

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)



From Fr Anthony ...

In my former role as part of the team responsible for promoting religious education in the diocese I would often meet with the staff of primary schools to help them formulate a mission statement for the school.

If you search on the internet for an answer to the question "What is a Mission Statement?" this is the sort of answer you get. "A mission statement is a short statement of why an organisation exists, what its overall goal is, identifying the goal of its operations: what kind of product or service it provides, its primary customers or market, and its geographical region of operation."

In today's Gospel reading Jesus sends the seventy two out. They have a mission. Note that Jesus didn't gather them together first for a meeting to thrash out a mission statement. He sends them to go ahead of him to prepare for his visit. They go in pairs, taking nothing with them. They are instructed to salute no one on the road. They must be focused and not allow themselves to be distracted. In the town they visit they accept the hospitality there and cure the sick and give the message that the Kingdom of God is close at hand (very near). Here we have a mission statement in action. Jesus didn't promise that things would be easy. "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves". Despite this they returned rejoicing. As a parish we are empowered by Christ to continue his mission. We are called to prepare the way for the coming of Christ in the lives and hearts of all. In fact at the beginning of the our Parish Directory there is a statement of our vision as a parish which reads "to build trusting relationships with each other across every age group and nationality so we can reverently share in joyous celebration of the Eucharist and share the Good News with all." How well do you think we are doing in making this vision a reality at St Thomas of Canterbury today? This coming Tuesday I am on a study day for clergy, looking at the phenomenon of "Divine Revelation" a process of parish renewal intended to move parishes from maintenance to mission. This was instigated by Fr James Mallon, a Canadian priest who with a team of lay people transformed their parish of St Benedict's in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Divine Renovation is one of the popular initiatives that encourage parishes to move from Maintenance to Mission. If we want to be missionary it will mean that we will be called to leave the comfort of the familiar and cozy to become more like sheep among wolves.

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) James Scott - RIP (Kerr Family)

Sunday 07th July Fourteenth Sunday Lk 10: 1 -12, 17-20

8 am Agnes Natrass - RIP (Marjery Craig)

9:30 am Celia Welch - RIP & intentions of UCM members

11 am People of the Parish

Baptism of Evelina Abarite-Bule during Mass

6 pm NO 6PM MASS AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

7 pm Mass of the Feast of the Translation of St Thomas - Canterbury Cathedral Quire

- Tsige Buta - RIP (Sherington Family)

Monday 08th July FERIA Mt 9:18-26

7.30 am Foundation Mass - Charles Jones Hill - RIP

12 noon Requiem Mass for Mrs Tsige Buta

7 - 9 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.00 pm Review Meeting for Open Air Mass in the Presbytery

Tuesday 09th July St Augustine Zhao Rong & Comp. Mt 9:32-38

7.30 am Ossie Correa - RIP (Noronha Family)

12 noon Elizabeth Simpson - thanksgiving (Angela Nichols)

Wednesday 10th July FERIA Mt 10: 1-7

7.30 am

10.30 - 11 am Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)

12 noon Mary Reynolds - welfare (Angela Nichols)

7.30 - 8.30pm NO ADORATION

Thursday 11th July St Benedict Mt 10: 7-15

7.30 am Intentions of the Noronha Family (Linda)

12 noon Requiem Mass for Michael Hagggar

Scripture group in Upper Room

7.30 pm UCM meeting in the Upper Room

7.45pm Prayer and Pub

Friday 12th July FERIA Mt 10:16-23

7.30 am Morning Prayer

12 noon Julie and Peter Brooke

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Elizabeth Quinn - RIP (Quinn Family)

8.00 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 13th July St Mildred Mt 10: 24-33

09.00 Baptism Course

10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12 noon Private Intentions

4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)

6pm (Vigil) Joao Ferreira - RIP (Elizabeth and Family)

Sunday 14th July Fifteenth Sunday Lk 10: 25-37

SEA SUNDAY 2019

8 am Ossie Correa - RIP (Noronha Fam)

9:30 am Melvyn Dodds - RIP (Pamela)

11 am Final Profession as Lay Carmel of Mary

12.15 Baptism of Mia, Leanna and Aahyah Cabulo and Oliver Kruk

6 pm People of the Parish

Note: NO ADORATION ON WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY

2nd Collection
Sea Sunday

PARISH MATTERS



Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be **Saturday, 24th August 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).

Altar Servers Summer Break August Tuesday 6th - Friday

9th Woldingham, Surrey Cost £145 This is an excellent few days for boy and girl servers aged 10- 15.Meeting in a holiday atmosphere activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport, Chessington World of Adventures, Laser Elite, Swimming. For more details take form, download from www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, Tel: 01322 220075, email:stanselm01@googlemail.com

The St John Bosco Children's Summer Camp at Aldham Essex.

