

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

6.00 pm (Vigil): People of the Parish

Sunday, 6th Feb: 5th Sun Ordinary Time (C) Lk 5: 1-11

8.00am: Vinod and Family - welfare (*Jolly Vinod*)

9.30am: Norah Whiting - RIP (*John Whiting*)

11.00am: Long Castro Family - wellbeing

12.15: *Baptism of Jim James Anthony Connors*

6.00 pm: Philomena Wickenden - RIP (*Tessa Metcalfe*)

Monday 7th Feb: Feria

Mk 6: 53-56

7.30am: Mary Shelley - RIP

12 noon: Philomena Wickenden - RIP

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 8th Feb: St Josaphine Bakhita

Mk 7: 1-13

DAY FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING

12 noon: Henok - wellbeing (*Claudine Nutley*)

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Wednesday 9th Feb: Feria

Mk 7: 14-23

7.30am: Michael Booth - safe travels (*Booth Family*)

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Mrs Rogers - RIP

16H30 Reception of the late Michael Wise into Church

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30 pm: RCIA

Thursday 10th Feb: Saint Schlastica

Mk 7: 24-30

7.30am: Tessa Kelly - RIP (*Bernadette Lyons*)

12 noon: Funeral of the late Michael Wise

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Young Adults Prayer live in the church

Friday 11th Feb: Our Lady of Lourdes

Mk 7: 31-37

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

12 noon: Intentions of Sean Clancy

After Mass, Adoration until 1.30pm

12.40: *Funeral of the late Robert O'Shea at Barham*

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Brother Brendan - welfare

Saturday 12th Feb: Feria

Mk 8: 1-10

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Katy Burder - welfare (*Booth Family*)

6.00 pm (Vigil): Henok - welfare (*Claudine Nutley*)

Sunday, 13th Feb: 6th Sun Ordinary Time (C) Lk 6:17,20-26

RACIAL JUSTICE DAY (*2nd collection for Racial Justice*)

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Philomena Wickenden - RIP (*Dory Ignacio*)

11.00am: Patricia & Eamonn Scully - welfare (*Josie Carr*)

6.00 pm: Joan Fitzpatrick - welfare

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, Jennifer Lang, Pauline Lilford, Barbara Markham, Patricia Gray, Patrick Sellars, Sr Margaret McGrath, Angela Nichols, Tom Carr, Sandra Monger, Philomena Brown, Rhona Rollings, Stuart Allen, Shaena Metherill, Mary Jeffries, Gerry Cash, Vasily Rudenko and Noreen Egan.

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, Jason Hoford, Michael Wise, Robert O'Shay, Ruth Herbst and Philomena Wickenden

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

Patricia Gill

COLLECTIONS: Our retiring collections:

This weekend: 5/6 Feb: No retiring collection this week

Next weekend: 12/13 Feb: For Racial Justice - this collection is taken to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

Our **Church Shop** is running a campaign to celebrate, and raise awareness of, some of the wonderfully profound writings of **St Augustine of Hippo**, Church Doctor and one of our most significant thinkers who still has great contemporary relevance. Come and see what marvels his work may hold for you.

Magnificat for February 2022 now available in the Church Shop

The church **Social committee** are holding a **Cakes of the world** celebration on 27 of February from 10h30 to 12h30.

Parishioners are invited to bake a cake and celebrate the rich and wonderful diversity of our parish.

Cakes can be donated on the day.



Coffee after the 9.30 Mass: Tea and Coffee will be served after mass on the first and third Sunday of the month. It may be served on the other Sundays depending on spontaneous volunteering. If you can help, I can be contacted through the parish office. *John Renn*



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2022

For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

From Fr Anthony ...

As Saint Pope John, II on the 6th January 2001, closed the Holy Door after the Jubilee year he signed a letter "Nove Millennio Ineunte" (At the Beginning of the New Millennium). In this letter he offered some reflections that would help the whole Christian community to "set out" with fresh enthusiasm. That was 21 years ago. The Pope reflected on the Gospel that we hear proclaimed today. Jesus gets into the boat of Simon Peter and talks to the huge crowd and when he finishes he says to Simon "Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch". The Latin for "put out into deep water" is "Duc in altum".

