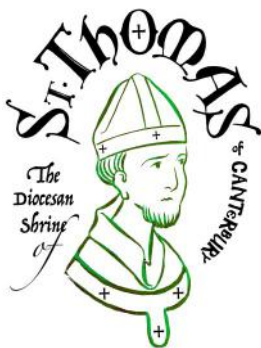


NEWSLETTER



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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

6.00 pm (Vigil): Jean & Bab Giberson - wellbeing (D Brayshaw)

**Sunday, 16th Jan: 2nd Sun in Ordinary Time (C) Jn 2: 1-11
PEACE SUNDAY (PAX CHRISTI)**

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Maureen Kathleen Denton - RIP (*Jo Howes*)

11.00am: Michael & Margaret O'Driscoll - RIP (*Josie Carr*)

6.00 pm: Deceased members: McGilley Family (*Denise Pepper*)

Monday 17th Jan: St Anthony *Mk 2: 18-22*

7.30am: Katie Smith - wellbeing (*Joan Blows*)

12 noon: John Aitkin-Gray - RIP (*Myrna*)

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 18th Jan: Feria *Mk 2: 23-28*

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

12 noon: Francis Brown - RIP

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Wednesday 19th Jan: St Wulstan *Mk 3: 1-6*

7.30am: Thomas Brayshaw - wellbeing

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Marie McWaters & Isobel Gray - wellbeing (*Angela*)

Thursday 20th Jan: St Fabian *Mk 3: 7-12*

7.30am: Marie Giberson - on her birthday (*Dominique Brayshaw*)

12 noon: The Metcalfe Family - welfare (*Tessa*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Young Adults Prayer live in church

Friday 21st Jan: St Agnes *Mk 3: 13-19*

12 noon: Joseph Kunnasseril - RIP (*Jimmy*)

After Mass, Adoration until 1.30pm

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: NO MASS THIS EVENING

Saturday 22nd Jan: St Vincent *Mk 3: 20-21*

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Jonathan Brayshaw (*Dominique Brayshaw*)

6.00 pm (Vigil): Barry McCorkell - RIP

Sunday, 23rd Jan: 3rd Sun in Ordinary Time (C)

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

8.00am: Tony, William & Mary Ashman - RIP (*Catherine*)

9.30am: Rosamma Sebastian - RIP (*Tisha Joy*)

11.00am: Mary Clark - RIP (*Mary and Cyril Scott*)

4.00 pm: Polish Community Mass

6.00 pm: People of the Parish

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2022

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

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, Tom Carr, Shaena Metherill, Mary Jeffries, Gerry Cash, Philomena Wickenden and Vasily Rudenko.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

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, Fr Robert Ellis, Lis Rowe, Marie Sheridan, Joan Coleman and Jason Hoford.

Please pray for those whose 1st anniversaries are in January:

Sylvia Guy, Layla Daniella Green and Paul Victor Card

COLLECTIONS: Our retiring collections:

This weekend: 15/16 Jan: No second collection this weekend.

Next weekend: 22/23 Jan: SVP.

LIVESTREAMING IN CHURCH . Parishioners are reminded that we use livestreaming for all Masses. If any services are to be recorded we will inform the parish of those specific services.

Masks at Mass (and in our shop too!) The return to stricter Covid restrictions means that people must now wear face masks, sanitise their hands, keep a social distance and be aware of fellow worshippers' safety when at Mass and in the church shop.

Thank you

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.



2022 SOUTHWARK DIRECTORIES.

Ring-bound copies of the directory will be available in the Shop at £4.00 each from 9th January 2022.

Philomena Wickenden would like to thank everyone for their prayers during her illness, especially those who attended or watched the 8pm Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany, which was for her intentions. May God bless all of you

From Fr Anthony ...

There are two important events this week:

This Sunday we are asked to pray for peace.

Every year since 1968, each Pope has issued a Message for the World Day of Peace on January 1st – the very beginning of each year- reminding us all of the centrality of peace building and reconciliation to our Catholic faith. Pope Francis has released his message for this year's World Day of Peace on the theme: *"Dialogue Between Generations, Education and Work: Tools for Building Lasting Peace"*.

The bishops of England and Wales have always designated the second Sunday of Ordinary Time (today) as the Sunday when we are encouraged to publicise and promote the Pope's Message. This year's Message focuses on the importance of the different generations – the young and the old – working together to build lasting peace - working together in dialogue and action. It is a timely and relevant message in view of the increasing divide between the culture and life of young people and those of us who are old/er. As Pope Francis says "Young people need the wisdom and experience of the elderly while those who are older need the support, affection, creativity and dynamism of the young. Great social challenges" – and we are so aware of these at this time – "and peace processes necessarily call for dialogue between the keepers of memory – the elderly – and those who move history forward - the young".

There are prayer cards at the back of the Church and if you wish to donate to the work of Pax Christi there are some envelopes available. I have also printed off some copies of the full text of the Pope's Letter. You can find out more information on the Pax Christi website: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022/>

The second important event begins on Tuesday 18th January which is the beginning of a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This is an opportunity to join with many faithful from Christian denominations around the world praying for real and lasting unity.

The theme for 2022 is *"We Saw the Star in the East, and We Came to Worship Him."*

The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is a very familiar one. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that come to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires.

The materials for WPCU 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails, and much of the difficulties, that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

You are able to look at the resources for the week that ends on 25th January with the Conversion of St Paul here: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>

We will be ending the week of prayer on Tuesday 25th January with a Taizé Evening at 7:30pm at St Thomas's.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER PROGRAMME:

Growing in Faith Together consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for:

engaged couples who have completed their marriage preparation course and want to continue exploring their faith together; or married couples to enrich their friendship and love.

There are two opportunities to attend the course. The first course runs on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm beginning on 18 January 2022. The second course runs on Saturday mornings from 10.30-11.30am beginning 19 February 2022. To register follow the link: [Growing in Faith Together — Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis \(rcaos.org.uk\)](https://www.rcaos.org.uk/growing-in-faith-together)

You are welcome to attend as a couple or as individuals.

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work.

This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on 3rd – 6th March 2022

Call or text +44 788 7296983 or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (A Woman-led, Global, Ecumenical Movement)

This year, the service has been prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland with the theme of God's Promise, found in the book of Jeremiah: **'I know the plans I have for you'**. Focusing on freedom, forgiveness, justice and God's peace, let us see how this promise can be a sign for all people. **Friday, 4th March 2022; 11am; Canterbury Cathedral, Eastern Crypt.**

POLISH COMMUNITY MASSES 2022: The Polish Community Masses this year will take place at 4pm in St Thomas' on the following Sundays:

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| 23 January; | 27 February; | 27 March; | 24 April |
| 22 May; | 26 June; | 24 July; | 28 August |
| 25 September; | 23 October; | 27 November; | 18 December |

TAIZÉ UNITY SERVICE. All are invited to join us for our Taizé Unity Service taking place in the church on Tuesday, 27 January 2022 at 7.30pm.

LOST PROPERTY This weekend and for the next week, there will be a box in the Narthex containing items which have been left in the church during the last year. Please check and claim any item which belongs to you. Thank you