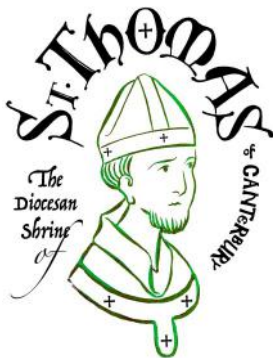


# NEWSLETTER



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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): 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 Queded - RIP (*Mary Reynolds*)

12.15 *Baptism of Jude Thomas Campion*

4.00pm: Confirmation Session in Hall

6.00 pm: Hughie Martin - RIP (*Hugh Connelly*)

**Monday 4th Oct: St Francis of Assisi Lk 10: 25-37**

7.30 am: Care of Creation (*Joan and Roberta*)

12 noon: John Farrell - RIP (*Patricia Holmes and Family*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

**Tuesday 5th Oct: St Faustina Kowalska Lk 10: 38-42**

12 noon: Tom Nichols - RIP (*Angela Nichols*)

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 6th Oct: St Bruno Lk 11: 1-4**

7.30 am: Robin and Richard's Intentions

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Doris Samuel - RIP (*Kanny Family*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

**Thursday 7th Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary Lk 11: 5-13**

7.30 am: Marie Sheridan - welfare (*E M Murphy*)

12 noon: Andrew Strain - RIP (*Jeannette Da Silva*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7 - 8pm: Young Adults Prayer live in church

**Friday 8th Oct: Feria Lk 11: 15- 26**

12 noon: John Wilkins - RIP (*Jo Wilkins*)

*After Mass, Adoration until 1.30pm*

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: David Todd - welfare (*Jenny Todd*)

**Saturday 9th Oct: St John Henry Newman Lk 11: 27-28**

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Susie Lee - RIP (*Elizabeth*)

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

## 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, Tracy Samuels and Josephine Howard

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

Patricia Collins

### COLLECTIONS: Our retiring collections:

**This weekend: 02/03 Oct: CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY.**

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

**Next weekend: 9/10 Oct:** No second collection this weekend.

### 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.

**Parish Volunteers – DBS Online Accounts** Please remember to create an online account within 30 days of receiving your updated DBS Certificate. Please contact the safeguarding team ([canterburysg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:canterburysg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)) if you require assistance.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Father Peter Geldard, who will be celebrating 25 years ordained as a Catholic Priest on Monday, 4th October 2021.

**THURSDAY SCRIPTURE GROUP** The group is not meeting at present but the situation will be reviewed after Christmas, COVID status permitting. Thank you, Patty Baxter.

## From Fr Anthony ...

This is the first weekend of October. We, in the northern hemisphere, are experiencing the season of Autumn and the clocks go back on the 30th of this month. Apparently, the night sky is clearer this month and thus good for stargazing.

For us in the parish, this weekend we are our beginning a six-week preparation course for our young people who will be confirmed in November. Also, this month the Journey in Faith (RCIA) programme is starting for adults who will be baptised, confirmed or received into full communion with the church next Easter. Please remember them all in your prayers.

In the series "The God who Speaks" this month we are taking a closer look at St Luke, his Gospel and ways to celebrate his Feast Day on 18th October. St Luke's Gospel also contains the most complete infancy narrative of all the Gospels – if you're already excited for Christmas then check out [Bible Society's resources](#), that are on offer now.

A word that we will be hearing a lot in the coming months is synod. Every parish in the diocese have been asked to be involved in the synod taking place in Rome in 2023. It's an invitation for us, as Catholics, to 'walk together' and every member of the Church has the right to speak, and the obligation to allow those charged with the work of discernment the freedom to do so. For the first time, the Synod Office in Rome has produced a comprehensive process which encompasses the stated aim of the Holy Father that the Church in today's world should have a vision of missionary communion orientated to evangelisation. Archbishop John Wilson will be opening the process with a pastoral letter that will be read at all Masses on 17th October.

The Pope Francis prayer intention for this month of October is that we be Missionary Disciples. We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

World Mission Sunday is on Sunday 24th October. It's the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together to support mission. It is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community are invited to join this special event, and every penny, pound and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work. The theme this year is: We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard.

Every weekday this month the Rosary will be recited at 11:30am in the church. October is the month of the Rosary. Let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

On Friday 22nd October Monsignor Canon John and myself will be going to St John's Seminary, Womersley near Guildford where we both trained over 40 years ago. We will be concelebrating with many others at a Mass of Thanksgiving to mark the closing of the Seminary after 130 years. It marked the end of an era and the beginning of a new way for forming men for the ministerial priesthood.

**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)

**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

### 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

### 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.

**OCTOBER ROSARIES 2021** If you would like to lead the praying of the Rosary at 11.20 before the 12 noon Mass from Monday to Friday during October, please let Linda in the office know.

**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.

### 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

### CANA WELCOME FOR COUPLES

Caná Welcome is an opportunity for couples to strengthen and enrich their marriage or long-term relationship. A small group of couples, often parish-based, meet together for nine monthly sessions to consider a range of topics important in all relationships. Each participant has their own workbook which guides the group through the course and sessions are supported by a lead couple. There is also an opportunity for couples to come together for a weekend in Storrington Abbey, West Sussex. The event is on the **13<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm** for 45 minutes. There will be a short talk and introduction followed by the shared experience of one couple and an opportunity to ask questions. If you already know about CANA Welcome and wish to register or obtain the packs, the link is [www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/programmes/cana/cana-welcome/](http://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 +44 (0) 7801880236 (Juliet); +44 (0) 7764831308 (Richard)  
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Further information is also on the international website <http://www.laityfamilylife.va>

**Harvest Festival.** Thank you all for your generosity with our Harvest appeal. Our tea & cakes raised £125.25p for Catching Lives.