

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

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 Opoku-ware 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*)

Monday 8th Nov: St Willibrord Lk 17: 1-6
7.30 am: Patrick Kearns - RIP (*Mutch Family*)
12 noon: *Dr Kazimierz Krynicki - RIP*
6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 9th Nov: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Jn 2: 13-22
12 noon: Nichols Family - welfare (*Angela Nichols*)
6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Wednesday 10th Nov: St Leo the Great Lk 17: 11-19
7.30 am: Holy Souls
10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration
12 noon: Rob & d deceased members of the McGillie Family
6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer
7.00pm: *Parish Finance meeting*
7.30pm: *RCIA in the Hall*

Thursday 11th Nov: St Martin of Tours Lk 17: 20-25
7.30 am: Holy Souls
12 noon: John Berry and Family - RIP (*Margaret Berry*)
6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer
7.30 - 8.30pm: *Young Adults Prayer live in church*

Friday 12th Nov: St Josaphat Lk 17: 26-37
12 noon: Fr Anthony's intentions
After Mass, Adoration until 1.30pm
6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer
7.30pm: Holy Souls

Saturday 13th Nov: St Frances Xavier Cabrini Lk 18: 1-8
10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration
12 noon: Dr Kazimierz Krynicki - RIP

6.00 pm (Vigil): Rita Dempsey - RIP (*Demsey Family*)
7.30pm: *Quiz Night in the Hall*

Sunday, 14th Nov: Thirty-Third Sunday (B) Mk 13: 24-32
8.00am: Philip Craven - RIP
9.30am: Thanksgiving (*Kyle G-Kanny*)
11.00am: Deceased members of Evans & McDonnell Family
4.00pm: *Confirmation Session in the Hall*
6.00 pm: People of the Parish

2nd coll.: **Archbishop's Fund**

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, Sandra Monger, Philomena Brown, Rhona Rollings, Stuart Allen, Marie Sheridan, Tom Carr and Shaena Metherill

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, Edward Asplin and Fr Robert Ellis.

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

Anna Koeller and Ellen Fitz-Gerald

COLLECTIONS: Our retiring collections:

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

Next weekend: 13/14 Nov: Archbishop's Fund: This collection helps to meet the cost of the central administration of the diocese.

Thank you for your generous donations to:

LEPRA - 2nd collection: £452.69;

MISSIONS - 2nd collection: £452.77; and

Catching Lives - food and other items

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING: Canon Anthony will be available in the Presbytery, on Tuesday, 09 November 2021 between 4.30 and 5.30pm and between 7.00 and 9.00pm to sign school forms.

QUIZ NIGHT: 13th November at 7pm. Tickets are available after Masses on the 6th and 7th and during the week in the Presbytery. A fun family friendly evening. A maximum of 8per table and BYO food and alcoholics. Teas, coffees and light snacks provided.

Porchlight Shoebox Appeal. A table is available in the All Saints Chapel for collection of donations until 12 December. A list of needed items is on the church website, poster & Facebook page.

100 CLUB Thank you to all those who took part in our 100 Club during 2021. Parishioners are invited to complete their renewal memberships or make application to join for 2022. Forms are available at the back of church or from Linda in the Office. Forms must be submitted to the Parish Office before 17 December 2021 to be included for 2022.

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 ...

I will never forget many years ago discovering that a person who donated a coat to our jumble sale had cut off all the buttons before they handed it over. This was truly a mean gift.

It is like those who donate out of date tins of food for the poor. I suppose this is the modern equivalent of those who gave to the temple from what they had to spare. In the gospel today, Jesus praises the widow who gave all she had as her contribution to the Temple. Compared with the rich and the well to do her contribution was negligible. Yet her gift was an expression of love, which was a sign of total giving. She gave all she had just as Jesus gave himself totally for our sake.

In our first reading today, we have to story to the widow of Zarephath who during the famine and drought shared her last meal with the prophet Elijah. Because of her generosity God enable her to have enough food for as long as the famine lasted.

The challenge for me is to what extent am I prepared to give of myself totally to God?

Here is a great prayer written by Fr Sylvester O'Flynn.

"O generous Father, fill us with a sense of love for all people. Help us to realise that what we have is not really our own but ultimately belongs to you. Help us to see that it has been given to us so that we might share it with all your other children on earth.

Help us to be generous with the gift of time which you have given us.

May we show on our faces that we do have time for others, time to listen, time to share the burden, time to celebrate their joy.

Help us to leave behind the self-centred routine which has taken us from family and neighbours.

Help us to be generous in our emotions. May all our feelings and reactions be warmed by love. When we feel like reacting in self-importance, show us how to be humble. When we are stung and seek revenge help us to reach out in forgiveness. Where we are fired with anger, help us to be patient and gentle. When we are full of prejudice and intolerance, show us how we might allow the other person to be different.

O God of all giving, overwhelm us with a sense of your love, so that all we have is for you, all we do is for you, and all we are is in you."

SYNODAL PROCESS

Thank you to everyone that has come to the synodal meetings so far. We have now heard from around 10% of the parish! The parish stage of the synod closes on 19th November. There will be no meetings this week, but we have created a summary document of the feedback so far for you to review and comment on.

We will be doing a plenary session on Sunday, 14th Nov 2021 after the 9.30am Mass in the Hall. Please return Feedback by Friday 12th November 2021.

Please keep sending your contributions to the synod:

Online at: <https://bit.ly/3AYipmm>

or email: SynodStThomas@gmail.com.

Still not sure what it's about?

Find out more: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/get-involved/synod/>

Many thanks, Sophia and John-Paul



The Union of Catholic Mother's are supporting **Canterbury Food Bank** in their **Reverse Advent Calendar**. Items collected at home during the month of November can be brought into the church hall on a date to be confirmed for collection. Parishioners are encouraged to join the UCM in collecting for this worthy cause. A list of needed items can be found on posters in the church and our facebook page *UCM St Thomas' Catholic Church Canterbury*.

SVP THANK YOU: The SVP wishes to thank all parishioners once again for their generosity in the monthly collections. This month we raised £1321.20, (including some donations held over from last month). The funds you so generously provide are put to good use, as so many people in the area are still in social and financial need. We recently purchased a fridge freezer for a large family who had moved into a property without one, and many others unable to make their benefits last three month due to debt repayments have been given the means to put food on the table.

20-year-old female student from Burkina Faso, currently resident in Italy is in urgent need of accommodation near the University of Creative Arts for around £80 per week, preferably with other students. She has funding to do a foundation-level arts course finishing in June 2022 and cover for accommodation costs, and aims to work the maximum hours permitted on her visa (10 hpw). Contact the SVP if you can help (svpcant@gmail.com) Many thanks.

UCM PLANNER: The new UCM Planner 2022, may be ordered from St Thomas' Church Shop.

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

The Passage, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Thursday 25 November on the theme Bohemian Rhapsody, featuring popular works by Dvořák, Mahler and Smetana. The performers include Andrei Ioniță: Cello; Anush Kovhannisyan: Soprano; Streetwise Opera; Toby Purser: Conductor; and the Orion Orchestra. Full details and booking at <https://passage.org.uk/night-under-the-stars-2021/> or telephone 020 75921856.

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.

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.

Canterbury Christian Council AGM

Friday 12th November 2021, 1:30-2:30pm at St Andrew's URC
To attend, email Lyndall Bywater: lyndall@lyndallbywater.net