

NEWSLETTER

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(Closed for lunch between 12.30 - 1.00pm)



From Fr Anthony ...

I have been reading a book written by Chris Chapman entitled "Earthed in God". He uses his experience and love of gardening as a way of talking about spiritual growth. He says that his book rests on the understanding that God desires and works for our flourishing much as we do when we sow seeds and watch over their development. In Chapter Five he quotes St Benedict in his Rule "Listen, what can be sweeter to us, dear ones, than this voice of the Lord inviting us?" We must not only listen but also "incline the ear of the heart". I was reminded of this when reading the words from the book of Deuteronomy which is our first reading this Sunday. "The Word is very near to you, it is in your heart and in your mouth for your observance." Chris writes that we need to allow ourselves time to stop and be open to what we are experiencing. Many of us find this difficult. We are under pressure of time. "In a garden - as in other areas of life - it is easy to be swept along by what needs to be done and to forget to be present to what we are part of creating." I thought about this when sitting on a seat in a beautiful garden this past week. "Seats", says Chris Chapman "are invitations to stop doing for a while and being present to the sun on your face, the fresh green light of spring foliage." We need to take time to listen to the Word that is in our heart and in our mouth. If we are constantly on the go and doing then we will not hear the word in our heart. The seat in the garden, if you like, invites us to lay aside preoccupations that guard and govern us. Yes, we do have to plant and sow and weed and harvest and the seasons make masters of when we do this. But within this cycle - just as the cycle of the Church's liturgical calendar - is a rhythm, a heart beat of the spirit behind all we do. How about this week finding moments in our busy hectic day to pause? Find a time when you pause to look around you and take in all you see, and hear, and feel. Let what you see around you sink in and speak to you. Let the Word within you emerge. "Be still and know that I am God." sings the psalmist. We recognise the presence of God in us because God has created us in his image and God is there within us. Christ Jesus became fully human, therefore it is in our humanity that we encounter Christ. Find a seat, find time to pause, switch off the phone, turn off the radio and television. God is very near to you, he is in your heart.

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Joao Ferreira - RIP (Elizabeth and Family)

Sunday 14th July Fifteenth Sunday Lk 10: 25-37

SEA SUNDAY 2019

2nd Collection
Sea Sunday

8 am Ossie Correa - RIP (Noronha Fam)

9:30 am Melvyn Dodds - RIP (Pamela)

11 am Final Profession as Lay Carmel of Mary

12.15 Baptism of Mia, Leanna & Aahyah Cabulo and Oliver Kruk

6 pm People of the Parish

Monday 15th July St Bonaventure Mt 10:34 - 11:1

7.30 am Tsige Buta - RIP (Bland Family)

12 noon Patrick, Con, Sean & Jim Lyons; Jim & Mary Kelly - RIP

7 - 9 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Finance Committee Meeting in the Presbytery

Tuesday 16th July Our Lady of Mt Carmel Mt 11:20 - 24

7.30 am Fr Jeff Cridland - 50th Anniv. of Ordination (Fr A)

12 noon Strien Family - intentions & wellbeing (Family)

Wednesday 17th July Feria Mt 11: 25-27

7.30 am Elizabeth Simpson - RIP

10.30 - 11 am Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)

12 noon Jeannine Alice Opie - RIP (Mike Stringer)

5.00 pm Reception of the late Agnes Natrass into church

7.00 pm Holy Land Pilgrimage Meeting

7.30 - 8.30pm NO ADORATION

Thursday 18th July Feria Mt 11: 28-30

7.30 am Anne Hill - RIP (Verity Hill)

12 noon Requiem Mass for Agnes Natrass

Scripture group in Upper Room

7.45pm Prayer and Pub

Friday 19th July Feria Mt 12:1-8

7.30 am Morning Prayer

12 noon Frances & Michael-Joe Keavney - RIP (Mary & Geraldine)

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Elizabeth Quinn - RIP (Quinn Family)

8.00 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 20th July St Apollinaris Mt 12: 14-21

10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)

12 noon

4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

6pm (Vigil) Intentions of Helen Natrass (E Murphy)

Sunday 21st July Sixteenth Sunday (C) Lk 10: 38-42

8 am Mary Wright's Intentions

9:30 am Peter McKeown - RIP (Pauline Lilford)

11 am People of the Parish

3 pm Filipino Community Mass

6 pm Fr Jeff Cridland - 50th Anniv. of Ordination (Linda)

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).

