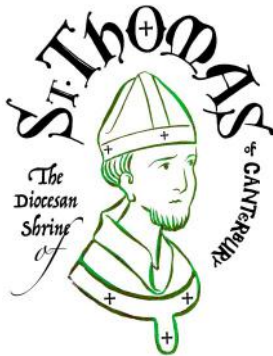


NEWSLETTER



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 from 1.00pm to 1.30pm for lunch)

ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

2nd collection: **PACT**

6.00 pm (Vigil): Anna McCann - RIP (*Una Harris*)

Sunday, 10th Oct: Twenty-Eighth Sunday (B) *Mk 10: 2-16*

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

8.00am: Cardinal Merry del Val - RIP

9.30am: Thanksgiving for Carlos (*Ignatio Family*)

11.00am: Thanksgiving - Tom & Josie Carr

4.00pm: *Confirmation Session in Hall*

6.00 pm: People of the Parish

Monday 11th Oct: St John XXIII, Pope *Lk 11: 29-32*

7.30 am: Cookson Family - RIP (*Angela Nichols*)

12 noon: Intentions of Mary Wright

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 12th Oct: St Wilfrid, Bishop *Lk 11: 37-41*

7.30am: Santhosh Sebastian - wellbeing

NO MASS AT 12 NOON: PRIESTS AT DEANERY MEETING

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

3.30 - 5.30 pm: *School Form signing in Presbytery*

7.00 - 9.00 pm: *School Form signing in Presbytery*

Wednesday 13th Oct: St Edward the Confessor *Lk 11:42-46*

7.30 am: Maria McWaters on her birthday (*Angela Sheehy*)

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Paddy Creed - RIP (*Tony and Erica Grace*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: *RCIA in the Hall*

Thursday 14th Oct: St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr *Lk 11:47-54*

7.30 am: Kath Messent - RIP (*Tessa Metcalfe*)

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

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30 - 8.30pm: Young Adults Prayer live in church

Friday 15th Oct: St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila) *Lk 12: 1-7*

12 noon: Funeral of late Josephine Howard

After Mass, Adoration until 1.30pm

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Frances & Michael-Joe Keavney - RIP (*Mary & Geraldine*)

Saturday 16th Oct: St Hedwig *Lk 12: 8-12*

9.30 am: *Altar Servers' meeting in the church*

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

11.30 - 17.00: Canterbury Medieval Pageant - church open

12 noon: Nicholas Family - RIP (*Angela Nichols*)

6.00 pm (Vigil): Marie Sheridan - welfare (*Jenny Todd*)

Sunday, 17th Oct: (B) *Mk 10: 35-45*

8.00am: Thanksgiving (*Vinod Anthony & Family*)

9.30am: Archbishop Michael Bowen - RIP

11.00am: Catherine (Kath) Packer -

RIP (*Bernard Packer*)

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, 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, Marie Sheridan and Tom Carr

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, Tracy Samuels, Josephine Howard and Canon Richard Hearn

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

Patricia Collins

COLLECTIONS: Our retiring collections:

This weekend: 9/10 Oct: PACT The Catholic charity providing support to men, women and young people in prison, people with convictions, and their children and families.

Next weekend: 16/17 Oct: Monthly collection for the **SVP**.

ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING. Please would all Altar servers attend a meeting with Fr Anthony and Fr John in the church on Saturday, 16th October at 9.30am. Thank you

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2021

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

MASKS IN CHURCH. Please remember to bring your face mask and wear it in the church, especially at Mass. Thank you

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.

CONGRATULATIONS 100 Club Winners for October:

Rhys Scott (No. 7) and Mary Scott (No 32)

There was an eagerness in the young man who ran up to Jesus. We know he was a wealthy man who followed the Jewish law and kept the commandments. His question to Jesus was simple. "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Perhaps he is thinking that he can earn his way into heaven. He had a feeling he was not doing enough. There was something missing in his life. I love the sentence that says "Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him."

