

# 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): Thanksgiving on the Feast of St Joseph  
**Sunday, 20th Mar: 3rd Sunday of Lent (C)** Lk 13: 1-9

*Canterbury Street Pastors talking to the Parish at Mass*

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE**

8.00am: Elaine & Richard Caraccio - happy future (*Tessa M.*)

9.30am: Welfare of Mark Plummer

11.00am: Francis Brown - RIP

4.00 pm: *Stations of the Cross*

6.00 pm: People of the Parish - 1st Scrutiny Jn 4:5-42

**Monday 21st Mar: Feria** Lk 4: 24-30

7.30am: Ann Fry - RIP (*Kevin and Lesley*)

12 noon: Micky McBride (*Eileen Vermuele*)

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

**Tuesday 22nd Mar: Feria** Mt 18: 21-35

12 noon: Pamela Dodds - RIP (*John Renn*)

4.40pm: *Funeral of Mrs June Carver at Barham Crematorium*

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.00 pm: Talk by Fr Joseph O'Hanlon

**Wednesday 23rd Mar: Feria** Mt 5: 17-19

7.30 am: Rita & Wally Thundow - RIP (*The Kids*)

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: John McDonald - RIP (*Forrester Family*)

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

**Thursday 24th Mar: Feria (St Oscar Romero)** Lk 11: 14-23

7.30am: Nora King - RIP (*Brenda Crow*)

12 noon: Noreen Egan - welfare (UCM)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Young Adults Prayer live in the church

**Friday 25th Mar: Annunciation of the Lord** Lk 1: 26-38

12 noon: Blessing on Darlene Letey

*After Mass, Adoration until 1.30pm*

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Sheila Charlton - RIP

**Saturday 26th Mar: Feria** Lk 18: 9-14

09h00 - 10h00: First Holy Communion Session

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Grace McBride (*Eileen Vermeule*)

1pm - 3pm: *Church Cleaning Day - please join us*

6.00 pm (Vigil): Ray (Fuzzy) Scott - RIP (*Scott Family*)

**Sunday, 27th Mar: 4th Sunday of Lent (C)** Lk 15: 1-3; 11-32

**LAETARE SUNDAY**

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR SVP**

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Filipino Community and Families

11.00am: Catherine (Kath) Packer - RIP (*Bernard Packer*)

3.00 pm: *Stations of the Cross*

4.00 pm: Polish Community Mass

6.00 pm: Peter and Philomena Delaney - welfare

2nd Scrutiny Jn 9:1-41

### 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, Barbara Markham, Patricia Gray, Patrick Sellars, Sr Margaret McGrath, Angela Nichols, Tom Carr, Sandra Monger, Philomena Brown, Stuart Allen, Mary Jeffries, Gerry Cash, Noreen Egan, Josie Price, Vasiliy & Alevtina Rudenko and Germaine Reid

#### 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, Philomena Wickenden, Francis Mills, Shaena Metherell, Nora King and June Carver

#### Please pray for those whose 1st anniversaries are in March:

Alan Skeet and Isabella Bannon

#### COLLECTIONS: Our retiring collections:

**This weekend: 19/20 Mar: For the people of Ukraine.** Monies collection from the Parish will be sent to the *Aid to the Church in Need - Ukraine Emergency Appeal* (<https://acnuk.org>)

**Next weekend: 26/27 Mar:** for the work of the **SVP** in Canterbury

#### CHURCH CLEANING DAYS.

*Polish your marble - and our marble, brassware and woodwork!*  
Saturday 26 March from 13h00 to 15h00.

**Littleway Healing Ministries:** We have twice monthly Zoom evenings of Praise, Prayer and Healing:- held on the 1st Thursday and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. You are very welcome to join us to praise the Lord, listen to teaching on His Word, and hear testimonies of His Healing Grace. