

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: **Lepra**

6.00 pm (Vigil): Deceased members: Munoz & Ty Families
Sunday, 31st Oct: All Saints Mt 5: 1-12
8.00am: Brian & Mary - 45th Wedding Anniversary
9.30am: Geoff & Barbara Smith - Golden Wedding Anniv.
11.00am: People of the Parish
6.00 pm: Wim Van Vuuren - RIP (*Van Vuuren-Cassar Fam.*)

Monday 1st Nov: Feria Lk 14: 12-14
7.30 am: David John Ribbans - RIP
12 noon: Teresa Kelly & Maria Sadler - RIP (*Bernadette Lyons*)
6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 2nd Nov: The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Mk 15: 33-39, 16: 1-6
9.30 am: For all the faithful departed
12 noon: Caetano Velho - RIP (*Velho Family*)
6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer
7.30pm: Deceased members of the Scott & Birss Families

Wednesday 3rd Nov: St Martin de Porres Lk 14: 25-33
7.30 am: for 153 Confirmandii & Priest in St John the Baptist Church, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration
12 noon: Christine Strain - RIP (*Jeannette Da Silva*)
Synod Session in the hall after Mass
12 noon: *Funeral of Edward Asplin at Barham Crematorium*
6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer
7.30pm: *RCIA in the Hall*

Thursday 4th Nov: St Charles Borromeo Lk 16: 1-10
7.30 am: Kazimierz Krynicki - RIP (*Mrs Krynicki*)
12 noon: Gus' intentions (*Sue Purbrick*)
6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer
7.30 - 8.30pm: *Young Adults Prayer live in church*
8.30 pm: *Synod Session in church for young people*

Friday 5th Nov: Feria Lk 16: 1-8
12 noon: Fr Pat Maloney - welfare (*Hilary McKernan*)
After Mass, Adoration until 1.30pm
6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer
7.30pm: Canon Richard Hearn - RIP (*Parish Requiem Mass*)

Saturday 6th Nov: Feria Lk 16: 9-15
10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration
12 noon: Ernesto Gacutan - RIP (*Mila Oligo*)

6.00 pm (Vigil): People of the Parish
Sunday, 7th Nov: Thirty-Second Sunday (B) Mk 12: 38-44
8.00am: Vinod & Family - welfare (*Jolly Vinod*)
9.30am: UCM Members & Families
Synod Session after 9.30am Mass
11.00am: John O'Driscoll - RIP (*Ashman Family*)
12.15: *Baptism of Amma and Flex children*
2.30 pm: *Blessing of the Graves at Canterbury Cemetery*
4.00pm: *Confirmation Session in the Hall*
6.00 pm: Daniel Collins - RIP (*Kathleen & Vic Bevan*)

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), 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 Wheeler, Baby Francis Anthony Delaney, John Farrell, Fr Chris O'Brien, Tracy Samuels, Josephine Howard, Canon Richard Hearn and Edward Asplin.

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

Anna Koeller and Ellen Fitz-Gerald

COLLECTIONS: Our retiring collections:

This weekend: 30/31 Oct: Collection for **Lepra**. Lepra is a charity assisting those with Leprosy around the world through provision of medical supplies, food and support.

Next weekend: 06/07 Nov: There is no second collection

Porchlight: We are supporting Porchlight with the Christmas shoebox/gift bag appeal. A donation table will be in the All Saints Chapel. Item Suggestions: Nice/luxury Christmas food (nothing that contains alcohol please) - Chocolates/sweets, New winter accessories – socks, hats, gloves, scarves, Nice toiletries – more along the lines of gift sets, rather than practical items like toothpaste. Gift vouchers. More details soon.

QUIZ NIGHT: Quiz night 13th November from 7pm. Tickets on sale after Masses on 31st, 6th & 7th November and from the Presbytery. BYO food & drinks. There's a raffle on the night of the quiz

UCM The Union of Catholic mother's will be holding their 1st face to face meeting on the 31st after the 9:30am mass in the church hall. Looking forward to seeing our members.

NOVEMBER PRAYER LISTS FOR HOLY SOULS. If you wish to add names to the November prayers for Holy Souls, please complete a form and place in the Holy Souls Box in the Narthex.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2021

People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

From Fr Anthony ...

As we enter the month of November we celebrate the Feast of all Saints. We are beginning to do this at the weekend even though 1st November on Monday. We celebrate all those who have committed themselves to Christ and have striven to live the Beatitudes. We include all those "who have gone before us with the sign of faith" (Eucharistic Prayer I). We remember all those who are named as saints by the Church and all those unnamed who are with the Lord. We celebrate all those who are with God already and our hope is that being faithful to our baptismal call we may one day join them in complete union with God.

