

# NEWSLETTER

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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(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 **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 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).



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019:** Sessions in the Hall as per the schedule  
**CONFIRMATION 2019:** Half Term Re-cess - see you on 03 March at 4pm  
**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** Sessions at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery as per published schedule



**PARISH MEETINGS 2019:**  
**Sat, 02 March, 10am -1pm: Eucharist Ministers' Morning**  
**Sat, 30 March, 10am -1pm : Readers Morning**  
**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March: Parish AGM in the Hall at 12h15**



**LENT:** Ash Wednesday this year falls on the 6<sup>th</sup> March. **Our Masses on that day are at 7.30 am, 9.30 am, 12 noon and 8.00 pm.** If you have palms from last year, please bring them to Church next weekend. They will be burned for use as Ashes.

### All our Extraordinary Eucharistic ministers reflection Morning

I hope that you have the date Saturday 2nd March 10am till 1pm in your diary. There will be time for prayer and reflection. See you there. Fr Anthony.

**16th Canterbury St Thomas' Scout Group** asks "Are you or do you know a young person aged 5¼ to 10 years who is looking for fun and adventure?" If the answer is Yes, see more information about joining the Beavers and Cubs on the poster in the Narthex.



**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 events both local and further afield.

### Help with Flowers

We have two excellent and dedicated people who look after the flowers for the Church every week. We desperate need more help. If you can volunteer. Please contact the parish Office

**PILGRIMAGES:** Please see the notice in the Narthex for information on up-coming Pilgrimages to The Holy Land, Ireland, Poland and Lourdes

### Please remember in your prayers:

Gloria Soar, Suzy Drayson, Agnes Daly, Theresa Punnett, Lorna Feeney, Toni-Lee D'Amiral, David Tully, Winifred May, 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, Barbara Markham, A. Charles Ryan, Pat Gibson, James Hayes, Stephen Rogers, Phyllis Stirton, Lisa Hood, Mary Connolly, Gemma Macey, Joan Meakin, Margaret Mason, Fr Louie Kitt, Pauline Ryan, and John O'Driscoll

### Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Phyllis Higenbottam, Kevin Hackman, D'arcy Campbell, Celia Welch, Sarafin Arevalo, Henriette Soar, Tony Ashman, Bryan Hardy, Deidre Lovell, Michael Murphy, Alex Grogan, Canon John Bailey and Marissa Arevalo

**Thank you! Collections for weekend 09/10 February 2019:**  
**Offertory:** £823.73 loose & £624.23 Gift Aided -Total **£1447.96**  
**2nd Collection:** For Racial Justice raised **£284.49**

### From Fr Anthony ...

This week I want to consider the Communion Rite of the Mass which begins with the Our Father. We then we give each other the sign of peace. This reminds us that our Communion is not a private act between Jesus and me but it is between Jesus in his union with the Father and the Spirit, and us in our union with each other. We are invited to share in the communion between God and the Church.

The priest breaks off a piece of the large host that he shows to the people and mixes it with the Precious Blood. Ideally at each Sunday Mass the people are able to receive the Host and drink from the chalice. In this way we are being faithful to the Lord's command to his disciples to 'Take and Eat' and 'Take and Drink'. We complete the Eucharistic action by together eating and drinking the elements consecrated during the celebration. It is most desirable that the faithful share the chalice. Drinking at the Eucharist is a sharing in the sign of the new covenant (see Luke 22:20), a foretaste of the heavenly banquet (see Matthew 26:29), a sign of participation in the suffering Christ (see Mark 10:38- 39)".

The Bishops of England and Wales say, "The faithful are not ordinarily to be given Communion from the tabernacle." Yet in this parish we seem to do this as a matter of course. How can we change this? We should receive communion from the bread and wine that is consecrated at that Mass. "The Communion procession expresses the humble patience of the poor moving forward to be fed, the alert expectancy of God's people sharing the Paschal meal in readiness for their journey, the joyful confidence of God's people on the march toward the Promised Land. In England and Wales it is through this action of walking solemnly in procession that the faithful make their sign of reverence in preparation for receiving Communion." The normal sign of reverence is a bow before receiving Communion or a genuflection. There is no requirement to kneel. After the minister says, "The body of Christ," we answer "Amen" and receive the consecrated host in the hand or on the tongue. This is repeated when receiving the blood of Christ from the cup. "Amen" means "so be it." It testifies to our belief that the consecrated bread and wine are truly the body and blood of Christ. As we return to our place there will be time for some silence.

There are some who for one reason or another are unable to take Holy Communion. They are encouraged to make a spiritual communion. In their Document *One Bread, One Body*, in 1996, the Bishops of England and Wales wrote "Even though some may not receive sacramental communion, all are united in some way by the Holy Spirit. The traditional idea of spiritual communion is an important one to remember and reaffirm. The invitation often given at Mass to those who may not receive sacramental communion - for example, children before their First Communion and adults who are not Catholics - is to receive a 'blessing' at the moment of Communion which emphasises that a deep spiritual communion is possible even when we do not share together the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ."

### TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil)	People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February Seventh Sunday</b> Lk 6:27-38		
8 am	Good Health	
9:30 am	Lawrence Ajewole Adeniyi - good health & God's Will (Fr Sylvester)	
11 am	Francis Brown - RIP (Family)	2nd Collection SVP
12.15	Baptism of Isaac Frydelwicz	
2.30 pm	Syro-Malabar Mass	
6 pm	Carol Osborne - RIP (Sue Purbrick)	
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February Feria</b> Mk 9:14-29		
7.30am	For the Life of Maria Duval (Pellumbi Family)	
12 noon	Welfare of the Kelly Family (Marjery Craig)	
7 - 9 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
7.30 pm	First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting in Hall	
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February Feria</b> Mk 9:30-37		
NO MORNING MASS		
12 noon	In Thanksgiving (Nora King)	
7.30pm	RCIA	
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb Feria</b> Mk 9:38-40		
7.30am	Good Health	
10.30 - 11.30	Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)	
12 noon	Mary Berstad - RIP (Sue Purbrick)	
7 - 8.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February Feria</b> Mk 9:41-50		
NO MORNING MASS		
12 noon	Good Health	
	Scripture group in Upper Room	
7.45pm	Prayer and Pub	
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March St David, Patron of Wales</b> Mk 10:1-12		
7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
12 noon	Funeral Mass of Bryan Hardy	
	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
7.30 pm	For Natalie (Mum)	
8 - 9pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Feria</b> Mk 10:13-16		
10 am - 1pm	Eucharistic ministers Morning	
10.30 - 11.30	Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)	
12 noon	Geraldine, James & new twins - health & wellbeing	
	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
4.30 - 5.30	Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)	
6pm (Vigil)	In Thanksgiving (Martina)	
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Eighth Sunday</b> Lk 6:39-45		
8 am	People of the Parish	
9 am	First Holy Communion Classes in the Hall	
9:30 am	Sandra Monger's intentions (Pam Dodd)	
11 am	Francis Brown - RIP (Philomena)	2nd Collection Poor Parishes
3.00 pm	THERE IS NO FIIPINO MASS TODAY	
4.00pm	Confirmation Classes in the Hall	
6 pm	Marigold Murphy - RIP (Sue Purbrick)	