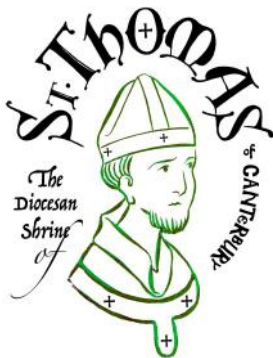


NEWSLETTER



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 from 1.00pm to 1.30pm for lunch)

ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

2nd collection: Home Missions

6.00 pm (Vigil): Thanksgiving

Sunday, 19th Sept: Twenty-Fifth Sunday (B) Mk 9: 30-37

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*)

12.15: *Baptism of Pauline Grace Devlin*

6.00 pm: Maureen and Syd Pepper - RIP

Monday 20th Sept: St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs Lk 7: 1-10

7.30 am: Justina Joseph Edet - RIP

12 noon: Rob McGillie - RIP

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

6.00 pm: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday 21st Sept: St Matthew, Apostle Mt 9: 9-11

12 noon: Leelamma Sebastian - RIP (*Tish Joy*)

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Wednesday 22nd Sept: Feria Lk 9: 1-6

7.30 am: Marie Sheridan - Welfare (*Crow Family*)

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Lee Jordan - RIP (*Alison Jordan-Hargreaves*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Thursday 23rd Sept: St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Lk 9: 7-9

7.30 am: Robert Sibson - welfare (*Solitude Group*)

12 noon: Intentions of Sean Clancy

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7 - 8pm: Young Adults Prayer live in church

Friday 24th Sept: Our Lady of Walsingham Lk 9: 18-22

10 am: Funeral Service of Mrs Tracy Samuals at Barham

12 noon: Our Lady of Walsingham (*Cherry Stone*)

After Mass, Adoration until 1.30pm

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Thelma Straussi - welfare

Saturday 25th Sept: Feria Lk 9: 43-45

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Enda Ring - RIP (*Oscar Ring*)

1.30pm: *Baptism of Esme Isabel Zielicka Hardy*

6.00 pm (Vigil): James Long & Fermina Ortega - welfare

Sunday, 26th Sept: Twenty-Sixth Sunday (B) Mk 9: 38-48

DAY OF PRAYER FOR HARVEST

8.00am: Vinod & Family - health & wellbeing (*Jolly Vinod*)

9.30am: for Filipino Community & Families

11.00am: Mr Sebastian & Mr Varghese - RIP

6.00 pm: People of the Parish

2nd collection: SVP

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 Wheeler, Baby Francis Anthony Delaney, John Farrell, Fr Chris O'Brien and Tracy Samuels

COLLECTIONS: Our retiring collections:

This 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.

Next weekend: 25/26 Sept: SVP. Please continue your generous support for the wonderful work of the SVP team.

SAVE THE DATE:

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday, 01 October. Envelopes for donations available in the Narthex.

Quiz Night - Saturday, 13th November at 7-pm in Church Hall
Christmas Fair - Sunday, 12 December, at 10.30 am in Hall

SEEKING SANCURARY are holding a Prayer Service to Mark the eve of the World Day for Migrants and refugees on 25th September - see poster in Narthex for details.

Kentish Saints and Martyrs, 600-1600

Please see details in the Narthex and on the website for this week of presentations starting on Saturday, 18th September. On Saturday, 25th September at 7.30 pm we are hosting Prof. Rachel Koopmans of York University, Toronto, who is speaking on "The Role of Clothing in Thomas Becket's Life and Cult".



HARVEST FESTIVAL 26 September 2021

Our harvest displays is up - please add donations directly to the display. A list of needed items is in the Narthex, on our website and Facebook page. There will be tea and cakes after the 9:30am mass in the 26th. All proceeds will be donated to Catching Lives.

From Fr Anthony ...

This Sunday we have the second prophecy of Jesus concerning his suffering, death and resurrection. What he was telling his disciples seemed to go over their heads. Mark relates that they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him what he meant. Instead they were having an argument among themselves about who is the greatest.

