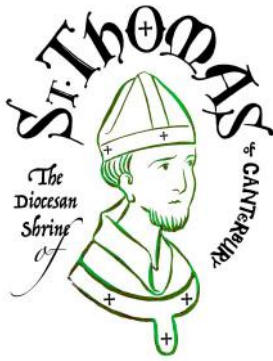


# NEWSLETTER



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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): Marie Sheridan - welfare (*Jenny Todd*)

**Sunday, 17th Oct: Twenty-Ninth Sunday (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*)

4.00pm: Confirmation Session in Hall

6.00 pm: People of the Parish

**Monday 18th Oct: St Luke the Evangelist** Lk 10: 1-9

7.30 am: Shaun De Wolf - RIP (*Mary de Wolf*)

12 noon: Thanksgiving (*Velho Family*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

**Tuesday 19th Oct: Sts John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues  
and companions** Lk 12: 35-38

12 noon: Roy Alexander Shersby - RIP (*P Osborne*)

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 20th Oct: Feria** Lk 11:42-46

7.30 am: Charlie & Elizabeth Lee & Family - welfare

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Dermot Egan - RIP (*Noreen Egan*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: RCIA in the Hall

**Thursday 21st Oct: Feria** Lk 12:39-48

7.30 am: Rev. Canon Richard Hearn - RIP

12 noon: Naomi Jane Tod - healing (*Sr Clare*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30 - 8.30pm: Young Adults Prayer live in church

**Friday 22nd Oct: St John Paul II, Pope** Lk 12: 54-59

12 noon: Private Intentions

After Mass, Adoration until 1.30pm

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: For the Cash Family (*Philomena and family*)

**Saturday 23rd Oct: St John of Capistrano** Lk 13: 1-9

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Helena Bap - RIP (*Marta Gocek*)

6.00 pm (Vigil): Maximillian Ty - RIP (*Ty Family*)

**Sunday, 24th Oct: Thirtieth Sunday (B)** Mk 10: 46-52

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Filipino Community and families

11.00am: Sebastian and Keith Purbrick (*Sue Purbrick*)

6.00 pm: Noreen Egan (*Helen Howie*)

2nd collection: Missio

## 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, Tom Carr and Shaena Netherill

### 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, 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: 16/17 Oct:** Monthly collection for the SVP.

**Next weekend: 23/24 Oct:** Collection for Missio - the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. This collection goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. All donations go directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories - local church directly helping local church.

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022.

**PARISH TOILETS:** The toilets in the Hall Foyer will now be opened for use by parishioners during Mass times.

## From Fr Anthony ...

At all the Masses this weekend a letter from our Archbishop John Wilson will be read out to mark the opening of the Synod that will take place in 2023. Copies are available at the back of the church and you can read it on line. We are all invited by Pope Francis to begin a journey of listening attentively to the Lord and each other. As Archbishop John says, this process is called Synodal. The word Synod comes from two Greek words which mean "journeying forward on the way together." Each parish is asked to rediscover together "laity, clergy and religious what it means to be a servant church rooted in Christ who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

In his book "Let us Dream" published last year, Pope Francis says he wanted to develop "this ancient process not just for the sake of the Church but as service to a humanity that is so often locked in paralysed disagreements". He says, "the goal of the synod is not so much to forge agreement as to recognise, honour and reconcile differences on a higher plane where the best of each can be retained". The Pope makes a couple of important points about this process that we are all embarking on.

He says, "in speaking of synodality, its important not to confuse Catholic doctrine and tradition with the church's norms and practices. What is under discussion at synodal gatherings are not traditional truths of Christianity doctrine. The Synod is concerned mainly with how the teaching can be lived and applied in the changing contexts of our time."

The other point he makes is vital. We must remember that role of the Holy Spirit is paramount. "We listen, we discuss in groups, but above all we pay attention to what the Spirit has to say to us. That is why I ask everyone to speak frankly and to listen carefully to others because, there, to, the Spirit is speaking".

The lessons that Pope Francis wishes us to learn from this process of walking together, reading the signs of the times, being open to the new things of the spirit are:

- A. To learn to journey together to seek God's will, allowing difference to harmonise;
- B. We might have change our way of thinking and our way of seeing, to shed our agenda and look in places we have never noticed before;
- C. This is a patient process which does not come easily to our impatient age.

Here is the prayer we can say when we meet together.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

### SAVE THE DATE:

**Blessing of the Graves: Sun, 7th November at 2.30pm** at Canterbury Cemetery

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

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

**QUIZ NIGHT:** Our Quiz night is on 13th November from 7pm in the church Hall. Get a team together and come joins us for a fun, family friendly evening . More information will be available soon from our newsletter and website.

**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

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 20<sup>th</sup> November from 10am onwards. Entrance is free. Everyone welcome. Email [piccontact@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:piccontact@rcaos.org.uk) to reserve your place. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

### SYNODAL PROCESS FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH:

The Holy Father launched the Synodal Process for the Universal Church last weekend (a link to the Homily of Pope Francis can be found at [www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2021/documents/20211010-omelia-sinodovescovi.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2021/documents/20211010-omelia-sinodovescovi.html))

On Sunday, 17 October 2021, Archbishop John Wilson will launch the Synodal Process in Southwark with a livestreamed Mass at St George's Cathedral (10am – link here: <https://youtu.be/aiCHG9JuqaY>).

**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](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk)

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