An activities camp with a Catholic ethos for children aged 8 to 13, costing £160 per week, running as follows:-
Week One Saturday 27th July to 3rd August 2019 for Boys
Week Two Saturday 3rd August to 10th August 2019 for Boys
Week Three Saturday 10th August to 17th August 2019 for Girls
Week Four Saturday 17th August to 24th August 2019 Mixed Camp
Application forms or more information from: <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk>

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING

A one-day course on November 2nd 2019 at Aylesford Priory for laity and clergy who are active in the ministry to the bereaved or see it as a ministry that they would like to take on. This course is not suitable for those recently bereaved. **Participants should be recommended by their parish priest.**

The Southwark Brethren is a long-standing charity which helps sick and retired Priests who are in need. We thank you for your continuous generosity in the past and ask for your help again this year. Please send donations to **Rev. Paul Hough, St Elpheges Presbytery, 120 Stafford Road, Wallingham, SM69AY.** A Gift Aid scheme is available for those who pay tax - please contact Rev. Paul on email wallingham@rcaos.org.uk or phone 02086 475079

The Church Social Committee is holding a table top sale on the 14th July from 10:30am. Sell your unwanted items and help raise funds to support our church. Pre booked tables only due to limited availability (tables provided) We are asking £5 per table and shared tables are available plus tea/coffee. Info: socialstthomasrc@gmail.com or 07805490217 or 07932645919



Calling All Sacristans or Those who are interested in this Ministry

Reminder of Canon Anthony's event:- 10am to 12 noon on Saturday, 27th July 2019, in the Church

Church Summer Fete: The Parish of Our Lady Immaculate is holding their summer fete at the Presbytery 37 Kingsdown Park, Whitstable CT52DE next Saturday, 13th July, from 11 am to 1 pm. See Poster in Narthex for more information

25 July 2019 - CONSECRATION MASS

The Consecration Mass of our new Archbishop, John Wilson, takes place in St Georges Cathedral at 12 noon on 25 July 2019. The priests of the Archdiocese will be attending so there will be **NO 12 noon MASS at St Thomas'**, Burgate on that day.

SECOND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend - 06/07 July - There is no second collection
Next weekend - 13/14 July - Apostleship of the Sea
Special Collection during July: Envelopes are available in the Church for the **Peter's Pence** collection during July - please place them in the first collection baskets



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS 2019:

Monday, 8th July 2019 at 7.00pm: Review Meeting for Open Air Mass in the Presbytery
Monday, 15th July 2019 at 7.30 pm: Parish Finance Committee meeting in the Presbytery



WEDNESDAY ADORATION: Please note that there is **NO ADORATION** on: Wednesday, 10 July 2019 and Wednesday, 17th July 2019.



Where does the money go???

Our FINANCE COMMITTEE would like you to know.... that in 2018...

Our new hymn books cost us £2011 and you contributed £605 towards this cost - thank you.

Every week the Newsletter Mass Sheet aids our worship - we think it is well worth the cost of 11 pence per sheet.

NEXT SUNDAY IS SEA SUNDAY

Next weekend is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information about its work, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk



On the Notice Board! Unfortunately, space in the newsletter is often restricted, but there is a wealth of information on the notice boards in the Narthex - please check these for events both local and further afield.

ACCOMMODATION REQUESTED Catholic RE teacher needs 2 bed accommodation for herself, husband and their 11 year old son for 1 year initially from 25 August 2019. If you can help, please call Phil on **07894058498**.

Weekend Retreat for bereaved parishioners

Booking forms the "Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ" weekend for bereaved parishioners to be held on the **11-13th October 2019** are available in the Narthex

Please remember in your prayers:

Marie Strong, Pat Gill, Angeline Frizell, Alan Skeet, Louisa Ward, Janette Hughes, Maurice Crosland, Barbara Brett, Hannelore Hall, Mary Dittrich, Kathleen Hutchinson, A. Charles Ryan, Pat Gibson, Phyllis Stirton, Fr Louie Kitt, Fr Kevin St Aubyn, Margaret Jones, Fr Timothy Finigan, Jenni Aldridge, Mary Reynolds and Brian Wicker

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, James Chamarette, Michael Hagggar, Tsige Buta and Agnes Natrass

Thank you! Mass Collections at weekend 29/30 June 2019:

Offertory: £763.93 loose & £415.30 Gift Aided -Total **£1179.23**
2nd Collection: There was no second collection this weekend