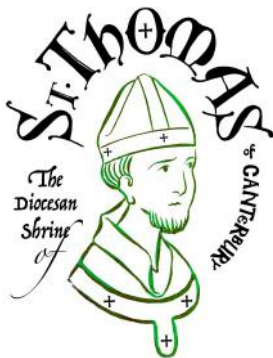


NEWSLETTER



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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): 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

Monday 23rd Aug: St Rose of Lima *Mt 23: 13-22*

7.30 am Eduardo Parajon - RIP (*Sharon Baker*)

12 noon: George Mills - RIP

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 24th Aug: St Bartholomew *Jn 1: 45-51*

12 noon: Thanksgiving: birth of Charlotte Mary Louise Lewis

2.00 pm: Memorial Mass for the late Daniella Rosher

6.00 pm: Live streamed Prayer

Wednesday 25th Aug: St Louis *Mt 23: 27-32*

7.30 am: Eileen Cookson - welfare (*Angela Nichols*)

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Welfare of Evans Grandchildren

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Thursday 26th Aug: Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God

Mt 24: 42-51

7.30 am: THERE IS NO EARLY MASS TODAY

12 noon: Daisy on her birthday

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Friday 27th Aug: St Monica *Mt 25: 1-13*

12 noon: Alan Michael on his birthday

After Mass, Adoration until 1.30pm

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: NO MASS

Saturday 28th Aug: St Augustine of Hippo *Mt 25: 14-30*

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Winifride and David Browning - RIP

6.00 pm (Vigil): Owen Maltby for his baptism (*Hilary McKernan*)

Sunday, 29th Aug: Twenty-Second Sunday (B)

Mk 7: 1-8;14-15; 21-23

8.00am: Jeremy Hammond - RIP (*Pat Metcalfe*)

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.00am: for the family of Oanh Vu (Tam)

12.15: *Baptism of Gracie Igiebor*

6.00 pm: Marco Scaparra - RIP (*Paula Scaparra*)

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: 21/22 Aug: No second collection

Next weekend: 28/29 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.

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).

Please note: The Confirmation Mass will now be on **Saturday, 27th November at 3pm.**

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. Thank you!

From Fr Anthony ...

Today we have our last reading from the sixth chapter of St John's Gospel. Those who have been with Jesus have seen the miraculous feeding of the five thousand. They have heard Jesus when he talks about himself as the word of life, the food of life. Finally, they hear him say, "my flesh is real food and blood is real drink. For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood dwells in me and I dwell in that person."

This is a moment of decision for those listening and also for the twelve. As one writer has said "Jesus has pushed and deepened the question of absolute meaning and relationship with him all the way through the Bread of Life Discourse, and we have wound up with a crucial moment: together with the disciples we must answer with an assent toward faith or reject Jesus and depart."

We hear Jesus not only asking those with him by the Sea of Galilee but to us also, "Does this upset you? The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life." Many in the crowd who up to this point considered themselves disciples found his words intolerable and left him and stopped going with him. What about you and I? Jesus turns to us and as he asked his disciples he asks us "Do you want to go away too?"

Every time we come to receive Jesus in communion we respond, "Amen". Our response is an expression of faith. We freely accept the divine presence. Are we ready also to fully embrace the demands of being disciples of Christ?

Let us join with Peter and through the grace of the Spirit be able to say, "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God."

Here is a prayer of Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.

Lord, to whom shall we go. You have the words of eternal life. We believe, Lord, strengthen our faith. Strengthen our faith as we grow in love of your holy words, as we chew them and draw life from them. Strengthen our faith in your presence in the holy bread of Eucharist. May we become what we hear and receive. May we be one with you as you live in us and we live in you. Drawing life from you, may our thinking, our values, attitudes and behaviour increasingly manifest you to the world.

O Lord, we pray for those who have walked away from your holy table. Help them to hear your word with understanding. May they receive the gift of faith and be drawn to receive your holy presence.

You have the words of eternal life.

You are the Bread of Life.

Diocesan Vacancy at St George's Cathedral, London **Site Maintenance and Caretaker**

We are looking for an experienced person to join our site maintenance and caretaking team. Based on the Cathedral site in London SE1, which includes residential and office accommodation, as well as public access spaces and a car park. The primary function of this role is to provide handyman/maintenance services across the whole estate and act as a caretaker for the site. The full advert is on the Diocesan website www.rcsouthwark.co.uk or email hr@rcaos.org.uk for more details. Closing date 3rd September 2021.

We wish Father Anthony a Blessed and invigorating retreat.

SVP THANK YOU - for last week's £645.20 donation to the SVP. Although we do not hold meetings in August, our mobile is on and we continue to provide food vouchers and support to local people in need.

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

In St Thomas' donations to CAFOD can be made using the donation box in the Narthex wall, directly with the envelopes available in the Narthex or by the electronic donation box in church (please email the office confirming date and amount)



The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, celebrated since 2015 on 1st September, kicks off the Season of Creation, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. See the notice board in the Narthex for more details. Also look at the 'Bishops of England and Wales' website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/season-of-creation/season-of-creation-background/>

Afghan Refugees: Canterbury Welcomes Refugees is working with Canterbury City Council and other organisations to welcome and support newly arriving refugee families from Afghanistan. It has just been publicised that over 100 refugees will initially be housed in a hotel in Canterbury before being found more permanent accommodation across the country. There will be children of all ages. We are looking for children's toys, new or in good condition for children of all ages. For obvious reasons do not include soldiers, toy guns or other war related items. As families do not have much space, please only relatively small toys, including toy cars, Lego, dolls, washed or new cuddly toys etc. Picture books or books with few words/language learning books are also welcome as are writing and arts and crafts materials. Some outdoor toys that can be taken to a park would also be welcome. Please drop toy donations off from Monday, 23rd August at: St Mary Bredin Church, 59 Nunnery Fields, Canterbury, CT1 3JN between 2pm and 4pm only at the church office. Any queries, please contact Svenja via canterburywelcomesrefugees@outlook.com