

NEWSLETTER

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From Fr Anthony ...

This last Thursday the 11th Archbishop of our Diocese, John Wilson, was installed at our Cathedral of St George's at Southwark. It was a day of great joy and celebration. In his homily Archbishop John said that "if any of you are surprised of see me standing here today, then let me reassure you that you're not as surprised as I am." We were celebrating the feast of St James the Apostle. The first reading for that feast was 2 Corinthians 4:7-15. It begins "We are only the earthenware jars that hold this treasure, to make it clear that such an overwhelming power comes from God and not from us." Archbishop John spoke of this passage when he said: "We may be fragile vessels, mere earthenware jars, only too aware of our limitations and conscious of our unworthiness, but God pours into us the gifts, and the graces, and the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Whatever we have to face, whatever problems or difficulties, we do so certain that we carry within us the very life of the Lord Jesus Christ." He reminded us that we are pilgrims and that "together we will continue to make our pilgrimage of faith, trusting in the overwhelming power that comes, not from us, but from God." He reminded us that each of us has a unique and essential place on this journey. "For my part, I will do my very best to try and love you as a father, try to walk beside you as a brother and try to serve you as a friend." He talked about St Oscar Romero. There is a shrine to him in the Cathedral. The Archbishop John referred to a book of his homilies, entitled, "The Church is all of you". He reminded us that the Church is all of us, "joined with Jesus Christ, our head, and continues His mission. In this, every Catholic is called to be an evangelising disciple. Each one of us has an irreplaceable part to play in the flourishing of God's kingdom. The Lord needs you. His Church needs you. This Archdiocese and its Archbishop, its parishes and its schools needs you so that united in faith, here and now, we can announce anew the joy of the Good News, so that side by side we can serve the Lord in the downtrodden and in the despairing, in the weakest and in the poorest." As he continued, the Archbishop referred to the words of St Oscar Romero about what was the ministry of a bishop. "A bishop is not a technician, an administrator, or a boss. A bishop is essentially a pastor, a father, a brother and a friend. He journeys with other people, sows hope along their path, shares their sorrow and joy, urges them to seek peace, justice and love, and teaches them to be brothers and sisters." He then talked about the significance of the Pallium which he received from Pope Francis last month when he was in Rome. He said that it reminded him to exercise his ministry with the heart of the Good Shepherd. He said: "As bishops, priests and deacons, we share the social responsibility for shepherding the hundred, not just the ninety-nine." Let us pray for him, giving thanks that he has been chosen to be our shepherd. His final words were "Please pray for me as I promise to pray for you. Please ask our Blessed Lady to draw us, through the Immaculate Heart, ever closer to the Sacred Heart of her Son."

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Margo Crowley - RIP (Nora King)
Sunday 28th July Seventeenth Sunday (C) Lk 11: 1-13
 8 am Patty Baxter - Good health 2nd Collection SVP
 9:30 am Mary Reynolds (Noreen Egan)
 11 am People of the Parish
 6 pm People travelling during the Holidays
Monday 29th July St Martha Jn 11: 19-27 or Lk 10: 38-42
 7.30 am Mary De Silva - RIP (Edward De Silva)
 12 noon Welfare of Pat (Pauline)
 7 - 9 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday 30th July St Peter Crysologus Mt 13: 36-43
 7.30 am Patsy and Family (Kilcoyne)
 12 noon Xavier de Freitas - RIP (Theresa Punnett)
Wednesday 31st July St Ignatius of Loyola Mt 13: 44-46
 7.30 am Ann Kilcoyne - RIP
 10.30 - 11 am Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)
 12 noon Mr and Mrs Edwards
 7.30 - 8.30pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 1st August St Alphonsus Liguori Mt 13: 47-53
 7.30 am
 12 noon Aleyamma Abraham - RIP
 Scripture group in Upper Room
 7.45pm Prayer & Pub is in RECESS until after Summer Break
Friday 2nd August Feria Mt 13: 54-58
 7.30 am Morning Prayer
 12 noon Frederick Prior - RIP (Mrs Prior)
 Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7.30 pm Vera Cottis - RIP (Tessa)
 8.00 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 3rd August Feria Mt 14: 1-12
 10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)
 12 noon Frances & Michael-Joe Keavney (Mary & Geraldine)
 Divine Mercy Chaplet after Mass
 4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)
 6pm (Vigil) Ossie Correa - RIP (Noronha Family)
Sunday 4th August Eighteenth Sunday (C) Lk 12: 13 -21
 8 am M Abraham - RIP (J Abraham)
 9:30 am Celia Welch - RIP & intentions of UCM Members
 11 am Elizabeth Simpson - RIP (Lesley & Chris Smith)
 12.15 pm Baptism of Teddy Biggs
 6 pm People of the Parish

