

NEWSLETTER

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(Closed for lunch between 12.30 - 1.00pm)



From Fr Anthony ...

Welcome

This Sunday we are very pleased to welcome Archbishop Peter Smith who will be confirming our twenty young people at 11am Mass.

It was only last Monday that it was announced that Pope Francis has appointed Bishop John Wilson as his successor. Bishop John will be installed as the new Archbishop of Southwark on the feast of St James, 25th July at our Cathedral of St George. This is a great opportunity for us all to thank Archbishop Peter for his 9 years of selfless and unstinting service to our diocese as the chief shepherd. It is great to have him with us for this celebration of confirmation.

When I see our young people coming forward to be anointed by the Archbishop my heartfelt prayer will be that the Spirit they receive today will lead them to experience some of the joy of God that is expressed in the reading from Proverbs in Mass today. May they realise that their existence delights God. May they come to know God not as an abstract philosophical principle but as a family of intimate relationships, creating, playing and drawing delight. As one writer asked: "Does playfulness feature in your concept of God?" What about that saying from Julian of Norwich "God is my maker, my unhindered and my lover"? Please do pray for them today and as they go forward as fully initiated members of Christ's Church.

They are:

Travis Tasker, Kamlotachi Diugwu, Hermione Espenilla, Geoffrey Giron, Thomas Long-Castro, Leandro Ramos, Vincent Dawson, Nwomiko Diugwu, Katie Pereira, Henrique Zanlorenze, Alice Summers, Brannagh Robinson, Jadon Pereira, Alwinbenito Sathindra, David Seunarine, Olivia Yeung, Guiseppe Morelli, Kiona Henly, Manuschaqueen Sathindra, Zea Vital

God our Father complete the work you have begun and keep the gifts of the Holy Spirit alive in the hearts of these young people. Make them ready to live his Gospel and eager to do his will. May they never be ashamed to proclaim to all the world Christ crucified, living and reigning for ever and ever.



TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

2nd Collection
Day for Life

6pm (Vigil) Elizabeth Simpson on her Birthday (*Jean Pegg*)

Sunday 16th June The Most Holy Trinity Jn 16: 12-15

8 am Lizzie Orchard - RIP (Fiona & Patrick Heren)

9:30 am People of the Parish

11 am Celebration of Confirmation - Archbishop Peter Smith - for the Confirmandi

12.30 pm *Certificate Ceremony in Hall for newly confirmed*

6 pm Suwan Panrat - RIP (*Tim Morris*)

Monday 17th June FERIA Mt 5: 38-42

7.30 am Gordon Ventress - RIP (*Pauline*)

12 noon John Stratford

7 - 8.30pm *Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Tuesday 18th June FERIA Mt 5: 43-48

7.30 pm Alex - RIP

12 noon Douglas, Charles and Margaret Ward - RIP

Wednesday 19th June St Romuald, Abbot Mt 6: 1-6; 16-18

7.30 am Diana Renwick - RIP (H & A Natrass)

10.30 - 11 am *Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)*

12 noon Francis Brown - RIP (*Philomena*)

7 - 8.30 pm *Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Thursday 20th June St Alban Mt 6: 7-15

NO EARLY MASS

12 noon Oleksa Melnyk - RIP (*Alex Melnyk and Family*)

Scripture group in Upper Room

7.45pm *Prayer and Pub*

Friday 21st June St Aloysius Gonzaga Mt 6: 19-23

7.30 am Morning Prayer

12 noon Bridie, Sidney and Gladys - RIP (Pat Gill)

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Audrey Zaremski - RIP (*Peter & Karen Ventress*)

7.30 pm *Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

8.00 pm *Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Saturday 22nd June St John Fisher & Thomas More Mt 6: 24-34

9.00 *Baptism Preparation in the Presbytery*

10.30 - 11.30 *Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)*

12 noon John Stratford

4.30 - 5.30 *Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)*

6pm (Vigil) People of the Parish

Sunday 23rd June The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

(Corpus Christi) Lk 9: 11b -17

8 am Vinod Antony and Family

9:30 am Deceased members of the Egan Family

Baptism of Leanna, Mia and Aaliyah Cabulo

11 am John Nolan - RIP (*Sue and Family*)

6 pm Mary Coleman - RIP (*Irene and John Stockdale*)

PARISH MATTERS



Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be **Saturday, 22nd June 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).

This is Frazer Bellfield's last weekend with us as he ends his three week placement. We would like to thank him for his friendly cheerful presence among us and assure him of our prayers as he begins his second year of formation for the priesthood at St John's Seminary.

The St John Bosco Childrens' Summer Camp at Aldham Essex.

