

# 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  
CaTEW

6pm (Vigil) Peter Edwards - RIP

**Sunday 09<sup>th</sup> June Pentecost Sunday** Jn 14: 15-16, 23b-26

8 am Granddad Robert - Health and Wellbeing (Ruth)

9:30 am People of the Parish

11 am Frederick Prior - RIP (Mrs Prior)

4.00 pm Confirmation in the Hall

6 pm Grace Ngalm-Wirbir - wellbeing (H Natrass)

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June Mary, Mother of the Church** Mt 5: 1-12

7.30 am John Hay - RIP

12 noon Herminio and Philo Correa (Noronha Family)

7 - 8.30pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June St Barnabas, Apostle** Mt 5: 13-16

7.30 pm

12 noon

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June Feria** Mt 5: 17-19

7.30 am John, Stasia and Christine

10.30 - 11 am Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12 noon John & Stasia Callaghan- RIP (Callaghan Family)

7 - 8.30 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest**  
Mt 5: 20-26

7.30 am

12 noon

Scripture group in Upper Room

7.45pm Prayer and Pub

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June Feria** Mt 5: 27-32

7.30 am Morning Prayer

12 noon

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Pat Cassidy- RIP

8.00 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June Feria** Mt 5: 33-37

9.30 - 10.30 Confirmation Rehearsal in the Church

10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)

12 noon Gay O'Sullivan - RIP (Tony O'Sullivan)

4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

6pm (Vigil) Elizabeth Simpson on her Birthday (Jean Pegg)

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June The Most Holy Trinity** Jn 16: 12-15

8 am

9:30 am People of the Parish

11 am Celebration of Confirmation - Archbishop Peter Smith - for the Confirmandi

12.30 pm Certificate Ceremony in Hall for newly confirmed

6 pm

2nd Collection  
Day for Life

### From Fr Anthony ...

Next Sunday, Trinity Sunday at 11 am the Archbishop Peter Smith will confirm our young people. He will stretch his hands over them and call down the Holy Spirit upon them. He will anoint them with the oil of Chrism and say: "Be sealed with the Holy Spirit." They have all received the Holy Spirit in Baptism but now there will be a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon them. They are given the fullness of the Holy Spirit so that they are able to live a life of faith in everyday life. The Spirit enables them to fearlessly live the Christian life. They have been called to be missionary disciples. In the gospel today (Pentecost Sunday) we read how the apostles and Mary were empowered with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit transformed their lives so they fearlessly went throughout the world, to communicate the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection with words and healings.

If we have been baptised and confirmed then we have all received the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Yet we are not necessarily vibrant, confident, enthusiastic, fearless and eager as a church to share the Gospel. The Second Vatican Council, which began in 1962 in the Catholic Church, began with a prayer for a "New Pentecost." It was written by Pope John XVIII: "As the Holy Spirit was poured out on Pentecost so it continues to be poured out on, in and through the Church, for the sake of her mission in the world." Pentecost was and is the birthday of the Church. The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church and the source of her power for mission. Today, on this wonderful feast, I suggest that as a parish we say this prayer:

*We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives.*

*Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son. You desire justice for all: enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favour.*

*Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true. As we gather in your name may we temper justice with love, so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants.*

*You live and reign with the Father and the Son, One God, forever and ever. Amen*

## PARISH MATTERS



**Baptism Preparation:** To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be **Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Confirmation Mass on Sunday 16 June at 11 am.



Judith Dimond on behalf of **St. Paul's Church, Canterbury**, extends a special invitation to parishioners of St Thomas' to join them for their Film Afternoon on Wednesday 26th June, at 2.p.m. They are showing the film 'Pope Francis: A Man of His Word' - followed by tea, cake and a short discussion on the film.

You are invited to join us at a prayer vigil on Friday 14th June 2019 following the **10.30am** mass at St Francis Catholic Church, Week Street, Maidstone. Rosary and prayer outside the Marie Stopes abortion clinic, Brewer St. Return for refreshments at approximately 1pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11am till the evening. OR please be an intercessor in the church.

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, it really does save lives. Details of our live saving work at [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

### GK CHESTERTON PILGRIMAGE

**The 9th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage takes place on Saturday 27th July.** There are several ways to join us, either in prayer, or by joining us in walking a short section of the pilgrimage or even the whole 27 miles! Please see notice in the Narthex for details.

### CHRISTIAN TOGETHER CANTERBURY

#### JOB OPPORTUNITY: Street Pastors Co-ordinator

As Street Pastors approaches its 500th patrol this year, the Trustees are seeking a new coordinator to help administer this exciting and vital city ministry.. Please see poster in the Narthex for details.

**'Far from the home I love'** Piano Concert -7:30pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at St Gregory's Centre for Music (Christ Church University). *Canterbury Welcomes Refugees* invites you to a special concert: Margaret Fingerhut, an acclaimed international pianist, has devised a concert specially to raise awareness of refugee needs. She will be performing a programme including composers who were refugees themselves fleeing war and persecution. Margaret is kindly donating all the proceeds to *Canterbury Welcomes Refugees* via the City of Sanctuary network. See the poster in the Narthex for details. The link to the ticket site is: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/far-from-the-home-i-love-tickets-56802126690>

**'Music in a Quiet Garden'** - 2:30-4:30pm Sunday 7th July, Eudaemonia Quiet Garden, Broad Street - A concert of harp music including a cream tea in the interval. In aid of the Quiet Garden Trust - Tickets £10 Email [petertoon@aol.com](mailto:petertoon@aol.com) or phone 01227 451 991 to book a seat.

**" CALAIS REFUGEES NOW** - a Social Justice issue. Phil Kerton from Seeking Sanctuary will be speaking on this topic , 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 "

### SECOND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**This 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.

**Next weekend - 15/16 June - Day for Life** - the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. Proceeds from this collection provide the core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the church through grants to Catholic charities.



### OPEN AIR MASS ON 30TH JUNE.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There will be a list at the back of the church for volunteers to sign up to help with:

**Setting up chairs and stage framework** - volunteers to please come to St Anselm's on Saturday 29th June between 2pm - 4pm to help set out the chairs and set up the frame for the stage

**Stewarding on the day** - volunteers will be needed at St Anselm's from 9am

**Helpers** to clear up after the event around 3pm

**DO YOU NEED HELP TO GET TO THE MASS?** Anyone who is unable to make their own way to St Anselm's and requires a lift - please let the Office know

**RAFFLE DONATIONS:** we are having a raffle so need donations for prizes please



### Calling All Sacristans or Those who are Interested in this Ministry

Canon Anthony is holding an event from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday, 27th July 2019, in the Church to refresh and induct all those interested in the very important Ministry of Sacristan. This event is open to all current Sacristans as well as people who are interested in providing cover as needed. Please come and volunteer if you can. Tea and coffee will be provided.

### PARISH DIRECTORY: We are updating the Parish Directory.

The current version can be found on our website: (<http://stthomasofcanterbury.com>). This is an important and valuable source of reference for our parish and its visitors. If you would like to put something in here or change something already here - please contact by email: [tessa.metcalfe@btinternet.com](mailto:tessa.metcalfe@btinternet.com) by 15th June 2019.

**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 to help at this event, please contact Linda in the office.

### 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 Ciudad, 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, Norah Pitt and James Chamarette

**Thank you! Mass Collections at weekend 01/02 June 2019:**

**Offertory:** £850.49 loose & £442.82 Gift Aided -Total **£1293.31**  
**2nd Collection:** For World Communications raised **£214.66.**