

NEWSLETTER

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PARISH MATTERS

Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 10 November 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: Sessions start Sunday, 16 January 2019 from 4.30pm - in the Hall
Journey in Faith: Next Session is 16th October 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery



CONFIRMATION: **Application Forms** are available in the Narthex. Please return these FULLY COMPLETED (on both sides) and with Baptismal Forms attached on or before **Sunday, 01 December 2018**. Initial **Parents' meeting** is on **Tuesday, 04th December at 7.30pm** in the Hall.
Candidate Sessions start on **Sunday, 16 January 2019; 4.30pm - 5.45 pm** in the Hall. Candidate are expected to attend 6.00pm Mass following each session.

Happy to be Catholic Club - Some L'Arche members and other parishioners meet regularly after the 12 noon Mass on Saturdays to pray, discuss our faith and have refreshment together in the Upper Room. All are welcome on the following dates : 20thOctober; 10th and 24th November and 8th December

Barn Dance to raise funds for HCPT Group 87
Saturday, 10th November at 7.15 for 7.30 pm at St Anselm's School, Old Dover Road. Dance to live band "Meadow Folk". Bring your own food and drinks - coffee and tea provided. Tickets can be reserved in advance from Annie: email - anniejudge@hotmail.com or tel. 01227700553

Chilli and Quiz night 17th November at 7pm in the hall
 The Social Events group are holding another of the ever-popular quiz nights, this time with chilli con carne and a vegetarian version, plus all the accompaniments. Entertainment and a raffle. See posters in church for further details. Tickets £8 available from this weekend.

Foundation Governors - Kent Catholic Schools Partnership
 KCSP is looking for Foundation Governors to join governing bodies across a number of our academies in Kent. Foundation Governors are committed to supporting education in a Catholic context and help the Trust to deliver outstanding spiritual, moral and learning outcomes for children and young people. Further information on KCSP website <http://www.kcsp.org.uk/recruitment/> or contact the Trust on office@kcsp.org.uk

Oscar Arnulfo Romero will be canonised on Sunday, 14 October 2018. To celebrate this, the 11am Mass on Sunday, 21st October will be a Solemn High Mass. Oscar Romero Prayer cards will be handed out after all Masses that weekend.

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, Sean Maple, Kathleen Hutchinson, Rosa Maria Santos, Lucy Purbrick, Josie Price, Mrs Cleary, Dolores Klosky, Barbara Markham, A. Charles Ryan, Pat Gibson, James Hayes, Stephen Rogers, Phyllis Stirton, Lisa Hood, Mary Connolly, Darcey Campbell, Michael Goggin and John Butler.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
 John Spillett, Katie Cobbett and Deacon David Pease, Bernhard Hilder-Brando, Maurice Penfold, Jean Munier, George Emmanuel Gomez, Joao Ferreira, Fr John Mulligan, Fiona Tucker, John Wilkens, Frances MacDonald and Keith Purbrick

Thank you! Collections for weekend 06/07 October 2018:
Offertory: £965.70 loose & £642.01 Gift Aided - Total **£1607.71**
2nd Collection: There was no second collection
Special CAFOD Fast Day Collection: We raised **£1341.41**

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Jean Horan - RIP (*Pauline Ventress*)
 7.00 pm Adoramus Feedback in the Church Hall
Sunday 14th October Twenty Eighth Sunday Mt 22: 1-4
 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES
 8 am People of the Parish
 9:30 am Vivienne Low - RIP (*UCM Members*)
 11 am John McMurray - RIP (*Mary McMurray*)
 4.00 pm Polish Community Mass
 6 pm Mary Hanafin - RIP (*Bridget Hanafin*)
 St Anselm's School Education Sunday Mass
Monday 15th October St Teresa of Jesus (Avila) Lk 11: 29-32
 7.30 am Martin Simms (*Anne Booth*)
 12 noon Requiem Mass for Keith Purbrick
 7-9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday 16th October Feria Lk 11: 37-41
 7.30 am Cookson Family (*Angela Nichols*)
 12 noon Requiem Mass for Frances MacDonald
Wednesday 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch Lk 11: 42-46
 7.30am 3rd Wedding Anniv. - Andrew & Olive Walker
 10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (*Fr Sylvester*)
 12 noon Donor's Intentions
 7-8.30 pm NO ADORATION TODAY
 7 - 9 pm Charismatic Prayer Group (*Link Lane Rooms*)
Thursday 18th October St Luke, Evangelist Lk 10: 1-9
 7.30 am Bonaventura Mzurikwao - RIP (*Deo Gratias*)
 12 noon Keith Purbrick - RIP (*Pauline Ventress*)
Friday 19th October Sts John De Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues Lk 12:1-7
 7.30 am Morning Prayer
 12 noon Davis Family (*Jean Povey*)
 Adoration and Benediction
 7.30 pm In memory of Elizabeth Quinn (*Quinn Family*)
 8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 20th October St Paul of the Cross Lk 12: 8-12
 10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (*Fr Anthony*)
 12 noon Nichols Family - RIP (*Angela Nichols*)
 4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (*Fr Sylvester*)
 6pm (Vigil) John Povey (*Jean Povey*)
Sunday 21st October Twenty Ninth Sunday Mk 10: 46-52
 WORLD MISSION DAY - MISSIO
 8 am People of the Parish
 9:30 am Rueben - RIP (*Sue Purbrick*)
 11 am Mass for Oscar Romero (*Josephine Lewis*)
 3.00 pm Syro Malabar Community Mass
 6 pm Alice Holt - RIP (*Mary Buckenham*)

