

# NEWSLETTER

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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### From Fr Anthony ...

Many of us worry about what other people think of us. We want to be liked. We want to be accepted and part of the group. I don't think anyone likes to be an outsider. Thus we might find ourselves self-censoring what we say to others so as not to offend or alienate them. If this is true of many of us, then I think it is not a good idea to volunteer to be God's prophet. God often asks the prophet to share things with people that they don't want to hear. We see this clearly in the reading from the book of Jeremiah. Jeremiah is one of my favourite prophets from the Old Testament. As one commentator pointed out, "He is called a prophet of doom. He lived at the most tragic period of Israel's history during which Jerusalem was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar and the people were carried off into exile. He answered God's call to be a prophet but he did this most reluctantly." He tried to escape his mission as prophet by pretending to God that he was a stutterer, but God told him to quit pretending and get on with the job. People didn't want to hear God's message of repentance and the destruction that would follow if they didn't respond to the call for repentance. Jeremiah told the people what God wanted them to do. The message was not palatable and so the king was petitioned to have Jeremiah put to death because "he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin." He was seized, dropped into a cistern and left to die. "There was no water in the well, only mud, into which Jeremiah sank. If he had only told people what they wanted to hear then he would have been fine and everyone's best friend. He was rescued by an Ethiopian eunuch. Jeremiah was faithful to God as a prophet, speaking to his people the words that God wanted them to hear. Like Jeremiah, am I faithful to the Lord? Do I live by his word? Am I prepared to follow his way? If we take the gospel message seriously and try to live it boldly, we may be shunned, we may find ourselves on the outside and those we consider friends or family might avoid us. We are challenged to live and speak the truth. This can be costly. "The world around us does not share many of our basic values: the meaning of human existence, the worth of human life, the purpose of human sexuality, the dignity of the poor, our need for the church and the sacraments. Speaking up on such matters, even speaking carefully and gently can quickly make us unpopular." (Bishop Pilarczyk). Lord help me to love the truth and give me the courage to speak the truth and live the truth.

### TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) People of the Parish

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August Twentieth Sunday (C)** Lk 12: 49-53

8 am Fr Patrick (Paddy) Murtagh - RIP

9:30 am Agnes Nattrass - RIP (Garside Family)

11 am Catherine (Kath) Packer - RIP (Packer Family)

12.15 pm Baptism of Ezra Sagana Sillett

6 pm Welfare of Margaret Collett (Liz Cable)

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August St John Eudes, Priest** Mt 19: 16-22

7.30 am Theo on his birthday (Maria)

12 noon Kazimierz Krynicki - RIP (Mrs Krynicki & family)

7 - 9 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August St Bernard** Mt 19: 23-30

7.30 am NO EARLY MASS

12 noon Sister Dulce Nombre on her birthday (Maria)

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Aug St Pius X, Pope** Mt 20: 1-16

7.30 am NO EARLY MASS

10.30 - 11 am Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)

12 noon Mary Smyth Ashman - RIP (Catherine Ashman)

7.30 - 8.30pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mt 22: 1-14

7.30 am NO EARLY MASS

12 noon Deceased members of Pallryan Family (Renjith Jose)

Scripture Group in Recess until September

Prayer & Pub is in Recess until September

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August St Rose of Lima** Mt 22:34-40

7.30 am Morning Prayer

12 noon For Charles Noble's intentions (Scott family)

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm NO EVENING MASS

8.00 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August St Bartholomew, Apostle** Jn 1:45-51

9.00 am Baptism Course

10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)

12 noon Riley Family in thanksgiving (Mrs Riley)

4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

6pm (Vigil) Kaz Krynicki - RIP (Edgington Family)

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August Twenty First Sunday (C)** Lk 13: 22-30

8 am

9:30 am Maria-Augusta(Gus) - RIP 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Pauline)

11 am John and Winifred Saunders - RIP (Jo)

12.15 pm Baptism of Aoife and Roisin Sullivan, Hugo Busa

and Eian Badrick

6 pm People of the Parish

Please note : **Monday, 26 August** is a Bank Holiday and therefore there will only be **one Mass on this day at 10am**. There will be NO ADORATION on that evening

Please note: Changes to Mass times for week 19 -23 August detailed opposite

## 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).



**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9.30 am in the Church. Application forms are available in the Church Narthex.



**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.

### 100 Club. Winners

Congratulations to our £20 winners for August: Felicity Lewis-Tasker (No 74); and Leisha McKechnie (No 19)

**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



**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 a wide range of events both local and further afield.

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.

### SECOND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**This weekend - 17/18 August** - There is no second collection  
**Next weekend - 24/25 August** - There is no second collection

### MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK 20 - 23 AUGUST.

Please note that Fr Anthony will be away during this week so there will only be one daily Mass as follows:

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> : Mass at 12 noon only (NO 7.30 am Mass)

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup>: Mass at 12 noon only (NO 7.30 am Mass)

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup>: Mass at 12 noon only (NO 7.30 am Mass)

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup>: Mass at 12 noon only (NO 7.30 pm Mass)

### Sponsored Ride and Stride Event Canterbury 2019

takes place on Saturday, 14 September 2019 from 10am to 6pm. Funds raised during this event are divided equally between the Friends of Kent Churches and the church/chapel of your choice. This is a wonderful way to help raise much needed funds for churches in Kent. Last year we had one brave cyclist who rode for us and we hope to have more this year. There are two ways to help raise funds - by cycling/walking between the churches or being a welcomer at the church to sign in riders/walkers. We are looking for volunteers to undertake either of these roles. If you wish to find out more, please contact Linda in the Office.

### Weekend Retreat for bereaved parishioners

Booking forms the "Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ" weekend for bereaved parishioners to be held on the **11-13<sup>th</sup> 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 - 26<sup>th</sup> 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, David Bull, Joan Sutton, Rachelle Castro, Audrey Martin and Fr Wilgred McGreal

### 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, Ossie Correa, Elizabeth Simpson, Tony Ashman and Dr Kazimierz Krynicki

### Thank you! Mass Collections at weekend 10/11 Aug 2019:

**Offertory:** £937.69 loose & £531.52 Gift Aided -Total **£1469.21**  
**2nd Collection:** there was no second collection