

NEWSLETTER

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(Closed for lunch between 12.30 - 1.00pm)



From Fr Anthony ...

This is a busy weekend for us at St Thomas of Canterbury. Father Federico Gandolfi is here and on Friday after celebrating evening Mass spoke about his work in South Sudan. At all Masses this weekend Fr Patrice Anyanwu is speaking about the work of the missionary order of Spiritans and he will be asking for our support through prayer and donation. Our own Fr Sylvester is a member of this congregation which was formerly known as The Holy Ghost Fathers. It is 100 years since Pope Benedict XV's encyclical "Maximum Illud" called on Catholics to bring the Good News to all peoples (Missio Ad Gentes). So to commemorate this anniversary, Pope Francis has declared October 2019 to be an Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM). This special month of prayer and action calls us all to renew our missionary commitment, because we're all called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all peoples. It is too easy for us to leave all missionary activity to people like Fr Frederick and Fr Patrice. Pope Francis reminds us to pray that "*the Holy Spirit may engender a new missionary spring for all those baptised and sent by Christ's Church.*" So what should you and I do to be part of this new missionary spring. What am I doing to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others?

Here is the prayer written for this month.

*Heavenly Father,
when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead,
he commissioned his followers
to "go and make disciples of all nations"
and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.
Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit
to be courageous and zealous
in bearing witness to the Gospel,
so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion,
may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.
Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love
and mercy of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.*

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) People of the Parish

2nd Collection:
Spiritans Appeal

Sunday 6th October Twenty Seventh Sunday (C) Lk 17: 5-10

ROSARY SUNDAY

8 am Bruno on his birthday (Maria)

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

11 am Lucy & Alfie McKay (Jim & family)

3 pm Filipino Community Mass

6 pm Martin Henderson - RIP (Kitt Family)

3rd Mass
Count 2019

Monday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary Lk 10: 25-37

7.30 am Patrick, Mary & John Cullen - RIP

12 noon John Dolan (James McGovern)

7 - 9 pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7 pm Makaton Taster Evening in the Hall

Tuesday 8th October Feria Lk 10: 38-42

7.30 am Wayne Cottis (Tessa)

12 noon Health and Wellbeing (Pat Moore)

7.30 pm RCIA in the Presbytery

Wednesday 9th October St Denis & Companions; Blessed John

Henry Newman Lk 11: 1-4

7.30 am Donor's Intentions

10.30 - 11 am Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)

12 noon Sylvia Ball - RIP (Gocek Family)

7.30 - 8.30pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm New Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist meet

Thursday 10th October St Paulinus of York Lk 11: 5-13

7.30 am A. Charles Ryan - RIP & intentions of Ryan Family (Solitude Group)

12 noon John Wilkins - RIP (Jo Wilkins)

Scripture Group in Upper Room

7.45pm Prayer & Pub

Friday 11th October St John XXIII, Pope Lk 11: 15-26

7.30 am Morning Prayer

12 noon Thressiamma Joseph - RIP (anniv.)(Aniamma Johny)

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Private Intentions

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Saturday 12th October St Wilfrid, Bishop Lk 11: 27-28

9.00 am Baptism Course

10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)

12 noon Thanksgiving (Kyle G-Kanny)

4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

6pm (Vigil) People of the Parish

7.15 pm Holy Land Meeting

Sunday 13th October Twenty Seventh Sunday (C) Lk 17: 11-19

DAY OF PRAYER: PRISONERS & THEIR FAMILIES (PRISONS WEEK)

8 am Gerald Farmer (Tim Morris)

9:30 am Denis O'Sullivan - RIP (Noreen Egan)

11 am Tony Dyer - RIP (Georgina Dyer)

4.00 pm Polish Community Mass

6 pm Margaret Henderson - RIP

4th Mass
Count 2019

PARISH MATTERS



Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised....our next preparation meeting will be in the Presbytery on **Saturday, 12th October 2019, at 9.00 am.** Places are limited so please call the office to book. Please fill in a Registration Form in advance (from Office /website).



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, 17th May 2020 at the 9.30 & 11 am Masses. Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

CONFIRMATION 2020: The start of the programme has been postponed to January 2020 - more information to follow

RCIA 2020: Tuesdays at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery.



Stitching for the Parish! Are you nifty with thread and needle?

