

NEWSLETTER

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for all enquiries, appointments, bookings and all parish business
(Closed for lunch between 12.30 - 1.00pm)



PARISH MATTERS



Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 15 September 2018** 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).



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019: Will be held at 9.30 and 11 am Mass on 12th May 2019
CONFIRMATION: 2019 Confirmation Mass takes place on 16th June 2019 at 11 am
RCIA: Programme starts 25th September 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery



Profile of Fr Sylvester:

My name is Rev. Fr Sylvester Ibitoye Adeniyi C.S.Sp. I belong to the Missionary Group of Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers (also known as Spiritans). My birthday is celebrated on 19th February. I come from Nigeria - South West Region. I was ordained 4th December 1999. I have worked in different apostolates, my last appointment was Parish Priest of a local Church in the Diocese of Ijebu-Ode, Nigeria. I am very happy to be assigned to work with Canon Anthony Charlton and minister to the people of God. I look forward to a grace-filled ministry here in St Thomas Catholic Church, Canterbury. *Fr Sylvester Adeniyi.*

A Big Thank you! to all who provide the food, drinks or contributed in any way to Father Daniel's 'leaving do' and for all the helpers who set up before and cleared away afterwards - a wonderful occasion - much appreciated. *Richard*

ANSELM STUDY CIRCLE next meeting is at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, 19th September 2018 in the Parish Hall. Our discussion topic: **Saint Augustine and the experience of God** (by Father Jaime Garcia Alvarez OSA), is led by *Matteo Casati*. Reading lists are on the parish website: <https://goo.gl/8vjlh> ALL INTERESTED ARE WELCOMED TO ATTEND! Details from: Prof Ghazwan Butrous: G.butrous@kent.ac.uk

SVP SPECIAL APPEAL FOR FLOOD VICTIMS IN KARALA
Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. Please remember our brethren in Kerala in your prayers.

USE OF THE PARISH FACILITIES: We are busy considering requests for use of Parish facilities for 2019. Please would ALL GROUPS who wish to make use of either the Church, Hall or Upper Room during 2019 contact Linda in the office. Please note that current or previous use of the facilities is not a guarantee of their availability during 2019.

Faversham Monthly Conversation: The next *Conversation*, led by Fr. Marcus Holden, is on **Thursday, 20th September**, entitled *Is the Catholic Church a force for good in the world*. More details on Poster in the Narthex.

Please remember in your prayers:

Nick Grealy, Gloria Soar, Suzy Drayson, Agnes Daly, Theresa Punnett, Lorna Feeney, Toni-Lee D'Amiral, David Tully, Winifred May, Margaret Holman, Mary Wallace, Marie Strong, Pat Gill, Angeline Frizell, Mary Gillette, Christopher Browne, Erlinda Rogers, David Bull, Alan Skeet, Louisa Ward, Mary Donellan, Janette Hughes, Vlasta Cerna, Amanda Watts, Maurice Crosland, Barbara Brett, Hannelore Hall, Mary Dittrich, June Carver, Keith Purbrick, Sean Maple, Kathleen Hutchinson, Rosa Maria Santos, Lucy Purbrick, Josie Price, Mrs Cleary, Becky Judge, Dolores Klosky, Barbara Markham, A. Charles Ryan, Pat Gibson, James Hayes, Stephen Rogers, Phyllis Stirton, Lisa Hood, Mary Connolly, Darcey Campbell and Michael Goggin

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Joe Connor, Peter Rosser, Franco Pizzigallo, Josephine MacDonald and Marcin Wesolowski, Joan Willey, Raymond Allcorn, Sr Anne Canning, Frank Johnson, Wolfgang Dittrich, Guisto Offredi, John Kemsley, John Spillett, Katie Cobbett and Deacon David Pease, Bernhard Hilder-Brando, Maurice Penfold, Jean Munier, George Emmanuel Gomez, Mgr Leo White and Fr Phillip Mathias

Thank you! Collections for weekend 01/02 Sept 2018:
Offertory: £1060.61 loose & £638.97 Gift Aided- Total **£1689.58**
2nd Collection: There was no second collection this weekend

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 09th September Twenty Third Sunday Mk 7: 31-37

Adoremus Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress Liverpool Day 3

8 am Kevin McCarthy - RIP (*F M Connellan*)

9:30 am Thanksgiving (*Angafor Family*)

11 am Deales & Papadopoulus Families Intentions (*Clarke*)

12 - 1 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

3 - 4 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4.00 Polish Community Mass

6 pm People of the Parish

Monday 10th September Feria Lk 6:6-10

7.30 am Melvin Jacobs Intentions

12 noon Brendan Staveley - RIP (*Staveley Family*)

7-9 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 11th September Feria Lk 6:12-19

7.30am Good Health

12 noon Zoe Johnson - Health (R Johnson)

Wednesday 12th September The Most Holy Name of Mary

Lk 6:20-26

7.30am Eva Weis Bentzon - RIP (*Helen Natrass*)

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (*Fr Anthony*)

12 noon A Charles and Pauline Ryan - Wedding Anniv.

