish the gift of eternal life given to them at Baptism:

9.30 am Mass:

Grace Bridget Mei Allen; David Antonio Bolivar Vicent;

Emma-Louise Bragger; Meredith Susan Breeze;

Brandon Carter Cairns; Anya Carss;

Tomaso Di Cesare; Roisin Georgina Higgins;

Mia Isabella Kohut; Maria Luisa Mozzati;

Chimkasi Williams Ochinanwata;

Fela-Oluwa Richard Oduntan;

Mary Omotoduntan Oduntan;

Ryan Joshua Oligo; Lucy Evelyn Slattery;

Josue David Jr Teves; Zachary Vittorio Vibal;

Harry Weston

11.00 am Mass:

Aimee Scarlett Crane;

Ignacy Tycjan Czupkowski-Molczan;

Dominic Dobrzanski; Jonathan Efozia;

Christopher Efozia; Victor Gilabert Ferrer;

Samuel Graydon Blanco; Camila Janus;

Jason Farai Kambeu; Liam Kilshaw;

Aidan Anthony Lidbury; Aleksandra Lukaszewicz;

Lena Mazurek; Alexander Mitri;

Leonard Chukwuemeka Nwahir;

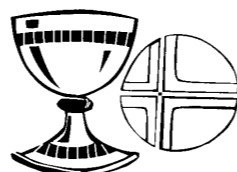
Martina Rose O'Hanley;

Isabell Emily Pelczar; Ethan Pereira;

Olivia Adele Katherine Pezelet; Lionel Anthony Rusta;

Kornelija Viktorija Savicke;

Alexander St Clare Strzeminski-Bowden



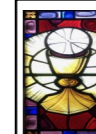
PARISH MATTERS



Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be **Saturday, 25th May 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).



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019: Going Forth Mass, 19 May at 9.30am
CONFIRMATION 2019: Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, 22 May 2019 at 6.30 pm. Normal sessions in the Hall as per schedule.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. This weekend, 12th May, our young people celebrate their First Holy Communion at the 9.30 am and 11 am Masses. Please keep them, their families and their catechists in your prayers on this special day.



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS 2019:
Saturday, 18th May 2019: 10am - 1pm: Readers' Morning in the Hall.
Sunday, 30th June 2019 at 10h30 Parish Open Air Mass at St Anselm's School, Old Dover Road.



GIFT AID ENVELOPES
We still have **21 weekly gift aid envelope boxes** which have not been collected. Collect these either from the Narthex at the weekend Masses or from Linda in the office during the week.

100 CLUB WINNERS: Congratulations! Our 100 Club winners of £20 each for May 2019 are: Tony Kenny (No 10) and Bernard Packer (No 37)

CONFIRMATION MASS ALTAR SERVERS: Please could Altar servers who are prepared to serve at the Confirmation Mass on 16th June (Trinity Sunday) at 11.00 am fill in the form in the Narthex. Thank you.

Coffee and refreshments will be available in the hall after the 11am Mass on 19th May. All are welcome.

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.

The people of St Thomas parish assure all of the L'arche communities in Kent of our love and prayers on the death of Jean Vanier, their founder and inspiration.

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 and Veronica Derbyshire

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Canon John Bailey, Marissa Arevalo, Teresa Wicker, Vincent Ciudad, Lawrence Ajewole Adeniyi, Raphael Adeniyi, John Todd, Frederick Prior, Christine Mahy, Father Alexander Fraser, Fr Alan Wright, Itohan Erhahon (sister of Fr Valentine), John Reidy, Daniel Bannon, Eileen Donovan and Jean Vanier.

Thank you! Mass Collections at weekend 04/05 May 2019:

Offertory: £979.48 loose & £627.15 Gift Aided -Total **£1599.63**

2nd Collection: No second collection this weekend.

READERS' MORNING : All readers are invited to join us on Saturday, 18th May 2019 from 10am to 1.00pm in the Hall for prayer, reflection and discussion.

Monthly Parish Tea Dances continuing 26th May at 12noon with Stuart and Hannah in the parish hall. Open to everyone, no partner or experience required, we will put the spring in your step!

Chrome/gold Cross mechanical pencil with sentimental value mislaid in the church on Good Friday. If found please see Ben Saul or any member of the 11 o'clock choir, or contact Philippa on 07813997976

PENNIES FOR PRESS-UPS - FUNDRAISING FOR CATCHING LIVES: A group of strong guys from Emmanuel Church are fundraising for Catching lives by doing press-ups on Saturday, 18th May in Canterbury High Street from 12 noon. Please support the guys with sponsoring and support. Details on the poster in the Narthex or information from Tony on 07821 741579

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: HCPT Group (5)87: **4th - 11th October 2019** staying at Hosanna House. All ages welcome. For more information please talk to Father Anthony or Annie Judge on 07866 515797 or anniejudge@hotmail.com.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Some places are still available on the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Paul Hendricks. Dates: 23-30 August 2019. For details please see: www.tangney-tours.com/CA and its special section for Southwark.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN CANTERBURY EVENTS:

Poetry in a Quiet Garden, 2-5pm Thursday 23rd May at Eudaemonia Quiet Garden (Broad Street)
Introduced by Victoria Field, a quiet afternoon using poetry to structure the silence. Victoria was formerly Poet in Residence at Truro Cathedral and has a wide experience of using poetry to explore spirituality, ending with afternoon tea. No charge (Donations to Quiet Garden Trust welcome) but please book, as numbers are strictly limited, by email to petertoon@aol.com or by phone to 01227 451991

'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer Evening: 6:30pm Sunday 2nd June at St Mary Bredin. All are welcome for an evening of worship and prayer.

The National Pray for Schools Fortnight running 12th-26th May! As part of the fortnight, there is an evening of prayer for our local schools on May 20th from 7.30pm - 9.00pm at Canterbury Baptist Church. We'd love you and your congregation to come and join us as we intercede for our local children, youth and teachers. (all welcome).

More details on the posters in the Narthex for all the above.

SECOND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend- 11/12 May - Ecclesiastical Education - helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate as well as ongoing formation of the clergy.
Next weekend - 18/19 May - There is no second collection.