

NEWSLETTER

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(Closed for lunch between 12.30 - 1.00pm)



From Fr Anthony ...

My rector at the junior seminary started his talk on humility by telling us of a priest who was speaking about humility to a group of nuns and recommended a book. "This is the greatest book I have ever read on the subject. It is an excellent, lucid and scholarly exposition, and I wrote it." Was he boasting, blowing his own trumpet, or just being honest?

St Benedict in his rule wrote about the twelve steps of humility, like twelve steps on a ladder. An initial reading of Chapter Seven of the rule might not be easy for us to appreciate who are living in the 21st century. The Australian Cistercian monk of Tarrawarra Abbey, Michael Casey has indeed written a book on St Benedict's teaching on humility entitled "Truthful Living".

Jesus isn't asking us to humiliate ourselves when he tells the story in the Gospel for Sunday. He isn't asking us to think less of ourselves than other people. Nor does it mean having an undervaluing of our talents. There is nothing more off putting than someone constantly professing: "I am not good at anything. I am not important." We need to remember that the word humility come from "humus" which as every gardener knows is the very stuff of the earth. To be humble means to have your feet firmly on the ground. We need to have an honest acceptance of the seeds of talent given by God.

"Humility is never arrogant because it recognised that what talents we have are gifts from God. What do you have that you have not received? And if you have not received why do you glory as if you had not received it? (1 Cor 4:7) Rather than hiding talents, humility sees the duty to nurture them so as to reflect back the glory of the giver." (Sylvester O'Flynn). Jesus is our model of humility. "Learn of me, for I am meek and humble of heart". In recent days in the readings at daily Mass we have been hearing how Jesus was condemning the Pharisees as hypocrites. The word means a play actor, pretender, dissembled. Humility means setting aside the mask. It is a kind of nakedness that allows us to be seen without the bulwark of social conventions "We present ourselves to others transparently, in all our imperfection and vulnerability. We depend on their good will for acceptance and love, not on the success of our efforts at self-promotion." (Michael Casey).

Lord help me to be at home with myself Help me to be myself. Give me the grace of true humility.

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

2nd Collection
SVP

6pm (Vigil) David Heap - RIP (Christine)

Sunday 1st Sept. Twenty Second Sunday (C) Lk 14: 1,7-14

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

8 am People of the Parish

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

11 am Catherine (Kath) Packer - RIP (Bernard & family)

12.15 Baptism of Ayomide, Brian and Stephen Adebayo

6 pm Intentions of Mary Reynolds (Sue Purbrick)

Monday 2nd Sept. Feria Lk 4: 16-30

7.30 am Doreen & Dennis - safe return to Australia (Anne)

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

7 - 9 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 3rd Sept. St Gregory the Great Lk 4: 31-37

7.30 am Eileen de Cairies - RIP (Sue Purbrick)

12 noon Dr Kaz Krynicki - RIP (Krynicki Family))

Wednesday 4th Sept. St Cuthbert Lk 4: 38-44

7.30 am Ann Johnson - RIP (Sue Purbrick)

10.30 - 11 am Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)

12 noon William, Mary & Tony Ashman - RIP (Catherine Ashman)

7.30 - 8.30pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 5th Sept. Feria Lk 5: 1-11

7.30 am V M Devasia - RIP (Devasia Family)

12 noon John Edgington - RIP (Edgington Family)

Scripture Group in Recess until September

Prayer & Pub is in Recess until September

Friday 6th Sept. Feria Lk 5: 33-39

7.30 am Morning Prayer

10 am Mass at K&C Hospital

12 noon Requiem Mass of Mrs Gillian Dyche

NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Brigid Davies on her Birthday (Theresa Buchan)

8.00 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 7th Sept. Feria Lk 6: 1-5

10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)

12 noon Tansy Kelly - RIP (Sue Purbrick)

3 pm Baptism of Martin Pio Delaney

4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

6pm (Vigil) Winefride & David Browning-RIP (Philippa Burniston)

Sunday 8th Sept. Twenty Third Sunday (C) Lk 14: 25-33

8 am Ossie Correa - RIP (Noronha Family)

9:30 am People of the Parish

Coffee in the Hall after Mass

11 am Tsige Buta - RIP (D McConkey)

12.15 Baptism of Clementina Bianca Riva and

Abigail and Theodore Xako

4 pm Polish Community Mass

6 pm Mildren & John Clark - RIP (Sue Purbrick)

2nd Collection
Catholic Education Service

PARISH MATTERS



Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised....our next preparation meeting will be in the Presbytery on **Saturday, 14th September 2019, at 9.00 am.** Places are limited so please call the office to book. Please fill in a Registration Form in advance (from Office /website).



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, 17th May 2020 at the 9.30 & 11 am Masses. Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

CONFIRMATION 2020: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on Sunday 31st May 2020 at 11 am Mass. 2019/2020 Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

RCIA 2020: Our programme commences on 24th September 2019. If you are a Catholic adult who has not made your first communion or being confirmed, or a non-Catholic who is thinking of becoming a Catholic, please complete an Initial Enquiry Form available in the Narthex.