7-8.30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7 - 9 pm Charismatic Prayer Group (*Link Lane Rooms*)

Thursday 13th September St John Chrysostom Lk 6:27-38

7.30 am Mary and Michael Pizzola - RIP

12 noon Ajit Bharaktiya - RIP (*Christine Glover*)

Friday 14th September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Jn 3:13-17

7.30 am Morning Prayer

12 noon For the Intentions of Pauline (*Martina*)

Adoration after Mass to 1.30pm

7.30 pm Wedding Thanksgiving

8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows

Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

9.00am Baptism Course in the Presbytery

10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation

12 noon Robert Vertigan (*P Moore*)

4 - 6 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation

6pm (Vigil) Elizabeth Family - Wellbeing (*Martina*)

Sunday 16th September Twenty Fourth Sunday Mk 7: 31-37

8 am Foundation Mass - Lucy Richards - RIP

9:30 am Raymond Allcorn - RIP (*Lilford Family*)

11 am People of the Parish

6 pm Katie Cobbett - RIP

2nd
Collection:
Catholic
Education

2nd
Collection:
Home Missions

From Fr Anthony ...

Knowing more about the Catholic Church

As the memories of our holidays begin to fade, (if we ever went on holiday) term has started at school, College and University for children and young people. September is for us at St Thomas of Canterbury parish an opportunity to remind you of the opportunity for those who have never been baptised, those who have been baptised in another denomination and those baptised Catholic but have never been prepared for the Sacraments of Eucharist (First Communion) and Confirmation to explore the possibility of becoming fully initiated as a Catholic Christian. This journey is in stages. There is not obligation to continue if you feel it is not for you. You can leave at any time.

The first part of the journey is known as the Inquiry Period where you have the opportunity to ask questions, to hear the Gospel, perhaps for the first time. It is also seen as a time for welcome and hospitality. As it says in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: *"Faithfully and constantly the living God is proclaimed and Jesus Christ whom he has sent for the salvation of all."* So during this period the unbaptised hear the gospel for the first time, which challenges them and consoles them. During this period candidates (those who have already been baptised) will become aware of God's activity and God's love in their lives. The first period tries to provide initial spiritual discussion, introduction to the parish family and the formation of a basic foundational decision to follow Christ. For those unbaptised who have attended this first stage they then enter what we know as the Catechumenate. The Rite describes this as when *"the beginnings of the spiritual life and the fundamentals of Christian teachings have taken root in them"* Those who are already baptised (candidates) join the those who have yet to be baptised and express their intention for communion. Our journey continues as catechumens and candidates through Lent to Easter. If those who are part of the journey of faith group feel ready, the catechumens will be baptised at the Easter vigil and the candidates will be received into full communion in the Catholic Church and those who were baptised Catholic will be confirmed and receive Communion for the first time. This is not end of their journey and the group continue to meet till Pentecost for period of post baptismal catechesis. This is an ideal time when catechumens and candidates reflect on the sacrament that they have experienced.

If you would like to know more about being a Catholic please fill out a preliminary form available at the back of the Church. A group of us meet together on Tuesday evenings beginning 25 September 2018 at 7.30pm. Come and join us on this *"Journey in Faith."* A journey of deeper conversion when we come to experience God's overwhelming love for us.

The Union of Catholic Mothers will be holding their monthly meeting on the 9th (today!) in the church hall after the 9:30am mass, we are a friendly group and all are welcome to attend.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: Sunday, 7th October 2018, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. Details on notice in Narthex.

Dates for your Diary

Barn Dance. HCPT Group 87. Sat 11th November at St Anselm's School.

Eucharist: Parish Mission and Ministries: presented by Canon Luke Smith. This is the next of, and final, in our Deanery series of reflections on the Eucharist. It will be at St. Teresa's, Ashford on **Saturday, 13th October** from 10.30 am - 3.30 pm. See Poster in Narthex for details.

Apostleship of the Sea Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Friday 21st September 2018 at 1230pm in St George's Cathedral, London

On Sept 30th Sister Rose (FMSL) will be joining several sisters from her congregation to do a sponsored walk (10 kms) along the beach from Worthing. *"Go the Distance"* is to raise awareness (and funds) for projects in aid of the Worthing Churches homeless projects. Online donations can be made at link: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/rosearden-close2> or for those who prefer, Sr Rose has an official sign up sheet - please see Sr Helina or Sr Rose after Mass to pledge a donation. More information, call 01227 471 293 or 07977642957

Young persons' Talent Show, 6th October

A "just for fun" talent show for under 18s will be held in the church hall from **2 - 5pm on 6th October**. This will not be judged, so get polishing your showpiece, whatever it is, for performing among friends. Refreshments will be provided. Application forms are available in the Narthex.

WINTER SHELTER FIRST AID. The British Red Cross are kindly running 3 sessions for the volunteers of the Canterbury Community Shelter to train them in basic First Aid as they believe that people are more likely to help in a first aid emergency when they become more confident in the skills they have and, are more willing to respond. It will have an added emphasis on helping people dealing with injuries or illnesses related to cold weather, rough sleeping and drug & alcohol abuse. It is completely free but we only have **20 spaces** on each session so will be on a first come first serve basis. **(All sessions are the same so you only need to attend one)**. If interested please email graeme@catchinglives.org with the date of the session you would like to be considered for. The training is at: **Catching Lives', Canterbury Open Day Centre, Station Road East, CT1 2RB** (opposite snooker club but as always please remember we cannot park there). **The dates are:** Tues 11th Sep 6-8pm; Sat 15th Sep 2-4pm; Thurs 20th Sep 4-6pm. *Graeme Solly*

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend- 08/09 September - Catholic Education Services
Next weekend- 15/16 September - Home Mission Sunday - to spread the gospel in our own country.