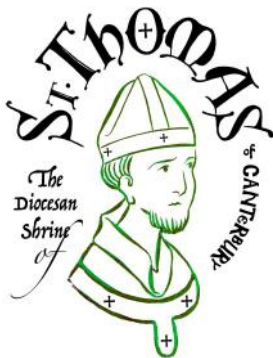


NEWSLETTER



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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St Thomas' Shop (01227 462896): OPEN SUNDAYS FROM AFTER 9.30 MASS UNTIL 12 NOON

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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): 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*)

Monday 30th Aug: Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward

Lk 4: 16-30

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

10.00am: Foundation Mass - David Riley -RIP

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 31st Aug: St Aidan & the Sts of Lindisfarne

Lk 4: 31-37

12 noon: Mrs Margaret Armstrong - RIP (*Leslie Armstrong*)

6.00 pm: Live streamed Prayer

Wednesday 1st Sept: Feria

Lk 4: 38-44

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

7.30 am: THERE IS NO EARLY MASS TODAY

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Welfare of Pat D (*Pauline Ventress*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Thursday 2nd Sept: Feria

Lk 5: 33-39

7.30 am: THERE IS NO EARLY MASS TODAY

12 noon: James Bernard Egan - RIP (*Noreen Egan*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Friday 3rd Sept: Pope St Gregory the Great *Mt 16:13-19*

12 noon: Martin Henderson - RIP

After Mass, Adoration until 1.30pm

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: NO EVENING MASS

Saturday 4th Sept: St Cuthbert

Lk 6: 1-5

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Winifred Saunders - RIP (*Jo Wilkins*)

6.00 pm (Vigil): David Heap - RIP (Christine)

Sunday, 5th Sept: Twenty-Third Sunday (B)

Mk 7: 31-37

8.00am: Joan & Harry - 40th Wedding Thanksgiving

9.30am: UCM Members & families- welfare

11.00am: Theresa, Finola & Sean Hayes (*Josie Carr*)

12.15: Baptism of Max Gabriel Panz-McIntyre

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, Rhona Rollings and Stuart Allen.

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 Wheater, Baby Francis Anthony Delaney and John Farrell

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

Joseph McKee, Douglas Ricketts, Maurice Crosland

COLLECTIONS: Our retiring collections:

This weekend: 28/29 Aug: No second collection

Next weekend: 04/05 Sept: No second collection

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

An environmentally sustainable lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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 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/>



Canon Anthony is on retreat so we have a reflection from Father John Howard:

The Queenship of Mary

On the 22nd of August was the memorial called 'The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary'. We didn't celebrate that this year because the 22nd of August fell on a Sunday, and we don't celebrate a memorial when they fall on a Sunday. I like the title of Mary as Queen, so it came to mind as a good topic for a short reflection. A reason why we call Mary Queen is that we call Jesus King. In Jewish tradition, it is not the wife of the King that is called the Queen but the Kings mother. For a fuller description of this, you could look at Brant Pitre's book and audiobook 'Jesus and the Jewish roots of Mary' or search for him on YouTube, and you're likely to find a video of him explaining the topic. One role of a Queen in Jewish tradition and ours is of intercessor. This should give us the confidence to ask Mary to intercede for us. At seminary, we would often pray to Mary as Queen of the Clergy. As a seminarian and now as a priest, I entrust myself to her. I do this because, as Queen of heaven and earth, she is the most powerful intercessor. I also entrust myself to her because without the crucifixion of Jesus, where Jesus offers himself as priest and victim, there would be no priesthood of the New Testament. Mary, the mother of Jesus, standing at the foot of the cross, is the human who felt the greatest pain of the crucifixion. She is also the human that knows and loves Jesus the most. Therefore, she is the most excellent guide for me as to what it means to be a priest and how to be a priest, for the priesthood is not a thing but a person, the person of Jesus.

From the moment of his conception, Jesus was entrusted to Mary. As a newborn, Jesus' reliance and trust in Mary was not a partial entrustment but total. As a Jew and so faithful to the fourth commandment, Jesus was and is forever honouring his mother. As Christ entrusted himself totally to Mary, so I strive to do the same. As Christ honoured his mother, so I strive to do the same. Just as Christ's Kingship was veiled and hidden while on earth, so was Mary's Queenship. In hope and joy, I look forward to seeing Mary's Queenship revealed in all its rightful majesty, splendour and glory in heaven. Mary Queen of Heaven and the Glory of all the saints - pray for us.

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.

Enclosure of Lady Loretta de Braose - 800th Anniversary
Sumposium - 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

Lands of the East

An illustrated talk by Roy Henderson on his travels around cities in China, South Korea and Japan
To be held on Saturday, 11 September, 2.30pm at St. Dunstan's Church Hall
Tea and scones afterwards
Voluntary donation £6
Tickets from Cost Cutters, St. Dunstan's St or on the door.

Coffee after 9.30am Sunday Mass

Tea and coffee, in the hall, will start again once a month on Sunday 5th September and then on the first Sunday of each month between now and the end of the year.
Over the coming months we will be rebuilding our serving teams so that, in the New Year, we can continue on a weekly basis.

RAISING FUNDS FOR CHURCHES IN KENT **RIDE AND STRIDE 2021**

This annual Event to raise funds for churches in Kent is going ahead this year on **Saturday, 11 September**. St Thomas' will be open from 10am to 5.30pm for sign in. We are looking for volunteers to staff the table where people can sign in. If you can help, please contact Linda in the church office by phone or email canterbury@rcaos.org.uk

Disclosure and Barring Service – Parish Re-check – A reminder

Please note that if your current DBS certificate is over 3 years old and you remain an active volunteer, e.g, a Eucharistic Minister, you must submit a DBS re-check. The parish safeguarding team will be happy to provide advice on the steps you need to take. (contact: canterbury2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

Over 40 applications have now been submitted from this parish and the results have already started to come through. In future, all DBS renewals and first applications can be dealt with online.
You may continue in your volunteer role while awaiting the outcome of your application. Character references for existing DBS certificate holders are not required.

ELECTRICAL WORK IN THE CHURCH Please note that remedial electrical work - to align with Health and Safety requirements, will be carried out in the church from Tuesday, 31st August to, potentially, Tuesday, 7th September on weekdays. Please expect possible interruptions to the electrical supply. Thank you