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).

The Divine Mercy Apostolate of Marian Fathers is organising a **Divine Mercy Pilgrimage** to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Simon Stock; The Friars Aylesford Priory; Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BX on **Bank Holiday Monday - 26th August 2019** from 10 am to 5 pm led by the Rt Rev Bishop Patrick Lynch SS CC - Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark Diocese and The Marian Fathers. See Poster and flyers in the Narthex for full programme details.

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 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 2 Saturday 3rd August to 10th August 2019 for Boys
 Week 3 Saturday 10th August to 17th August 2019 for Girls
 Week 4 Saturday 17th August to 24th August 2019 Mixed Camp
 Application forms or more information available from:
<http://svpboscocamp.org.uk>

Prayer and Pub meetings are in recess until after the summer break - see you in September.



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 or to take a form, download from www.stanselm.dartford.wordpress.com, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, Tel: 01322 220075, or email: stanselm01@googlemail.com

Weekend Retreat for bereaved parishioners

Booking forms the "Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ" weekend for bereaved parishioners to be held on the **11-13th October 2019** are available in the Narthex

SECOND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend - 27/28 July - SVP - Gift aid envelopes in the Narthex

Next weekend - 03/04 August - There is no second collection
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

In August, there will be no coffee, in the hall, after the 9.30 Sunday mass. Come along on the 1st September!

Canterbury Food Bank and the SVP are very grateful to parishioners for their continuing support of the Yellow Bin Scheme, particularly as food bank usage continues to rise. With the start of the school holidays, please remember that many families who are already struggling will now have to face the additional burden of needing to feed children who would normally be provided with school lunches.



Prayer for Holiday time

We thank you Lord for the gift of Summer. We thank you for this time to relax and be refreshed. Bless and protect all those who are travelling. Jesus said to his disciples come away and rest awhile. Help us to appreciate the importance of resting. May you be in our resting that we may be restored and refreshed to face the challenges of sharing the Good News with others.

31st St Ignatius of Loyola

St. Ignatius Loyola was born in 1491, one of 13 children of a family of minor nobility in northern Spain. As a young man Ignatius Loyola was inflamed by the ideals of courtly love and knighthood and dreamed of doing great deeds. But in 1521 Ignatius was gravely wounded in a battle with the French. While recuperating, Ignatius Loyola experienced a conversion. Reading the lives of Jesus and the saints made Ignatius happy and aroused desires to do great things. Ignatius realised that these feelings were clues to God's direction for him. Founder of the Companion of Jesus (the Jesuits). Over the years, Ignatius became expert in the art of spiritual direction. He collected his insights, prayers, and suggestions in his book the Spiritual Exercises, one of the most influential books on the spiritual life ever written. With a small group of friends, Ignatius Loyola founded the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits. Ignatius conceived the Jesuits as "contemplatives in action." This also describes the many Christians who have been touched by Ignatian spirituality.

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, Brian Wicker and Rachelle Castro

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, Michael Haggard, Tsige Buta, Agnes Nattrass, Ossie Correa, Elizabeth Simpson and Dr Kazimierz Krynicki

Thank you! Mass Collections at weekend 20/21 July 2019:

Offertory: £100.52 loose & £574.73 Gift Aided -Total **£1580.25**
2nd Collection: There was no second collection