Their minds were preoccupied with the desire for power and self-assertion.

What Jesus was offering was a new way of being a disciple—the way of service. Jesus is saying that you can only rule and govern through a life of service. What Jesus is doing is redefining power and greatness through his call to rule and govern through service. He called the disciples to give and give generously.

The Greek word used for service is diakoneo, which has the connotation of service of love.

Jesus then places a child in the midst of the disciples to shift their focus of attention.

Jesus says, "I do not want you to be concerned with the greatest among you but rather the least and most humble members of the community."

Today the status of children is very different. Today we have a child-centered approach, in education and family life. This will always put the child at the centre of the learning process and meet the needs of each individual child. This means looking at things from the child's perspective, allowing them to participate in planning activities and events within the society.

A central focus on the child can involve looking at the child's interests and the experiences they've already received, and listening to their ideas. The children will then become part of the planning. The childcare worker's role is to give the children choices. This is a basis to ensure that the child develops independently to be able to form their own opinion.

At the time of Jesus things were very different. The child was the "last of all." In ancient society children were viewed as non-persons who had no legal rights or status of their own. So, by putting the child in their midst, Jesus was calling his disciples and us to have a new esteem and responsibility toward those who seem most helpless or inconsequential. Jesus was saying "To receive a little one is to accept, lovingly serve, and care for those who most need it and cannot repay it."

We are called to welcome a person for the sake of Jesus and in deference to him.

Jesus identifies with those who are most insignificant in the eyes of the world.

We need to ask ourselves today: "Who are the most insignificant in the eyes of the world. Do I identify with them?"

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd The Level I course focuses on the 3-6 year old child. 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
If you would like your child to participate in the 2022 programme, 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.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult) Starting soon.
Who is it for? *Adults who want to become Catholic, Catholic adults wanting 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.
Weekly sessions begin on **Wednesday 13 October at 7.30 pm**
For more information, email Fr John; johnhoward@rcaos.org.uk

City Impact is recruiting for an **Assistant Youth Worker** to support our **Canterbury City Centre Youth Drop-in Café**.
3-5 hrs per week (flexible but usually Mondays, Fixed term contract October 2021 to February 2022 For more information email info@cityimpact.co.uk. Closing date is 30th September 2021.

Favour House are making the conference, **Limitless Outpouring** at 4pm on Saturday 9th October at St Andrew's URC available to the churches of Canterbury – everyone is welcome to attend. The speaker is Pastor Steve Uppal. For more information, email King James at Favour House on office@favourhousechurch.com

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>)

SIGNING SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOL FORMS

Canon Anthony has made himself available on Tuesday, 21st September between 3.00pm and 4.40 pm and again between 6.30pm and 7.30pm to sign forms. Please feel free to come in to the Presbytery, 59 Burgate during these times to get the forms signed. Please wear face coverings.

The **Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis** which celebrated its first anniversary this month (September 2021), supports parishes in terms of evangelisation, catechesis and formation. If you would like to find out more about courses, resources and support they offer please visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk>; follow them on various social media platforms @aecsouthwark or subscribe to their free monthly newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/heWjml>

Some course offerings are:

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. More information at: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

Evangelium Online Course - a full refresher and overview of the Catholic faith led by Fr Marcus Holden (co-author of Evangelium). Each session is 'live' with opportunities for discussion and questions. Optional follow-up activities and further reading links are provided and a certificate of completion is given by the Agency. To register for this FREE course, beginning 26th September please visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/evangeliumonlinecourse21-22>

Some Definite Service - The Church is made up of people and so is *Some Definite Service* - Catechists, Formators, Evangelisers, Deanery Mentors, Parish Leads. It is the goal and intention of the Agency and the archdiocese to invest time and energy in all involved in *Some Definite Service*, to ensure that those working in ministry are supported and do not feel isolated. Are you being called to be part of this network in a particular way? For more information, please visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds>.