

# NEWSLETTER

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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(Closed for lunch between 12.30 - 1.00pm)



### From Fr Anthony ...

This weekend we are celebrating the Solemnity of Corpus et Sanguis Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ). This feast gives us the opportunity to recall the greatest gift of the Eucharist given to the Church by Jesus at the Last Supper. It stands at the centre of the Church's life. Pope John Paul, in his encyclical letter of 2003 "Ecclesia et Eucharistia", sought to rekindle the sense of amazement that should always fill us when we gather for Mass. Why should we be so amazed and filled with a sense of joyful wonder? Because the Risen Christ is with us as he promised. "The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates the heart of the mystery of the Church". We believe that the Eucharist, the Mass, contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth; that is Christ himself, our Passover and our living bread. Receiving Jesus in Holy Communion unites us with Christ - with Christ in his death and resurrection and with Christ as Omega and End of history, the final goal of our life on earth. But it also at the end of Mass, the deacon or priest says "Go and announce the gospel of the Lord".

Like the apostles at the Last Supper, if we wish to be close to the Lord we must answer the command of Christ to wash the feet of others in humble service as signs of hope, signs of resurrection, to the world. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church we read: "the Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and blood of Christ given up for us, we recognise Christ in the poorest, his brother and sisters." Receiving Christ's presence in Holy Communion should flow into social action, into active love for the poor and oppressed, the sick and the sad. "Those who recognise and worship Christ in the breaking of bread must recognise and serve him also in the broken lives of those around them" (Bishop Michael Evans).

This weekend at all Masses the Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion have the opportunity to renew their commitment of service for another year. This takes place after the Lamb of God.

We receive the whole of Christ, body, blood, soul and divinity under the form of bread alone, or under the form of wine alone. The fullness of the grace of his presence is available to us under one kind or another. However: "the meaning of communion is signified as clearly as possible when it is given under both kinds, and Catholics are encouraged to desire Communion under both kinds in which the meaning of the Eucharistic banquet is more fully signified." Having Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion makes it possible for us at St Thomas of Canterbury. Thank you for your ministry of service.

### TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

2nd Collection  
SVP

6pm (Vigil) People of the Parish

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Greta Maria Grace

11 am John Nolan - RIP (Sue and Family)

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

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June Nativity of St John the Baptist** Lk 1: 57-66, 80

7.30 am John Wilkinson - RIP (Connie Nolan)

12 noon Fr John Bradley on his jubilee (Povey Family)

6.00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the Presbytery

7 - 8.30pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June Feria** Mt 7: 6, 12-14

7.30 pm

12 noon Charlotte & Stephen McCaulay- Good wishes (Tessa)

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June Feria** Mt 7: 15-20

7.30 am

10.30 - 11 am Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12 noon Leslie Armstrong- RIP (Lesley Armstrong - Jnr)

7.30 - 8.30pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June St Cyril of Alexandria** Mt 7: 21-29

7.30 am

12 noon UCM members' intentions

Scripture group in Upper Room

7.45pm Prayer and Pub

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** Lk 15:3-7

7.30 am Morning Prayer

12 noon Eliza, Locksley & Vickers Stewart & Nathaniel - RIP

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Audrey Zaremski- RIP (Peter & Karen Ventress)

8.00 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin**

**Mary** Mt 16: 13-19

10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12 noon

1.45 - 4.15 pm Syro-Malabar First Holy Communion Mass

4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)

6pm (Vigil) FHC of Corina Alexandra Escalante Omana in

Valencia, Venezuela (Kerr Family)

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles** Lk 9: 51-62

### NO MASSES IN THE CHURCH OF ST THOMAS' TODAY

10.30 am Open Air Mass at St Anselm's School,  
Old Dover Road, CT1 3EN  
- for the People of the Parish

## PARISH MATTERS



**Baptism Preparation:** To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be **Saturday, 13th July 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 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday

**9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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>

Please remember in your prayers:

**Michael Hagggar**, whose funeral is here at St Thomas', Canterbury on Tuesday, 11 July 2019 at 12 noon

**Rinaldo Di Martino**, whose funeral is at Our Lady Help of Christians at Folkestone, 25th June, 10.00am.



### 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

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.

Remember to check the notice boards and website for more information not able to fit in the newsletter.

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](mailto:socialstthomasrc@gmail.com)

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The **Union of Catholic Mothers** are holding a cake sale today, 23<sup>rd</sup> June in the church hall after the 9:30am mass. Come support us as we raise funds for future projects.

### SECOND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**This weekend - 22/23 June - SVP** - Gift aid envelopes available in the Narthex.

**Next weekend - 29/30 June** - there is no second collection



### OPEN AIR MASS NEXT WEEKEND.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There is 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.



### PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS 2019:

Monday, 24 June, 6 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Sunday, 30th June 2019 at 10h30 Parish Open Air Mass at St Anselm's School, Old Dover Road.



### EUCHARIST ADORATION: Wednesday Evening

Please note that with immediate effect, Wednesday evening Eucharist Adoration will be held from **7.30pm to 8.30pm**.



### Where does the money go???

**Our FINANCE COMMITTEE would like you to know.... that in 2019...**

our Diocesan Development Fund Contribution is now **£27,000**; and

our Bishops Fund Contribution is now **£1424**; and

our contribution to the Diocesan Clergy Retirement Fund is expected to be **c£5000**

All paid from your weekly/planned giving - thank you!  
We couldn't do it without you.

### 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 Louie Kitt, Fr Kevin St Aubyn, Margaret Jones, Fr Timothy Finigan, Jenni Aldridge, Mary Reynolds and Brian Wicker

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

Canon John Bailey, Marissa Arevalo, Teresa Wicker, Vincent Siudad, 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 Hagggar

**Thank you! Mass Collections at weekend 15/16 June 2019:**  
**Offertory:** £1097.80 loose & £721.23 Gift Aided -Total **£1819.03**  
**2nd Collection:** For Day for Life raised **£314.57**.