Then Jesus threw down a challenge. The man lacked one thing. Jesus asked him to sell all he had, give the money to the poor then follow him. At that moment it was a step too far for him. "His face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth." When I read this story I imagine him going home and thinking about what Jesus asked of him and then perhaps later searching Jesus out and saying "Ok, I will do this and I will follow you."

Jesus had wanted him to come to faith. He wanted the young man to trust him. What was stopping him was his wealth. He was clinging onto his possessions. You could say that his wealth possessed him. Jesus was calling him to go deeper, to let go.

For me, when I hear this story I ask myself: "what am I clinging onto? Is there anything in my life that is preventing me from seeking God with all my heart. Jesus, when he says "follow me" he was asking the man to rely on God, to live by grace and let go of what he thinks he can't do without. Here are questions we can ponder this week.

Is Jesus enough for me? Am I willing to allow God to be my strength and security?

In what do I ultimately trust? Could it be money, possessions, status or power? Am I willing to let go of whatever hinders my full commitment to Jesus and his way.

It is important to remember that Jesus looks at you and loves you. It is never too late. Allow the gaze of Christ to fill you with hope and strength and joy.

The response to the psalm today is: "Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice."

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

YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH

When you move on to the next life, you can make your lifetime of faith live on through a gift in your Will. By leaving a legacy in your will to the Church you can continue to support many ministry initiatives both in the wider church community and your local Parish. More information is available in the pamphlets in the Narthex, on our website or through the archdiocese website www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

CANTERBURY SOLITUDE GROUP

At the present time, a monthly reflection is sent out to group members on the third Friday of the month, and optional sharing is carried out either by zoom at 11.15 Saturday morning, or by email response. For any further information please contact Joan Blows- 07801 768867

CANA WELCOME FOR COUPLES

Cana Welcome is an opportunity for couples to strengthen and enrich their marriage or long-term relationship. The event is on the **13th October at 8.00pm** for 45 minutes. , the link is

www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/programmes/cana/cana-welcome/.

Please contact us and we will send you a Zoom invitation to find out more or answer your questions. Juliet & Richard Burnford

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CANA UK Email: canaukinfo@gmail.com Website: www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/programmes/cana/cana-welcome/

Further information at: <http://www.laityfamilylife.va>

The Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission Autumn Assembly 2021

entitled 'COP26: What next?' in a continued response to the huge environment issues of our time. At Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Brixton Hill, Saturday 20th November from 10am onwards. Entrance is free. Everyone welcome.

Email jpiccontact@rcaos.org.uk to reserve your place. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

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

REST IN PEACE CANON RICHARD HEARN

Just after 6pm on Thursday 7th October Canon Richard Hearn died following a brief illness, he was 56 years old. Many of you will know him from the time he spent here as assistant and then as a prison chaplain.

With a successful and high-flying career in banking ahead of him; rather, he chose the call of the Lord Jesus, entering St John's Seminary in Womersley in 2000, and being ordained to the priesthood in his home parish of St Lawrence at Sidcup in 2006.

The Archbishop John Wilson said of him: "A man of integrity and ability; eighteen months-ago he accepted, with great generosity, my invitation to become Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia: a challenging and new responsibility in which he excelled, revealing the true depth of his capabilities, both professional and pastoral. This role he combined with many others, all of which he enjoyed: in prison ministry; as Cathedral Dean; and as Master of Ceremonies to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in the Lieutenancy of England and Wales, holding the rank of Knight Commander. Whatever role or task he undertook, he did it with passion and excellence."

Let us pray for his many friends and all who loved him. We pray for Richard, priest, and disciple of the Lord Jesus, praying for his eternal salvation, believing and knowing that "... if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." (Rom. 14:8).

Details of the funeral arrangements for Canon Richard will follow once they have been confirmed.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING. Fr Anthony will be available to sign supplementary school application forms on **Tuesday, 12 October** from 3.30pm - 5.30pm and 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Please remember to wear a face mask in the Presbytery. Thank you