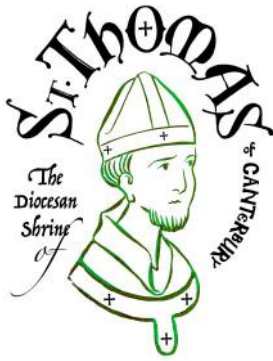


NEWSLETTER



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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The Parish Office is open Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays 10am to 3.00pm
(closed 1.00pm to 1.30pm for lunch)

ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

6.00 pm (Vigil): Thanksgiving (*Scott Family*) 2nd Collect: SVP

Sunday, 15th August: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY *Lk 1: 39-56*

8.00am: People of the Parish
9.30am: for the Filipino Community and families
11.00am: Ann Silcock on her birthday
Baptism of Thaddeus Ty during Mass
12.15: *Baptism of Zoe Mitchell and Tahlia Casagrande*
6.00 pm: Thomas Hilaire, Anne-Louise & Katherine-Rebecca intentions (*Sue Purbrick*)

Monday 16th Aug: St Stephen of Hungary *Mt 19: 16-22*

7.30 am for Fortuna and Family
12 noon: Margaret Henderson - RIP
6.00pm: Live streamed Prayer

Tuesday 17th Aug: Feria *Mt 19: 23-30*

12 noon: Winnie Coates - RIP
6.00 pm: Live streamed Prayer

Wednesday 18th Aug: Feria *Mt 20: 1-6*

7.30 am: Judy Lynch - RIP
10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration
12 noon: Welfare of Heron Terels
6.00pm: Live streamed Prayer

Thursday 19th Aug: St John Eudes *Mt 22: 1-14*

7.30 am: Noreen Egan - wellbeing (*Helen Howie*)
12 noon: For the work of the UCM
6.00pm: Live streamed Prayer

Friday 20th Aug: St Bernard *Mt 22: 34-40*

12 noon: Jenny Carter - RIP
After Mass, Adoration until 1.30pm
6.00pm: Live streamed Prayer
7.30pm: for the Matthews children and grandchildren

Saturday 21st Aug: St Pius X *Mt 23: 1-12*

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration
12 noon: Rowena Helen on her birthday
2.30pm: Wedding of Tom Anderson and Mary Delaney

6.00 pm (Vigil): Marion Nash - RIP (*Kathleen Kerr*)

Sunday, 22nd August: Twenty First Sunday (B) *Jn 6:60-69*

8.00am: Arthur Noronha on his birthday (*Noronha family*)
9.30am: Mary, William and Tony Ashman - RIP
11.00am: Catherine (Kath) Packer - RIP (*Bernard Packer*)
12.15: *Baptism of Owen Maltby*
4.00 pm: Polish Community Mass
6.00 pm: People of the Parish

PARISH MATTERS

Please remember in your prayers:

Marie Strong, Angeline Frizell, Luisa Ward, Janette Hughes, Barbara Brett, Mary Dittrich, Pat Gibson, Jenni Aldridge, Mary Reynolds, Brian Wicker, Joan Sutton, Audrey Martin, Elizabeth Gilhenny, Bill Parker, Lucy Purbrick, Josie Carr, Simon Lam, Sr Anne Bross (formerly of our parish), Fr John Slater, Jennifer Lang, Pauline Lilford, Barbara Markham, Patricia Gray, Patrick Sellars, Sr Margaret McGrath, Angela Nichols, Jean Boyce and Sandra Monger, Philomena Brown and Rhona Rollings

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Theresa Ramsundar, Canon Frank O'Sullivan, Margaret Willis, Rev Paul Saunders, Sylvia Guy, Pat Gill, Baby Layla Green, Paul Card, Alan Skeet, Rodolfo Ignacio, Isabella Bannon, HRH Prince Philip - Duke of Edinburgh, Dean Brazier, Marion Nash, Fr Kevin Alban (O.Carm), Apollonia Citro, Bianca Wood, Deideri Maria (Vedova Roffinella), Angelina Glynn, Graham Wheeler and Baby Francis Anthony Delaney

Please pray for those whose 1st anniversaries are this month:

Joseph McKee, Douglas Ricketts, Maurice Crosland

COLLECTIONS: Our retiring collections:

This weekend: 14/15 Aug: SVP Canterbury

Next weekend: 21/22 Aug: No second collection

Enclosure of Lady Loretta de Braose - 800th Anniversary Symposium - Medieval Spirituality in the Modern World
Sat 11th and Sun 12th September 2021 at St Stephen's, Hackington (and online). Further information and a full programme are available on: www.ststephenscanterbury.net

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 2021 **The Church**

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

The 'Season of Creation' is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ending on the Feast of St Francis, 4 October. Look for forthcoming information on the notice board in the Narthex.