Altar Servers Summer Break August Tuesday 6th - Friday

9th Woldingham, Surrey Cost £145 This is an excellent few days for boy and girl servers aged 10- 15.Meeting in a holiday atmosphere activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport, Chessington World of Adventures, Laser Elite, Swimming. For more details take form, download from www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, Tel: 01322 220075, email:stanselm01@googlemail.com

The St John Bosco Children's 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>

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.**

The Southwark Brethren is a long-standing charity which helps sick and retired Priests who are in need. We thank you for your continuous generosity in the past and ask for your help again this year. Please send donations to **Rev. Paul Hough, St Elpheges Presbytery, 120 Stafford Road, Wallingham, SM69AY.** A Gift Aid scheme is available for those who pay tax - please contact Rev. Paul on email wallingham@rcaos.org.uk or phone 02086 475079

Congratulations to our 100 Club Winners for July 2019:

Mary de Wolf (No 73) and Ilma Blackett (No 24)

The Divine Mercy Apostolate of Marian Fathers is organising a Divine Mercy Divine Mercy Pilgrimage

To the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Simon Stock

The Friars Aylesford Priory; Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BX

Bank Holiday Monday - 26th August 2019; 10 am - 5 pm

led by Rt Rev Bishop Patrick Lynch SS CC - Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark Diocese and The Marian Fathers. See Poster and flyers in the Narthex for programme details.



Calling All Sacristans or

Those who are interested in this Ministry

Reminder of Canon Anthony's event:- 10am to 12 noon on Saturday, 27th July 2019, in the Church

25 July 2019 - CONSECRATION MASS

The Consecration Mass of our new Archbishop, John Wilson, takes place in St Georges Cathedral at 12 noon on 25 July 2019. The priests of the Archdiocese will be attending so there will be **NO 12 noon MASS at St Thomas'**, Burgate on that day.

SECOND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend - 13/14 July - Apostleship of the Sea

Next weekend - 20/21 July - No second collection this weekend

Special Collection during July: Envelopes are available in the Church for the **Peter's Pence** collection during July - please place them in the first collection baskets



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS 2019:

Monday, 15th July 2019 at 7.30 pm: Parish Finance Committee meeting in the Presbytery

Wednesday 17th July at 7pm: Holy Land Meeting for all those going on Pilgrimage in the Hall



2020 Diary - please save the date :

28th June 2020 Open Air Mass

Thank you! to all who helped with the **Open Air Mass.**

Where does the money go???
Our FINANCE COMMITTEE would like you to know.... that in 2018...

Our Candles and Altar Wine and other Mass items cost us £6392 and the fantastic sum of £6136 was donated through votive candles - thank you

We have calculated that approximately 42,000 people received Holy Communion in 2018 in our church!
How wonderful, eh!

THIS SUNDAY IS SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate online please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

WEDNESDAY ADORATION: Please note that there is **NO ADORATION** on: Wednesday, 17th July 2019.

Ordination to the Priesthood: Please remember in your prayers, Patrick Pulicino who is being ordained in St George's Cathedral on Saturday, 20th July 2019.

ACCOMMODATION REQUESTED Catholic RE teacher needs 2 bed accommodation for herself, husband and their 11 year old son for 1 year initially from 25 August 2019. If you can help, please call Phil on **07894058498**.

Weekend Retreat for bereaved parishioners

Booking forms for the "Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ" weekend for the bereaved from 11-13th October 2019 are available in the Narthex

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 Kevin St Aubyn, Margaret Jones, Jenni Aldridge, Mary Reynolds and Brian Wicker

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 Natrass, Carl Chambers, Ossie Correa and Elizabeth Simpson

Thank you! **Mass Collections for weekend 06/07 July 2019:**

Offertory: £868.90 loose & £563.28 Gift Aided -Total **£1432.18**

2nd Collection: There was no second collection this weekend