2nd Collection:
Missio

From Fr Anthony ...

This Sunday at the Mass in St Peter's Square, the Pope Francis will be adding Archbishop Oscar Romero, the martyred bishop of San Salvador to the list of saints. Pope Paul VI (Giovanni Battista Montini) will also be added. These two names are alongside two diocesan priests and two religious sisters: a German and a Spanish missionary in Bolivia. Another person was added to the list, late in the day. He is an Italian man of 19 years, Nunzio Sulprizio, who was beatified in 1963. Nunzio is a little known apprentice blacksmith. Both his parents died while he was a child, and so his uncle took charge of him. Unfortunately, his uncle mistreated him in many ways, including forced labour in a blacksmith shop where on Nunzio's shoulders enormous weights had to be carried over vast expanses. Nunzio eventually contracted gangrene and was sent to a hospital in Naples. He suffered immensely, but found sustenance in the Eucharist. He eventually recovered, and then dedicated himself to be of service to other patients before cancer took his life just before his 20th birthday. Daniele Palmer who reflects on his life in this weeks "Tablet", points out he did nothing exceptional in the church, he did not found a community. His short life was full of pain and suffering. "He was a simple man, a young Catholic who became ill doing his job; whose hardships were met by prayers; whose faith was not an escape but an anchor that held him firm." This is fitting as the Synod of Bishops on "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment" is in full swing. It is giving us a clear message that holiness is not restricted to priests, sisters, bishops and popes. Holiness is a call we all receive. I think that it is harder to grow in holiness as a priest, nun or bishop because there is more in your life to make you complacent. There is always the temptation to think, "I'm alright Jack." Holiness is living the ordinary life extraordinarily well. We are only able to do this if we rely on God's grace, his power. St Paul says that he makes his weakness his special boast so the power of Christ may stay over him. "For when I am weak then I am strong." We thank God for the witness to holiness of great men like Archbishop Oscar Romero and Pope Paul VI but also the great witness of the ordinary folk, like Nunzio Sulprizio.

ADMISSION FORMS TO SCHOOLS: Parents needing the Parish Priest to sign admission forms for St Anselm's Secondary and St Thomas' Primary Schools are requested to meet with Canon Anthony in the Presbytery between **6.00 and 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 23rd October.** NO FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A PREARRANGED MEETING.

"The Way of Silence" - A short course in silent prayer. **Saturday 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th November** from 10 to 11 am **Venue:** Saint Thomas' Church "Upper Room" - above sacristy. All welcome. Led by John Renn

Uniformed Groups: Last month our uniformed groups had their AGM at which the mayor was present. 16 received the Chief scout Bronze award, 12 received the chief scout silver award. 7 trophy awards were given for various activities. Two complete their adult training and the following received long service Awards. Daisy Noble, Jon Pratt, Felicity Lewis, Matthew Capper, Ryan Flockhart, Mark Chaplain, Christine Mooney, Mark Johnson and Tracy Bragger. Well done to all.

KCSP Director/Trustee (volunteer role): Kent Catholic Schools Partnership are looking for a Director/Trustee to join the Board of Directors. To find out more information or submit and expression of interest, please contact Michelle Boniface, Company Secretary at email mboniface@kcsp.org.uk or phone 01622 232670.

Anselm Study Circle. The next discussion, taking place in the Church Hall on 12 December 2018 is on the subject of **Filioque**. All are invited to attend. Details are available on the website www.stthomasofcanterbury.com. Videos of previous discussions are also available on the website.

SOLIDARITY ACROSS THE CHANNEL
Conversations at St Paul's Church, Dover, from 10.30am on Saturday 20 October. Calais has not disappeared: the Channel still presents special problems! Organisations and individuals are working for the rights of migrants to be in our countries. We invite all concerned about this, from both France and England, to come and share experiences, efforts and hopes and discern ways ahead. More details on poster in the Narthex.

SECOND COLLECTIONS
This weekend- 13/14 October - No second collection.
Next weekend- 20/21 October - Missio (formerly the Association for the Propagation of the Faith). Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of the Foreign Missions. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories - local church directly helping local church! Please give generously!