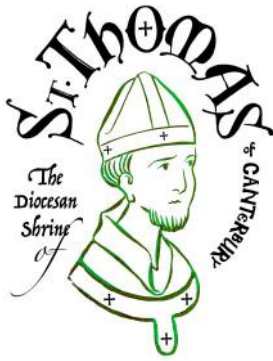


NEWSLETTER



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): 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

Monday 6th Sept: Feria

Lk 6: 6-11

7.30 am: THERE IS NO EARLY MASS TODAY

12 noon: John Wilkins - RIP (*Jo Wilkins*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 7th Sept: Feria

Lk 6: 12-19

12 noon: Anne Buyschaert Blake - RIP (*Bernard Duggan*)

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Wednesday 8th Sept: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mt 1: 1-23

7.30 am: THERE IS NO EARLY MASS TODAY

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Charlotte Purbrick - welfare (*Sue Purbrick*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Thursday 9th Sept: St Peter Claver, Priest

Lk 6: 27-38

7.30 am: Ann Silcock - welfare

12 noon: Barry Mccorkell - welfare

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7 - 8pm: Young Adults Prayer live in church

Friday 10th Sept: Feria

Mt 6:39-42

12 noon: David Todd - welfare (*Jenny Todd*)

After Mass, Adoration until 1.30pm

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Intentions of the Parish Team

Saturday 11th Sept: Feria

Lk 6: 43-49

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Mary & Marjorie Fleming - RIP (*Gadd Family*)

6.00 pm (Vigil): Cyndi Schill - RIP (*Bailey Landreville*)

Sunday, 12th Sept: Twenty-Fourth Sunday (B) *Mk 8: 27-35*

8.00am: Welfare of Pat Gibson

9.30am: People of the Parish

Baptism of Aba Rivas Craycraft

11.00am: Barry McCorkett - welfare

6.00 pm: Tracy Parsons - RIP (*Miriam Mehlin*)

2nd collection: **Catholic Education Service**

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 Wheeler, Baby Francis Anthony Delaney and John Farrell

COLLECTIONS: Our retiring collections:

This weekend: 04/05 Sept: No second collection

Next weekend: 11/12 Sept: Catholic Education Service (CES)
Over 2000 Catholic Schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educate over 800 000 students. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education and has a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments. The body also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

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

TRIP ADVISOR - if you have had a memorable experience in the church or the shop, please leave a review on Trip Advisor. We are trying to spread the word to encourage more visitors. Thanks



HARVEST FESTIVAL

We shall be celebrating Harvest Festival on the 26th of this month and are asking for food donations for Catching Lives more information will be available soon.

Canon Anthony is on Retreat so we have a guest reflection from Sister Clare Knowles:

The man who was deaf and dumb could not ask for healing himself. He had to rely on his friends who brought him to Jesus. Nevertheless, his own part in the healing required a lot of faith. He had to allow Jesus to take him away from the crowd and to touch him inside his ears and mouth. This would have taken a great deal of trust. Jesus took him apart so that the noise from the crowd would not be a sudden shock when his ears were opened. He touched the man's ears and tongue to communicate to him that his speech and hearing were being healed. Then, Jesus sighed and looked up to heaven. His prayer for the man was that he 'be opened' to God. Jesus' physical healings point to spiritual realities. I may be well able to hear but at the same time, be deaf to the truth. The world is full of noisy, distracting and confusing messages that can prevent me from hearing God's voice. If I cannot hear the message of heaven, there is no way I can speak it to others. That is why Jesus often had to allow the Spirit to lead *Him* away from the crowds to quiet places where he could hear the Father's voice. Only He can open me to heaven to hear God's word and speak it clearly. So, I need to trust the Lord every day to lead me away from the noise of the world into interior silence. Then allow Him to touch my mind with the healing message of eternal life. Taking time away from the crowd and the familiar noise of the world can feel daunting – even scary. I have to overcome my doubts: will I hear or feel anything of God or will I just be wasting time? As I enter the inner stillness, I no longer rely on my own judgements based on sense perceptions from the outside world. As St James' letter reminds me, however, we were never meant to judge by appearances. The Lord, Who looks at the heart, sees and judges everything truly. He is the only guide we can really trust. He will never fail us and is ever willing to teach and heal us. Isaiah has reassured us about this: 'Do not be afraid. Here is your God ...he is coming to save you.'

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 which will be regularly updated during the coming month. Please also see the 'Bishops of England and Wales' website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/season-of-creation/season-of-creation-background/>

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.

RAISING FUNDS FOR CHURCHES IN KENT RIDE & STRIDE

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

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.

Disclosure & 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 or Catechist, 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: canterburysg2@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, is being 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

Mary's Meals - Save The Date

On **Wednesday 8 September 2021** we will be sharing a very special announcement and marking an incredible milestone for Mary's Meals. As part of this there will be an exciting international online event at 7pm GMT that evening.

Keep your eye on our social media channels for a direct link to information on the day – we're looking forward to celebrating with you!

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.