

NEWSLETTER

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(Closed for lunch between 12.30 - 1.00pm)



From Fr Anthony ...

The visit of Jesus to the home of his friends Lazarus, Martha and Mary is a challenging and thought provoking incident in the gospel for us. You often hear people ask "are you a Martha or a Mary?" Some say "It is all very well Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus and Jesus saying she has chosen the better part but that doesn't put the food on the table." What Mary was doing was listening to Jesus. Her whole attention was on him. You could say that hers was an attitude of contemplation. One of my favourite writers is the Trappist monk, Thomas Merton. He died in 1968. One of his earliest books was "New Seeds of Contemplation" which I first read when I was twelve. He writes contemplation is an awaking to a whole new level of reality, which cannot be clearly explained. "It can only be hinted at, suggested, pointed to, symbolised." There is an obvious tension between action and contemplation in our lives. We need both. But Jesus said to Martha, that Mary has chosen the better part. It is easy to imagine that action, work, is being down graded by that remark of Jesus. Yet he is reminding us to make contemplation an essential part of our everyday life. To be contemplative is to discover the true God at the very centre of our being and that we are nothing apart from God. With this discovery a new life dawns. We are liberated from selfishness. "The ego-self (which in reality is a false self) is discarded like "an old snake skin" (to use Merton's words) and "we come to recognise our true self which all the while has been hidden in God." (William H. Shannon). When we were re-designing the sanctuary in my last parish we commissioned the artist to sculpt Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus on the front of the Ambo (from where we proclaim the Word of God at Mass). Mary was in an attitude of listening. She was being in the presence of Jesus. She was in an attitude of contemplation. Without giving time to being present to God, then we are in danger of living on the surface of life. Many of us are living active and busy lives but without a time of contemplation and prayer then our life becomes unbalanced. We have a saying "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" Perhaps we need to change this to say "All work and no prayer (contemplation) make Jack or Jill not only a dull person but not truly alive."

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Intentions of Helen Nattrass (E Murphy)

Sunday 21st July Sixteenth Sunday (C) Lk 10: 38-42

8 am Mary Wright's intentions

9:30 am Peter McKeown - RIP (Pauline Lilford)

11 am People of the Parish

3 pm Filipino Community Mass

6 pm Fr Jeff Cridland - 50th Anniv. of Ordination (Linda)

Monday 22nd July St Mary Magdalene Jn 20:1-2; 11-18

7.30 am Joan Williams - speedy recovery (Theresa)

12 noon Reginald & Louise Datlen - RIP (Louise De Caires)

7 - 9 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 23rd July St Bridget Mt 12: 46-50

7.30 am Elizabeth Simpson - RIP (Therese)

12 noon Herminio & Philo Correa - RIP (Noronha Family)

Wednesday 24th July St Sharbel Makhluuf Mt 13: 1-9

7.30 am Elizabeth Simpston - RIP (Angela Nichols)

10.30 - 11 am Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12 noon Thanksgiving

7.30 - 8.30pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 25th July St James the Apostle Mt 20: 20-28

7.30 am Lizzie Orchard - RIP (Cadwallader Family)

11.00 am Consecration of Archbishop John Wilson at St George's Cathedral, London

12 noon NO MASS at St Thomas'

Scripture group in RECESS until 15th September

7.45pm Prayer & Pub is in RECESS 'til after Summer Break

Friday 26th July Sts Joachim & Anne, Parents of BVM Mt 13:18-23

7.30 am Morning Prayer

12 noon Kathleen & Maria Warne - RIP (e. Murphy)

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Alexander Clark on his birthday (Clark)

8.00 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 27th July Feria Mt 13: 24-30

10 - 12 Sacristans' Induction in the Church

10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)

12 noon Mary Reynolds - welfare

1.00 pm Baptism of Mirwet Mateo

4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

6pm (Vigil) Margo Crowley - RIP (Nora King)

Sunday 28th July Seventeenth Sunday (C) Lk 11: 1-13

8 am Patty Baxter - good health (Joan Blows)

9:30 am Mary Reynolds (Noreen Egan)

11 am People of the Parish

6 pm People travelling during the Holidays

2nd Collection
SVP

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).

25 July 2019 - CONSECRATION MASS

The Installation 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.

For parishioners who are not able to join us in person at the Cathedral, they are welcome to tune-in from 11.50 am on the day (the actual service will commence at 12 noon). All they need to do is place the following link in their browser.

<https://youtu.be/wemICGkP6pA>

The **9th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage** will take place on **Saturday 27th July**, please send any prayer requests to; CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text them to 07795205114. Details of the ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GKC prayer cards can be found on www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk. The Pilgrimage is on the nearest Saturday to the 30th July, the anniversary of Chesterton's reception into the Catholic Church.

Diocese of Canterbury is looking for a Finance Team Administrator:

Full Time 35 hours per week: Salary £16,660 per annum: Based at Diocesan House, Canterbury. Full details here: www.canterburydiocese.org/vacancies/

Closing Date: 28th July 2019

Items in the Narthex Reconciliation Room. There is a bicycle stored in the Reconciliation room in the Narthex - please could the owner remove this as it is causing a hazard to users of this room. If you have items stored in this room, please identify them and their use to the church to Linda in the office. Thank you

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

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.**

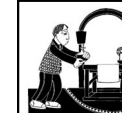
A very big thank you to all who supported our first ever Table top sale we hope to make this an annual event, we made £63.04p towards future churches social projects. *The Social Committee*

SECOND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend - 20/21 July- No second collection this weekend
Next weekend - 27/28 July - SVP - Gift aid envelopes in the Narthex

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

Linda is on leave this week. Joan Blows is very kindly covering in the office from **9.00 am to 3.00 pm Monday to Friday.**



Reminder to All Sacristans or those who are interested in this Ministry
Canon Anthony is leading an induction session in the Church on
Saturday, 27th July 2019 from 10am to 12 noon .

Prayer and Pub meetings are in recess until after the summer break - see you in September.
Scripture Group in recess until 15th September 2019

Where does the money go???



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

To maintain the Hall & its Lift we have paid out £3985

To insure the church, hall and Presbytery cost us £5222

To pay for our mandatory Health & Safety checks costs us £2450

This is all paid from your weekly giving - thank you!
We couldn't do it without you

The Divine Mercy Apostolate of Marian Fathers is organising a **Divine Mercy Pilgrimage** to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Simon Stock; The Friars Aylesford Priory; Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BX on **Bank Holiday Monday - 26th August 2019** from 10 am to 5 pm led by the Rt Rev Bishop Patrick Lynch SS CC - Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark Diocese and The Marian Fathers. See Poster and flyers in the Narthex for full programme details.

In August, there will be no coffee, in the hall, after the 9.30 Sunday mass. Come along on the 1st September!

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, Brian Wicker and Rachele Castro

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 Haggard, Tsige Buta, Agnes Nattrass, Ossia Correa and Elizabeth Simpson

Thank you! Mass Collections at weekend 13/14 July 2019:
Offertory: £868.90 loose & £563.28 Gift Aided -Total **£1432.18**
2nd Collection: Apostleship of the Sea raised £601.95