An activities camp with a Catholic ethos for children aged 8 to 13, costing £160 per week, running as follows:-

Week One Saturday 27th July to 3rd August 2019 for Boys

Week Two Saturday 3rd August to 10th August 2019 for Boys

Week Three Saturday 10th August to 17th August 2019 for Girls

Week Four Saturday 17th August to 24th August 2019 Mixed Camp

Application forms or more information from: <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk>

Discovery Catering June Pop Up Cafe

When: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 12:30 pm - 3 pm

Where: [The Westgate Hall, Canterbury](http://www.thewestgatehall.com)

We are delighted the Mayor of Canterbury is joining us for our next pop up cafe to see and hear who we are. Discovery Catering is part of Bemix, adults with and without learning disabilities working together. Come and join us for a home cooked vegan or vegetarian lunch, or a drink and a delicious cake.

Sunday Tea: Tea, coffee and cake will be served in the hall after the 11am Mass on June 23rd - all are welcome.



Calling All Sacristans or

Those who are interested in this Ministry

Canon Anthony is holding an event from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday, 27th July 2019, in the Church to refresh and induct all those interested in the very important Ministry of Sacristan. This event is open to all current Sacristans as well as people who are interested in providing cover as needed. Please come and volunteer if you can. Tea and coffee will be provided.

On Saturday 22nd June, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, it really does save lives. Details of our live saving work at www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

The Church Social committee is holding a **table top sale** on the **14th July from 10:30am**. Sell your unwanted items and help raise funds to support our church. Pre booked tables only, limited availability (tables provided) plus tea/coffee. For more info: socialstthomasrc@gmail.com

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 26th August 2019. £649.00 per person sharing. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. See poster in the Narthex for details

CHRISTIAN TOGETHER CANTERBURY

"Music in a Quiet Garden" - 2:30-4:30pm Sunday 7th July, Eudaemonia Quiet Garden, Broad Street - A concert of harp music including a cream tea in the interval. In aid of the Quiet Garden Trust - Tickets £10 Email petertoon@aol.com or phone 01227 451 991 to book a seat.

SECOND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend - 15/16 June - Day for Life - the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. Proceeds from this collection provide the core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the church through grants to Catholic charities. **Next weekend - 21/22 June - SVP** - Gift aid envelopes available in the Narthex.



OPEN AIR MASS ON 30TH JUNE.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There will be a list at the back of the church for volunteers to sign up to help with:

Setting up chairs and stage framework - volunteers to please come to St Anselm's on Saturday 29th June between 2pm - 4pm to help set out the chairs and set up the frame for the stage

Stewarding on the day - volunteers will be needed at St Anselm's from 9am

Helpers to clear up after the event around 3pm

DO YOU NEED HELP TO GET TO THE MASS? Anyone who is unable to make their own way to St Anselm's and requires a lift - please let the Office know

RAFFLE DONATIONS: We are having a raffle so need donations for prizes please.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Please note that photographs will be taken at the Open Air Mass and published on the Church Website.

Congratulations to our 100 Club Winners for June 2019:

Elizabeth Simpson (No 91) and Arthur Noronha (No 86)

PARISH DIRECTORY: We are updating the Parish Directory. The current version is on our website: (<http://stthomasofcanterbury.com>). This is an important and valuable source of reference for our parish and its visitors. If you would like to put something in here or change something already here - please contact by email: tessa.metcalfe@btinternet.com by 15th June 2019.

Judith Dimond on behalf of **St. Paul's Church, Canterbury**, extends a special invitation to parishioners of St Thomas' to join them for their Film Afternoon on Wednesday 26th June, at 2.p.m. They are showing the film 'Pope Francis: A Man of His Word' - followed by tea, cake and a short discussion on the film.

Please remember in your prayers:

Michael Haggart, who died recently. Some of you might know him from the Franciscan International Study Centre.

Rinaldo Di Martino, whose funeral is at Our Lady Help of Christians at Folkestone, 25th June, 10.00am. He came to Mass at St Thomas' every Sunday Morning for many years.

Funeral of **Fr Garry Gill** : St Paul's Dover : Monday 17th June, 2 noon

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, Angelina 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 Dittich, 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, John O'Driscoll, Fr Kevin St Aubyn, Margaret Jones, Fr Timothy Finigan and Veronica Derbyshire

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 and Michael Haggart

Thank you! Mass Collections at weekend 01/02 June 2019:

Offertory: £850.49 loose & £442.82 Gift Aided - Total **£1293.31**
2nd Collection: For **World Communications** raised **£214.66**.