City Impact Counselling Canterbury - an initiative to provide an affordable Christian counselling service for the residents of Canterbury District. They are seeking - physical venues, counsellors and financial support for the venture. Details and donation opportunities at <https://www.spacehive.com/cityimpactcounselling>

From Fr Anthony ...

I have a lovely memory of the Feast of the Assumption. I was staying with friends in France and we went to Mass in a small town and then walked into the square afterwards where there was a great festival atmosphere with many food and drink stalls available and people dressed in medieval costumes on horseback. The Virgin Mary is patron of France and the 15th August is a public holiday.

Since the Reformation of the 16th century public expressions of devotion to Mary in England have largely disappeared. Devotion to Mary is still strong within the Catholic Church. There is a great love for Mary within the Anglican Church, although some Protestant denominations find devotion to Mary abhorrent. In 2005, an agreed statement on Mary by the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission was published. It was titled: "Mary; Grace and Hope in Christ." In this document it recognised that the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception (1854) and Assumption (1950) have caused problems in the past. The agreed statement says: "The definitions of 1854 and 1950 were not made in response to controversy, but gave voice to the consensus of faith among believers in communion with the Bishop of Rome. They were re-affirmed by the Second Vatican Council. For Anglicans, it would be the consent of an ecumenical council which, teaching according to the Scriptures, most securely demonstrates that the necessary conditions for a teaching to be de fide had been met. Where this is the case, as with the definition of the Theotókos, both Roman Catholics and Anglicans would agree that the witness of the Church is firmly and constantly to be believed by all the faithful (cf. 1 John 1:1-3)"

The preface for today's feast helps us to see the meaning of the feast. We pray: "For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people; rightly you would not allow her to see the corruption of the tomb since from her own body she marvellously brought forth your incarnate Son, the Author of all life."

The Assumption's main focus is on Mary's death or sleeping in the Lord, her birthday into glory. God willed that her body would not be corrupted and the assumption is a sign of hope for us who still live on earth.

St Germans of Constantinople wrote in the eighth century "Her body being human, was adapted and conformed to the supreme life of immortality; however, it remained whole and glorious, gifted with perfect vitality and not subject to the sleep of death, precisely because it was not possible that the vessel that had contained God, the living Temple of the most holy Divinity of the Only-begotten, should be held by a tomb made for the dead."

SAFE DISTANCING AT MASSES.

We're getting more people coming to Mass especially at the 9.30 and 11am Sunday Masses. The plan is that from next week the 6pm on Saturday night and 8am on Sunday morning will have every other pew closed off to allow for safe distancing. For those who feel more comfortable with this arrangement please attend one of these two Masses. All other Masses will no longer have cordoned-off pews but we ask everyone to respect the one metre distance between groups. Track and Trace, face coverings and sanitising of hands still apply please. Thank you.

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

CAFOD would like to thank all the parishioners for their generous support during this year and for the latest donation of £298.00. Donations to CAFOD can be made using the envelopes in the Narthex or via the office.

CAFOD 10th Anniversary of the Syrian conflict – how your donations have helped the Syrian people:

Thanks to your donations, CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. At the beginning, our focus was on delivering food and blankets through our local church partners. Then we started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living. Our latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD. Thank you.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Preparation classes will be starting in October for young people who will be in Year 9 to Year 13 and have already been baptised and made their first holy communion.

Classes will take place in the church hall from 4-5.30pm on Sundays in October and November (with a break for half term 24th and 31st October).

The confirmation will take place at the 11am Mass on the 28th November 2021.

If you or your child would like to be confirmed this year, please email the office for a form or ask for a hard copy in the presbytery. Please return your form by the 31st August 2021. Thanks!

ST THOMAS' CHURCH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Come and join us!

We are looking for 2 New Members for our team:

1. Someone with recent knowledge & experience as a Solicitor;
2. Someone who has administration skills & experience who would Act as our secretariat.

Full details of the remit of the Finance Committee and the Secretariat role can be obtained from Linda Scott in the Parish Office in person or by email canterbury@rcaos.org.uk.

Interested applicants please contact Fr Anthony in person or on anthonycharlton@rcaos.org.uk.

Masks at Mass (and in our shop too!)..... while we are gradually relaxing our Covid restrictions, we are still asking people to wear face masks, keep a social distance and be aware of your fellow worshippers' safety when at Mass and in the church shop. Full details on website <https://stthomasofcanterbury.com> Thank you