The reaction of Peter is one of scepticism; "Master, we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets". When he did this, he and his companions netted such a large number of fish that their nets began to tear so they needed help.

There are several movements in this story. The first is that Jesus gets into Peter's boat. He has stepped into his life. Jesus then tells him to put out into the deep. Just as Jesus steps into Peter's life so He will come to us. As one writer says, "this is an invasion of grace, Jesus coming to our life". It is up to us what we do when Jesus asks us to put out into the deep for a catch. For us, the most important decision, is to whether or not to co-operate with Jesus. He wants to always lead us into the depths. He wants us to journey from the shallows into the deep. He is inviting you and I into spiritual depths, into real spiritual transformation.

There is the temptation to acknowledge Jesus but then live our lives on our terms. We are happy as long as Jesus serves our needs. If we do this, we will catch nothing. We need to allow Jesus to get into our boat and do what he asks of us.

It is only after the large catch of fish that Peter fell at the knees of Jesus saying, "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man". He became aware of his own sinfulness. It is the presence of Jesus, the light that make us aware of our sinfulness.

This catch was a windfall for Simon and his companions. Instead of making the most of this catch he left everything and followed Jesus.

Jesus presence in our lives will mean he is calling us from the shallows to put out into the deep. He is asking us, if we are willing, to let him be in charge of our lives. He is asking us to surrender to him. Jesus reassures us with the words: "do not be afraid."

Lord, come into my life anew, come into my boat.

I am willing to put out into deep water, knowing my life will be enriched.

Thank you! from the SVP January is a difficult month for many people so your very generous donation of £826.51 will go a long way to not only help people feed themselves and their families but also keep warm during the harsh winter months. Thank you.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, for the feast of St. Patrick. 14th March 2022. £699.00 pp sharing - includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room suppl. £100. Contact Patricia: 01268 762 278 / 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

CHANGES TO COVID RESTRICTIONS (CBC of England & Wales Guidance for Churches - Jan 2022)

- Follow good practice for transmissible diseases - if you display symptoms of illness please **stay at home**
- The main for of virus transmission is via personal oral or nasal aerosol. We ask that you continue to **wear face coverings** (covering both nose and mouth) when in the church building unless you are exempt from doing so.
- Formal **social distancing** is no longer required but please be sensitive to the needs of others around you.
- Scientific evidence shows that surface transmission is minimal but we ask that you continue the good practice of **sanitising hands on entering and leaving** the church. We are also reintroducing the use of Hymn Books and our Holy Water Fonts
- **Test and Trace** This is no longer required but the QR codes and forms will still be available for parishioners' use.

To allow as many parishioners as possible to be able to return to Mass, we will retain the current practice of celebrating two Masses with restricted seating in addition to the points above.

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



Gift Aid -- Volunteer required. Our faithful and successful Gift Aid Officer of the last 4 years - Sam Harmison - has had to resign from the role. A big thank you to Sam for all she has done to keep this

vital work going for our Parish. So we need a volunteer please to take Sam's place to administer the Parish Gift Aid Scheme. Last year Gift Aid brought the parish an amazing sum of over £27,000 income. You will understand how vital this role is! If you feel that you could help to support the Parish in this way, or you would like more information about it, please contact Fr. Anthony or the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER PROGRAMME:

This consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom. It is a wonderful opportunity for engaged couples who have completed their marriage preparation course or married couples seeking to enrich their friendship and love. Attend as a couple or as individuals.

Next course: Saturday from 10.30-11.30 am from 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)

USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES. With the relaxation of COVID restrictions, we are slowly returning to normal Parish Life. If you lead a group who wish to use the parish facilities - church, church hall or Upper Room, during 2022, please contact Linda in the office to confirm your bookings. Please contact Linda regardless of whether you used the facilities in the past as some groups have changed venues and times. Thank you

The Church Social committee are holding a **gift amnesty appeal** for donations of any unwanted Christmas gift, this will be used to help raise funds for the church at future events. Items donated can left in the labelled box in the All Saints Chapel from the 30th of January. Please see our poster for more details.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 27th May -3rd June with HCPT Group 587 to Hosanna House. Comprehensive provision and insurance cover for covid cancellation, isolation and repatriation if necessary. Find out more from Fr Anthony or Annie Judge on email anniejudge@hotmail.com or 07866515797