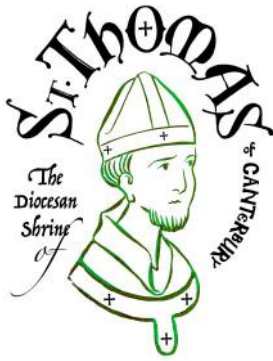


NEWSLETTER



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

2nd collection: **Catholic Education Service**

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 Mehlín*)

Monday 13th Sept: St John Chrysostom Lk 7: 1-10

7.30 am: Jeremy Hammond - RIP (*Tessa Metcalfe*)

12 noon: Leopoldo Ladia - RIP (*James Pullicino*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 14th Sept: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Jn 3: 13-17

12 noon: William McClelland - RIP (*Forrester Family*)

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Wednesday 15th Sept: Our Lady of Sorrows

Jn 19: 25-27 or Lk 2: 33-35

7.30 am: Terry Seales - RIP (*Sue Purbrick*)

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Frances & Michael-Joe Keavney - RIP

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Thursday 16th Sept: St Cornelius & St Cyprian Lk 7: 36-50

7.30 am: Foundation Mass: Lucy Richards - RIP

12 noon: Welfare of Eileen Brown

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7 - 8pm: Young Adults Prayer live in church

Friday 17th Sept: St Robert Bellarmine Lk 8: 1-3

12 noon: Sean Clancy - intentions

After Mass, Adoration until 1.30pm

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Kathleen Gribbin (*M Taylor*)

Saturday 18th Sept: Feria Lk 6: 43-49

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Par Gill - RIP (*Gadd Family*)

1.00 pm: *Wedding of Chris Sharrock & Karen Shalvey*

6.00 pm (Vigil): Thanksgiving

Sunday, 19th Sept: Twenty-Fourth Sunday (B) Mk 8: 27-35

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Thanksgiving for baby Francis Delaney & welfare of Philomena and Peter Delaney

11.00am: William, Mary & Tony Ashman - RIP (*Ashman Fam*)

6.00 pm: Maureen and Syd Pepper - RIP

2nd collection: **Home Missions**

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, Stuart Allen and Marie Sheridan

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, John Farrell, Fr Chris O'Brien and Tracy Samuels

COLLECTIONS: Our retiring collections:

This 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.

Next weekend: 18/19 Sept: Home Mission Sunday Collection for the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelisation. This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.

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.



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.

From Fr Anthony ...

I have just returned from an eight day retreat at St Beuno's in Wales. You spend the time in complete silence, meet with a person once a day to reflect on your time of prayer of the previous day and share what movements of the spirit there have been if any. It isn't "navel gazing" but moving from silence to stillness and in the stillness listening to what God is saying to you. One of the passages that I was asked to reflect on was the gospel for today.

Jesus asks the question of his disciples "Who do you say I am?"

That is a good question for all of us to reflect on: Who is Jesus for us?

We could answer this question by reciting part of the creed, or by quoting key passages from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Peter answered Jesus on behalf of the group by saying, "You are the Christ."

Peter did well. But he didn't really like what Jesus said next.

"Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and to be put to death and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly." Peter took Jesus aside and remonstrated with him. The response of Jesus was firm. "Get behind me Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's."

Today the other question for us is: Do you want to be a follower of Jesus?

Jesus says what this entails. 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

What does it mean for us to take up his cross and follow him? At the beginning of the Rite of Baptism the celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the child and says,

"I claim you for Christ our Saviour by the sign of the cross."

The prophet Ezekiel wrote of his vision of a time of repentance thus "And the Lord said to him, "Go straight through the city all through Jerusalem and mark a cross on the foreheads of all who grieve and lament over all the loathsome practices in it" (9:4) The Hebrew for cross here is Tau. At the opening of the Fourth Lateran Council Pope Innocent III used this text as a symbol of spiritual renewal of the church. Francis of Assisi heard of the Pope's use of the image and adopted the Tau sign as his signature. To take on this cross sign was turning the turning away from sinful ways and having a commitment to the standard of Christ.

Lord give me the grace today to begin again as your disciple in word and action. I abandon myself into your hands, do with me what you will. I am ready for all. I accept all. Let only your will be done in me.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd The Level I course focuses on the 3-6 year old child, but is the foundation for all three levels of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Further training is required for Level II (6-9 year olds) and Level III (9-12). The course includes theological reflections on scripture and liturgy, presentations as given to children, practicum, and material making. It is ideal for catechists, parents, priests, or anyone else interested in learning to listen to God with children. Part A of the training is from 9.00 am to 4.00pm on 23-24 October 2021; 20 November (Saturday only); 15-16 January 2022; 12-13 March 2022. Part B will be held over 3 weekends in the autumn of 2022 - dates to be announced. The course will be held at Christ the King Parish, 29 Bramley Road Cockfosters London, N14 4HE. If you would like to know more about this training please join us on Zoom, an introductory session will be held Monday, Sept. 27, 7:00-8:00 pm. Please email Nancy Wood to receive a link to the meeting (cgsnancywood@outlook.com)

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Programme 2022
We would like to tell you our proposed plan for the First Holy Communion Programme for 2022. The children's sessions will be each Sunday starting at 9 am sharp in the hall, then joining the congregation at the 9.30 am Mass, just before the offertory. There will be five parent sessions on Monday evenings at 7.30pm, the first of which will be on Monday the 21st February 2022. The programme will begin on Sunday the 27th February 2022. The First Communion Day will be Sunday the 19th June, the Feast of Corpus Christi, at the 9.30 am and 11.00 am Masses. If you would like your child to participate, please email the Presbytery (canterbury@rcaos.org.uk) for a registration form. Children must be Year 3 or above. Completed registration forms must be returned to the Presbytery with the child's baptismal certificate attached by the 23rd January 2022.

BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE with Mauro Iannicelli
The next course starts: **Wed 29th Sept, 2021** and consists of 8 Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm UK Time) online.
Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org (link: <https://comeandsee.org/register-bible>)

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.

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is an online course for all in Southwark who wish to know their Catholic faith more deeply. Participants will take a two-year journey through the Church's teaching to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy.
The course will commence in October 2021 and the cost will be £365 per year. Registration must be completed in advance. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

100 Club Winners. Our 100 Club winners for September 2021 are Bernard Packer (No. 37) and Philip Gascoyne (No. 12).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult) Starting soon.
Who is it for?
Adults who want to become Catholic
Catholic adults who want to make their First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation
Come and see: If you are interested in joining the RCIA program but still have questions. Come to the church on **Saturday the 2nd of October at 3 pm** for a short talk on RCIA, an opportunity to ask questions, and an informal chat over tea or coffee.
The weekly sessions begin on **Wednesday the 13th of October at 7.30 pm**
For more information, email Fr John; johnhoward@rcaos.org.uk