New Altar Servers Training

There will be two training days for new altar servers on Saturday 7th and 21st September at 9.30 am in the Church. Application forms are available in the Church Narthex.

QUIZ NIGHT - Catholic Fellowship for Disabled in Union with HCPT are holding a quiz night on Saturday, 14th September 2019 at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception - Whitstable starting at 7.00 pm. Admission £5. Further details on poster in the Narthex.

Walk with the **AUGUSTINE CAMINO** group Canterbury to Ramsgate **Saturday 7th September**

Meet 8.30 Canterbury West Station or 8.50 St Thomas's Church A day walk from Canterbury to St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate Walking from Canterbury to Wickhambreaux, bus to Minster, then walk from Minster to St Augustine's. FREE but bring own lunch, water, bus fare etc For any further information see website <http://www.augustinecamino.co.uk> or contact Andrew Kelly admin@augustinecamino.co.uk

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Training sessions for New Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are being held on Wednesday, 25th September and Wednesday, 9th October at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery

Filipino Community Mass. There will be no Filipino Mass in St Thomas's during September due to the unavailability of a Priest.



The prolife charity Life is looking for enthusiastic church and community fundraisers in the Diocese to help us grow our life-saving work with vulnerable mothers. We want you to help our volunteer fundraisers, manage local events, and develop relationships with community groups. We offer a competitive salary for a full or part-time position based at home. Contact jobs@lifecharity.org.uk for more details.

DAY OF RENEWAL - On Saturday, 7th September 2019 a Day of Renewal at Aylesford Priory, Maidstone, M20 7BX starting 9.30 am. The session theme is Healing and Empowerment. Please see the poster in the Narthex for the full programme. More information Mr Joe Smallcombe on 01634 307312 or Mrs Palmyra Willis on 01580 211204

SECOND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend - 31 Aug/01 Sept - SVP - Gift Aid Envelopes in Nathe
Next weekend - 07/08 Sept - Catholic Education Services - acting on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic Education. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools and together with the CofE provide 1/3 of all schools in the country. The CES provides negotiation and advisory services in all areas of Catholic Education as well as financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

SUNDAY TEA DANCES: New dates for tea dances with Hannah and Stuart confirmed! Sundays starting from 12 noon: 8th September, 6th October, 10th November and 15th December. No partner required, just bring your best smiles. Everyone welcome for tea even if you do not want to dance.



CONFIRMATION CATECHIST TEAM - We are sad to announce that two of our team will no longer be with us going forward. If you are interested in sharing the faith with young people preparing for their Confirmation, please speak to Father Anthony.

Sponsored Ride and Stride Event Canterbury 2019 on Saturday, 14 September 2019 from 10am to 6pm. Please support this worthy cause to raise funds for the Churches of Kent. Unfortunately, our church will not be staffed on the day but the documents will be available at the door.

HALL STAGE: Would all groups who store items on the Hall stage please arrange for them to either be removed or stored safely well behind the back stage curtain. Various groups have requested the use of the stage during their hall hire activities and security of these items can not be guaranteed. Thank you

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN CANTERBURY NEWS

Beech Grove Fun Day at Beech Grove, Nonnington

The Bruderhof Community at Beech Grove, Nonnington, welcome you to a Family Fun Day in September. Please see poster in the Narthex for details

L'Arche Kent is inviting applications for the post of: **Activities Assistant (Horticulture) Part time (maximum 20hrs)** We are looking for a highly organized creative individual who together with people with learning disabilities will be developing a project involving horticulture and conservation, marketing and selling of produce. We would love to hear from you. Positions are subject to an enhanced DBS check. Contact Anne Holiday; ph: 01227 643025; kent@larche.org.uk for Application packs or Dorota Wozniak/Liis Revell; phone: 01227 643025 for information **Deadline for applications: Thursday, 5th September 5pm and interviews will be held on Thursday, 12th September**

St Thomas of Canterbury Holy Land Pilgrimage
Thursday 21st November - Thursday 28th November 2019
You are invited to a final meeting on **Saturday 12th October at 7:15pm in Thomas Parish Hall.** We will confirm travel arrangements and distribute booklets and have some spiritual input to prepare us to be pilgrims.

Taizé Evening of Prayer on Tuesday 10th September : 19.30 to 20.30
Singing, Silence, Readings, Reflection, Intercessions
A part of Christians Together Canterbury's Year of Prayer

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, David Bull, Joan Sutton, Rachelle Castro, Audrey Martin, Fr Wilfred McGreal and Elizabeth Gilhenny

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
Christine Mahy, Father Alexander Fraser, Fr Alan Wright, John Reidy, Daniel Bannon, Eileen Donovan, Jean Vanier, Beryl Sammut, Norah Pitt, James Chamarette, Michael Haggart, Tsige Buta, Agnes Natrass, Ossie Correa, Elizabeth Simpson, Tony Ashman, Dr Kazimierz Krynicki, Gillian Dyche, Fr Gerard O'Brien and Fr Gregory Moore

Thank you! Mass Collections at weekend 17/18 Aug 2019:
Offertory: £811.51 loose & £678.46 Gift Aided -Total **£1489.97**
2nd Collection: there was no second collection