

NEWSLETTER

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Office open: Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm for all parish business
(Closed for lunch between 12.30 - 1.00pm)



From Fr Anthony ...

Each Month the Pope suggests an intention for our prayer. In June, his suggestion was as follows: *"That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor."*

Last Friday, the feast of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Cardinal Vincent Nichols invited all diocesan priests of England and Wales together, at Westminster Cathedral, to mark the end of a year of events commemorating the 450th Anniversary of the Foundation of the English College, Douai, and the post-Reformation Mission of the secular Clergy in our countries. It was a day of universal prayer for priests, to give thanks to God for the gift of their priestly vocation, to remember those who have ministered before us, and to ask God's continued blessing on priestly ministry and fraternity in England and Wales.

As I begin my 45th year as an ordained priest it is good for me to reflect on the importance of the ministerial priesthood in the life of the church today. Apparently, the late Cardinal Basil Hume OSB, when he ordained priests, suggested that we don't ask: "Is the man to be ordained strong enough to be a priest?" but we need to ask: "Is this man weak enough to be a priest?" As I look back on my life as a priest, I have come to accept my own shortcomings, my own weakness and rely on the strength that comes from putting my total trust in God. I chose for my ordination card the words of St Paul, "We are only the earthenware jar that holds this treasure, to make it clear that such an overwhelming power comes from God and not from us." (2 Corinthians: 4v7.) St Paul was acutely aware that he needed to be used by Christ as an instrument of love and power in sharing the good news. Later on, in the same letter, Paul tells us about being given a thorn in the flesh to stop him from getting too proud. He asked God for it to leave him. God's reply was: "My grace is enough for you: my power is at best in weakness" So as a result Paul reflected: "I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses...For it is when I am weak that I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). A friend gave me a tee shirt for my birthday and printed on it was a picture of myself with the word "Superpriest", because I used to say this ironically when I felt at times the expectations of people in the parish were that I should be able to be good at everything. There were also times when I also felt I was failure because I failed as an excellent preacher, administrator, listener, leader and all-round good egg. To grow in maturity is for me to accept and understand that Christ has chosen me, not because I am perfect or better than anyone else, but he knows that if I submit to his grace and love I can become an instrument of his love. Super priest I'm not - I need all of you as part of our parish family to make God's Word real in our lives and into the lives of those who we come into contact with each day.

Here is a suggested prayer
Holy Father, who by no merit of their own, chose priests for communion with the eternal priest of your Christ and for the ministry of your Church, grant that they may be ardent but gentle preachers of your Gospel and faithful servants of your mysteries. Amen

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) FHC of Corina Alexandra Escalante Omana in Valencia, Venezuela (*Kerr Family*)

Sunday 30th 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

Monday 01st July Feria Mt 8:18-22

NO MORNING MASS

12 noon Sebastian - RIP

7 - 9 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 02nd July Feria Mt 8:23-27

7.30 am K.O Sebastian - RIP (*B Sebastian*)

12 noon Jim Coelho O RIP (*Philippa Burniston*)

Wednesday 03rd July St Thomas the Apostle Jn 20: 24-29

NO MORNING MASS

10.30 - 11 am Reconciliation (*Fr Sylvester*)

12 noon Michael & Barkley Hickey & Paddy Murph - RIP

7.30 - 8.30pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 04th July St Elizabeth of Portugal Mt 9:1-8

NO MORNING MASS

12 noon Intentions of the Noronha Family

Scripture group in Upper Room

7.30 pm UCM meeting in the Upper Room

7.45pm Prayer and Pub

Friday 05th July St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest Mt 9:9-13

7.30 am Morning Prayer

NO HOSPITAL MASS

12 noon Welfare of Esme Mills (*Fr Anthony*)

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

NO EVENING MASS

8.00 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 06th July St Maria Goretti Mt 9: 14-17

8.30 - 10.00 Rumanian Orthodox Baptism

10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (*Fr Anthony*)

12 noon Tsige Buta - RIP (*Sherington Family*)

4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (*Fr Sylvester*)

6pm (Vigil) James Scott - RIP (*Kerr Family*)

Sunday 07th July Fourteenth Sunday Lk 10: 1 -12, 17-20

8 am

9:30 am Celia Welch - RIP & intentions of UCM members

11 am People of the Parish

Baptism of Evelina Abarite-Bule during Mass

6 pm NO 6PM MASS AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

7 pm Mass of the Feast of the Translation of St Thomas -

Canterbury Cathedral Quire

- Tsige Buta - RIP (*Sherington Family*)

Monday, 8th July 2019, 12 noon - Funeral of the late Tsige Buta

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 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.stanselmsdardford.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.

The Fellowship of Thomas More warmly invite you to the annual Sir Thomas More Memorial Service on Saturday, 6th July at 6.30pm at St Dunstan's Church, London Road followed by refreshments. The Guest speaker is Dr Jackie Eales on *The education of Margaret More and the Humanist context of support for female education in the early 16th century.*

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

The **social committee** are having their next meeting on the 4th of July at 7:30 in the church upper room to discuss upcoming planning of events all are welcome to attend and share their ideas.

The **Union of Catholic Mothers** would like to say thank you to all our parishioners for supporting our cake sale we made £58.50p. Our next meeting is 7th of July after 9:30am mass in the church hall all welcome

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 due to limited availability (tables provided) We are asking £5 per table and shared tables are available plus tea/coffee. Info: socialstthomasrc@gmail.com or 07805490217 or 07932645919

SECOND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend - 29/30 June - there is no second collection

Next weekend - 6/7 July - there is no second collection

Special Collection during July: Boxes will be available in the Church for the **Peter's Pence** collection during July.



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS 2019:

Sunday, 7th July 2019 at 17.00pm Mass of the Translation of St Thomas in the Cathedral Quire - NO 6pm MASS at St Thomas' Parish.



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



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

Where does the money go???

Our FINANCE COMMITTEE would like you to know.... that in 2018...

Our Catholic Newspapers, Magazines and other periodicals cost us £3791

In the contributions box for the newspapers was £2276

The difference is paid from your weekly giving thank you!

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL - Job Opportunity: Site Maintenance and Caretaker

We are looking for someone to join our site maintenance and caretaking team at the Cathedral site. The primary function of this role is to provide maintenance and caretaking services across the whole site. Hours: 35 worked over a varying shift pattern to include some evenings and weekends. Salary: £21,500pa - £23,000 depending on skills and experience. Interviews will be on 10th July 2019. To apply please send you CV to HR@rcaos.org.uk by 4th July 2019. See poster in the Narthex for details.

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 07894058408.

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.

HOSPITAL MASS ON FRIDAY, 5TH JULY 2019 - please note that there will be NO Hospital Mass on this date

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, Michael Hagggar and Tsige Buta

Thank you! Mass Collections at weekend 22/23 June 2019:

Offertory: £979.01 loose & £593.48 Gift Aided -Total **£1572.49**
2nd Collection: For **SVP** raised **£592.00.**