

NEWSLETTER

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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 ...

The challenge for me in the gospel this weekend is to understand what Jesus is asking of me when he says that I need to make myself rich in the sight of God. God looks at me and knows I am rich not because I have made lots of money or that I come from a wealthy background. I am not rich because I have great power or that I am a celebrity and have lots of friends. I am rich because of God's overwhelming love for me and that he has given me the gift of everlasting life. I am rich in God's eyes because he gazes on me and he delights in me. I can become blind to my true wealth by my tendency to greed. I put my faith in what I can possess. These possessions give me a false sense of security and I think that what I possess will make me happy.

Flor McCarthy tells the story of a miser who had great deal of wealth and was looking forward to years of happy living. However, before he could make up his mind as to how best to spend his money, the Angel of Death appeared before him to take his life away. The man pleaded with the angel to be allowed to live a little longer. "Give me three days of life and I will give you half my fortune," he begged. But the angel wouldn't hear of it and began to tug at his cloak. "Give me just one day, I beg of you," said the miser, "and you can have everything I accumulated through so much sweat and toil." But the angel refused his request. The miser just managed to wring just one small concession from the angel- a few moments in which to write down this note: "Oh you, whoever you are who happen to find this note, if you have enough to live on, don't waste your life accumulating fortunes. Live! My fortune couldn't buy me a single hour of life."

True happiness lies in living in the present moment and relishing what God has given to me.

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Ossie Correa - RIP (Noronha Family)
Sunday 4th August Eighteenth Sunday (C) Lk 12: 13 -21
8 am M Abraham - RIP (J Abraham)
9:30 am Celia Welch - RIP & intentions of UCM Members
11 am Elizabeth Simpson - RIP (Lesley & Chris Smith)
12.15 pm Baptism of Teddy Biggs
6 pm People of the Parish
Monday 5th August Feria Mt 14: 13-21
7.30 am
12 noon Ossie Correa - RIP (Noronha Family)
5 pm Reception of the late Elizabeth Simpson to church
7 - 9 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday 6th August Transfiguration of the Lord Lk 9: 28b -36
7.30 am Aileen Allsopp - RIP (Bland Family)
12 noon Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Simpson
Wednesday 7th August St Sixtus II & companions Mt 15: 21-28
7.30 am Bridget Lowe - RIP (Verity Hill)
10.30 - 11 am Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)
12 noon Aleyamma Abraham - RIP (B Abraham)
7.30 - 8.30pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 8th August Dt Dominic Mt 16: 13-23
7.30 am Graham Carvath - RIP (Yates Family)
12 noon Kazimierz Krynicki - RIP (Krynicki Family)
Scripture Group in Recess until September
7.45pm Prayer & Pub is in Recess until September
Friday 9th August St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Mt 16: 24-28
7.30 am Morning Prayer
12 noon Andrew Walker - Birthday blessings (Mrs Walker)
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7.30 pm Adriano Ferrari - RIP (Yates Family)
8.00 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 10th August St Lawrence Jn 12:24-26
10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)
12 noon Jorge Manuel Gomes
4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)
6pm (Vigil) Agnes Nattrass (Yates Family)
Sunday 11th August Nineteenth Sunday (C) Lk 12: 32-48
8 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Mary Kate Ruzicka-Anders - RIP (Pauline Lilford)
11 am Intentions of Robert Ashley-Thomas (Sean Clancy)
4 pm Mass for the Polish Community
6 pm

REMEMBER: **Thursday, 15 August is the Feast of the Assumption.**
Masses on that day are at 9.30 am, 12 noon and 8.00 pm.

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).

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

The **Feast of the Transfiguration** of the Lord reminds us about the depth of mystery that surrounds Jesus-mystery in the sense that we can never exhaust who he really is or categorise him in any way. Fully human he may have needed a tent or a place to camp on the mountain, like Peter asked. But just when the Apostles may have been getting really comfortable with their understanding of Jesus as friend and teacher, they catch a glimpse of his heavenly glory, challenging them to remain open to Christ communicating to them who he is as Son of God. We have moments like the Apostles each time we encounter and grapple with a new and challenging image of God in Scripture. Remaining humble and open to the revelatory action of God's Word and Spirit is a way to enter more deeply into the mystery of who God is for us in Jesus Christ (Sourcebook 2019).

Saints this week:

8th August: St Dominic

1170-1221. A contemporary of St Francis of Assisi, founded a mendicant order of men (who rely on the charity of others) called the Order of preachers or Dominicans, to preach against theological error. One of the pressing issues facing the newly established order was the Albigensian heresy, claiming that matter, specifically the body, is evil.

9th St. Teresa Benedict of the Cross.

She was born Edith Stein at Breslau in 1891 into an observant Jewish family, but by the time she reached her teens she had become an atheist. She studies philosophy under the philosopher Edmund Husserl. Influenced by her study of scholastic theology and spirituality she became a Catholic in 1922. She entered Carmel in 1933 in Cologne. Despite being transferred to a Carmel in the Netherlands she was arrested by the Nazis and sent to Auschwitz and died in the gas chamber on 9th August 1942.


OPEN AIR MASS RAFFLE PRIZES. Please check the list in the Narthex to see whether you won a prize at the Open Air Mass. Prizes can be collected from Linda in the office between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday.

SECOND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend - 03/04 August - There is no second collection
Next weekend - 10/11 August - There is no second collection

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

Prayer and Pub meetings are in recess until after the summer break - see you in September.

 Remember to check the notice boards and website for more information not able to fit in the newsletter.



Prayer for Holiday time

We thank you Lord for the gift of Summer. We thank you for this time to relax and be refreshed. Bless and protect all those who are travelling. Jesus said to his disciples come away and rest awhile. Help us to appreciate the importance of resting. May you be in our resting that we may be restored and refreshed to face the challenges of sharing the Good News with others.

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

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.

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.**

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 Rachelle Castro

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Canon John Bailey, Marissa Arevalo, Teresa Wicker, Vincent Siudad, 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 Haggart, Tsige Buta, Agnes Nattrass, Ossie Correa, Elizabeth Simpson and Dr Kazimierz Krynicki

Thank you! Mass Collections at weekend 27/28 July 2019:
Offertory: £938.15 loose & £611.59 Gift Aided -Total **£1549.74**
2nd Collection: for the **SVP** raised **£889.53**