We have formed a sewing circle to repair and maintain the Church linens. Meeting in the Sacristy on Wednesdays at 13h30. If you would like to be involved please contact Pat Moore on 07753 958729

Harvest Festival, thank you to all who came and supported our harvest activities including your donations to Catching Lives. Pictures of the day can be found on the church Facebook page, The Social Committee.

Quiz night 9th November 7-10pm.

A family friendly evening tickets in advance £5 adults and £1 children which include tea, coffee, squash and light snacks. BYO alcoholic drinks. Raffle on the night. Prizes for winners. For more details email: socialstthomasrc@gmail.com or see church Facebooks page

The Social Committee are appealing for donations of wine, chocolates and any new unused items for use in the raffle at our Quiz night on the 9th November all monies raised from this event goes towards the church.

St Thomas of Canterbury Holy Land Pilgrimage

Thursday 21st November - Thursday 28th November 2019
You are invited to a final meeting on **Saturday 12th October at 7:15pm in Thomas Parish Hall.**

St Thomas Church is to be the venue for the **World Day Of Prayer Service,** celebrating the people of Zimbabwe, on **Friday 6th March 2020 at 14.00,** to which all the church communities and the people of the Canterbury area are warmly invited, with refreshments afterwards in St Thomas Church Hall.

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Training session for New Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are being held on **Wednesday, 9th October at 7.30 pm** in the Presbytery

Charlotte Sleigh, Professor of Science Humanities at University of Kent is giving a series of three climate change talks at St Mary Bredin Church on 5, 12 and 19 November. Christians of all traditions are warmly welcome – see poster in Narthex for details.

A parishioner is looking for a lift to Mass at 11am on Sundays from Barton Mill Court. If you can assist, please see Fr Anthony or Linda in the office.

SECOND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend - 5/6 Oct - Spiritans Mission Appeal

Next weekend - No second collection

ADMISSION FORMS FOR ST ANSELM'S SCHOOL:

Father Anthony will be available on Friday, 11th October 2019 between 3.30pm and 8pm in the Presbytery, 59 Burgate, to sign Admission forms for St Anselm's school, Canterbury. Forms will not be accepted outside of this time as Father Anthony needs to see each family before signing the forms.

SUNDAY TEA DANCES: Dates for tea dances with Hannah and Stuart confirmed! Sundays starting from 12 noon: 10th November and 15th December. No partner required, just bring your best smiles. Everyone welcome for tea even if you do not want to dance.



THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER - we are encouraged to recite five decades of the Rosary in church, or as a family, a religious community, or as a group of the faithful in order to gain a plenary indulgence daily.



SPIRITANS MISSION APPEAL:
We welcome Fr Patrice Anyanwu, a member of Fr Sylvester's congregation, who is speaking at all our Masses this weekend on the work of the Spiritan (Holy Ghost Fathers) community.



Save the date. HCPT Barn Dance on the 30th of November at St Anselm's school - more details to follow.

HCPT GROUP 87 - Easter children's pilgrimage to Lourdes 11th-18th April 2020. If you or someone you know would like to join us as a child/teenager or helper for our pilgrimage to Lourdes please contact us for details and take a leaflet from the church Narthex. Contact : Zuzana Revayova zuzana.revayova13@gmail.com 07776117966 or Annie Judge anniejudge@hotmail.com 07866515797



Hello

MAKATON TASTER EVENING
Monday 7 October 2019 from 19.00 to 21.00 in Church Hall.
Poster in Narthex has details
As a parish, we could become Makaton Friendly. Find out more at a **free Makaton Taster** with **John-Paul** (Makaton Tutor and parishioner).

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, Pat Gibson, Phyllis Stirton, Fr Louie Kitt, Fr Kevin St Aubyn, Jenni Aldridge, Mary Reynolds, Brian Wicker, David Bull, Joan Sutton, Audrey Martin, Elizabeth Gilhenny and Jean Gale

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Tsige Buta, Agnes Nattrass, Ossie Correa, Elizabeth Simpson, Tony Ashman, Dr Kazimierz Krynicki, Gillian Dyche, Fr Gerard O'Brien, Fr Gregory Moore, Bernadette Lee, Rachelle Castro, Brenda Pearce, A Charles Ryan, Fr Wilfrid McGrea and Margaret Jones

Thank you! Mass Collections at weekend 28/29 Sept 2019:
Offertory: £1038.72 loose & £536.71 gift aided: Total **£1575.43**
2nd Collection: SVP raised £570.70