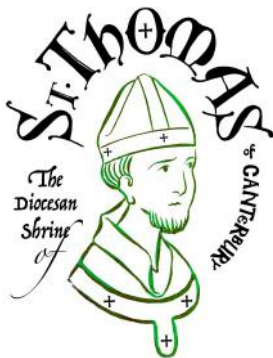


NEWSLETTER



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: SVP

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

Monday 27th Sept: St Vincent de Paul Lk 9: 46-50

7.30 am: Anastasia, John & Christine - RIP

12 noon: Sheila Charlton - RIP

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 28th Sept: St Wenceslaus Lk 9: 51-56

12 noon: David Ribbans - RIP (Rizalina Ribbans)

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Wednesday 29th Sept: Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael - Archangels Jn 1: 47-51

7.30 am: Kathleen Gribbin

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: John Crowley - welfare (Josie Carr)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Thursday 30th Sept: St Jerome Lk 10: 1-12

7.30 am: People of England - forgiveness & healing (Slawek)

12 noon: Joseph Thomas - RIP (Kanny Family)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7 - 8pm: Young Adults Prayer live in church

Friday 1st October: St Therese of the Child Jesus Lk 10: 13-16

HARVEST FAST DAY - envelopes on the benches

12 noon: Chris Silcock on his birthday (Cherry)

After Mass, Adoration until 1.30pm

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Wim Van Vuuren - RIP (Van Vuuren-Cassar Fam)

Saturday 2nd Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels Mt 18: 1-5,10

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Intentions of Heloise (Sue Purbrick)

6.00 pm (Vigil): John Wilkins - RIP (Jo Wilkins)

Sunday, 3rd Oct: Twenty-Seventh Sunday (B) Mk 10: 2-16

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: UCM Members & Families- welfare

11.00am: Matthew & Mary Quedsted - RIP (Mary Reynolds)

6.00 pm: Hughie Martin - RIP (Hugh Connelly)

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

Next weekend: 02/03 Oct: CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY.

Please return envelopes with donations from the Family Fast Day on Friday, 1st October this weekend.

SAVE THE DATE:

Canterbury Medieval Pageant and Trail - 16 October 2021 Our Church is open for visiting and as part of the family trail.

Quiz Night - Saturday, 13th November at 7-pm in Church Hall

Christmas Fair - Sunday, 12 December, at 10.30 am in Hall

Parish Volunteers – DBS Re-check Process – A reminder - Creating an on-line account

As a result of the re-check process in July, many applications have now received a clearance certificate from the archdiocese. Volunteers are highly recommended to create an online account within 30 days of the receipt of their certificate; the service is free of charge. Details of the online link are:

www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service followed by registration for the update service.

You are welcome to contact the safeguarding team (canterburysg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) if you require assistance in creating the online account.

Thank you!

When the new translation of the missal was introduced in 2011, a friend of mine was very disappointed that the phrase in the Apostles creed "he descended to the dead" was now translated "he descended into hell". I think there are many who feel uncomfortable about the mention of hell. In the past it was used to frighten people into doing the right thing. Yet here it is in the Gospel for today used by Jesus.

Jesus talks about cutting off the sinful hand or foot and tearing out the sinful eye and throwing them into hell. Jesus is not advocating self-mutilation. As one writer pointed out. "We must ask what these organs of the body represent. What seat of energy is located in each one of them?"

We use our hands to welcome and greet, to serve and give, to heal and caress, to reconcile and unite. We use our hands to praise God in work and prayer. Yet our hands can be cold and withdrawn, closed, used to steal and hurt. These hands are already cut off from Christ.

Our feet carry us on mission. Our feet stand firm in storm and trial. Yet they can be used by us to run from responsibility, shifting with every passing wind, marching with menace and terror. They do not belong to Christ.

Our eyes are the window of the soul. They let in God's light, and fill us with wonder. Our eyes are windows that shine out with God's love which is in our heart with attentiveness, caring and love.

But these same eyes can be smudged and darkened. They can be filled with lust and violence. Dark shifty eyes express hatred, prejudice and coldness.

Our hands, feet and eyes are made for Gods service. If we don't use them in this way then they deserve to be put out with the rubbish.

The word Hell in the Gospel of Mark is translated from the greek γέεννα, Gehenna. The Greek word is formed from the Aramaic *Ge-hinnam*=the valley of Hinnom. This was the name of the valley to the south of Jerusalem where at one time children were offered in sacrifice to Moloch mentioned in the book of Jeremiah. Later it was made the dumping ground for the refuse of the city. Father Sylvester O'Flynn writes: "The rubbish dump is never without a fire and the maggots and bacteria are ever busily decomposing all matter there. Preachers and artists down the ages have exaggerated the image of fire beyond all proportion and context. Here it means the rubbish dump of wasted life and talent. Belonging to Christ or to the rubbish dump? Where does my life, every part of it, stand.?"

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

Canterbury Medieval Pageant and Trail - Sat, 16 October 2021

As part of this local event, our Church is open for visiting and as part of the family trail with activities in both the church and the hall. We are looking for volunteers to help with this project. This involves being present in either the church or the hall and distributing information booklets, providing stamps for families doing the trail and being ambassadors for our church. The trail is on from 11.30 am to 5.00pm so we need helpers for these times. Please contact Linda in the office if you can help. Thank you

FUND RAISING REQUEST FROM THE SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR

(Maria Stella Matutina): Sr Florence Laetitia writes: *"a very good friend of ours, Fr David Howell, has organised a fundraising initiative to help finance the central heating project for the convent. He has found an extremely generous benefactor who has offered to match all donations made before the 1st Oct, the feast of St Therese of Lisieux. Donations via: [Convent fundraising appeal – Sisters of Mary Morning Star](#)
Thank you for your generosity, we keep you in our prayers.
Sr Florence Laetitia and sisters*

MAGNIFICAT - A limited number of the monthly printed versions of Magnificat are available in the Shop at £5.00 each. Please support our Parish Shop.

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.

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>

This weekend we are giving thanks for the Harvest. We also remember those who have little or no food to eat and all those in need. The food you see on the sanctuary will be distributed to the charity "Catching Lives" and there is Tea and Coffee after 9:30 am Mass on Sunday. Any contributions will also go to this charity.

God of harvest,
gardener supreme,
you place us at the centre,
feed us, equip us and,
having provided for us,
look to a different harvest,
a fruitfulness of lives
in service to you,
and others.
God of harvest,
feed us,
prune us,
harvest us,
that our lives
might bring glory to you.