On the 2nd November we celebrate All Souls Day. On this day we pray for all those who have died. We entrust them to God's great mercy. For us death is not merely the end of earthly life but the beginning of life in heaven with our Lord. The Church teaches that the purification of the souls in purgatory can be assisted by the actions of the faithful on earth. Its teaching is based also on the practice of prayer for the dead mentioned as far back as 2 Maccabees 12:42-46. In the West there is ample evidence of the custom of praying for the dead in the inscriptions of the catacombs, with their constant prayers for the peace of the souls of the departed and in the early liturgies, which commonly contain commemorations of the dead. Tertullian, Cyprian and other early Western Fathers witnessed the regular practice of praying for the dead among the early Christians. The theological basis for the feast is the doctrine that the souls which, on departing from the body, are not perfectly cleansed from venial sins, or have not fully atoned for past transgressions, are debarred from the Beatific Vision, and that the faithful on earth can help them by prayers, alms deeds and especially by the sacrifice of the Mass.

I have just bought a book entitled "Memento Mori" Prayers on the Last things written and edited by Sr Theresa Aletheia Noble FSP, a religious sister with the Daughters of Saint Paul. She is at the forefront of reviving the ancient discipline of *memento mori* ("remember your death"). Inspired by her order's founder, Blessed James Alberione, Sr. Theresa Aletheia put a ceramic skull on her desk in 2017 and has been meditating on her death daily ever since. She writes in the introduction: "As Christians, we must pray and meditate on death and the afterlife. Many suggest it is old fashioned or unnecessary, but meditation on the Last Things is vital to the Christian life. We should regularly consider these important questions. Where am I headed? How are my choices diminishing my humanity and leading me to evil? How are my choices responding to God's grace and leading me to what is true and good? Am I living for myself and indulging in my basest desires or am I living for heaven-union with God? Holiness requires that we ask ourselves these questions and consider all the possible answers."

MEMORIAL MASS : A parish memorial Mass for the late Canon Richard Hearn will take place here in St Thomas' on Friday, 5th November 2021 at 7.30pm.

Canterbury Christian Council AGM

Friday 12th November 2021, 1:30-2:30pm at St Andrew's URC
If you would like to attend, please email Lyndall Bywater:
lyndall@lyndallbywater.net

CATCHING LIVES WINTER SHELTER: This year the Winter Shelter runs from 01 December 2021 to 28 February 2022. St Thomas' Hall is again hosting on Fridays for the Shelter. If you wish to volunteer to help in any aspect of the Winter Shelter, please contact Paul Todd or Becky Heatman at The Canterbury Community Shelter email ccs@catchinglives.org. Volunteers need to attend induction training which is available on the following dates please email CCS to let them know you are attending: Tuesday 16th Nov 6.30- 8.30; Thursday 25th Nov 6.30- 8.30 Saturday 27th Nov 2.00- 4.00

SYNODAL PROCESS: The synod at St Thomas' continues! Thank you to all who have already come and shared your insights. We hope to see and hear from many more of you in the coming weeks. Forthcoming sessions:
- Wednesday 3 November, after 12pm Mass in the Hall
- Thursday 4 November, 8.30pm, young adults session in the church and on Zoom:
Meeting ID: [883 7767 0533](https://bit.ly/3AYipmm); Passcode: [stthomas](https://bit.ly/3AYipmm)
- Sunday 7 November, after 9.30am Mass
Refreshments provided. All welcome.

None of these times suit?
Fill in our online form at:
<https://bit.ly/3AYipmm>
or use this QR code:-
or email Sophia and John Paul:
SynodStThomas@gmail.com



All the very best, Sophia

NEW IN THE SHOP: *Real Advent Calendar* - Advent Calendar with Fairtrade chocolate Nativity Story-Activity Book - limited stocks!

SAVE THE DATE:

Blessing of Graves: Sun, 7th November, 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

Eddie Gilmore, a member of the parish, has written a book called '**Looking Ahead with Hope: Stories of Humanity, Wonder and Gratitude in a Time of Uncertainty**'. It can be ordered directly from the publisher, DLT: <https://www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk/titles/2342-9781913657420-looking-ahead-with-hope> and copies will be in the shop. Eddie will be presenting the book in word and song on Saturday, November 20th 7pm in the church, with signed copies for sale.

Spiritual Direction / Accompaniment

The Diocese of Southwark has a register of trained **Spiritual Directors**. They can be women or men, religious or lay people. Normally they meet people for about an hour every four or six weeks (but there is no fixed frequency) to listen to you and help you to discern the direction in which you feel God is calling you. Interested? Please see: southwarkdsc.org.uk/spiritual-direction

Appeal for Foundation Committee Members for St Anselm's Catholic School Canterbury

We are looking to recruit a new Foundation committee member to be a part of a vibrant Academy Committee. Being a governance committee member at St Anselm's Catholic School will enable you to become involved in the Catholic life and ethos of the school and to assist the Trust Board in challenging and supporting the school and its leaders. To find out more or get application forms, please contact the Governance Team at governance@kcsp.org.uk. More information about the role at: www.kcsp.org.uk/become-a-governance-committee-member/

CHILDREN'S LITURGY. Children's Liturgy starts in the Hall during the 9.30am Mass on a Sunday on Sunday, 7th Nov 2021.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Programme 2022

If you would like your child to participate in the 2022 programme, 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.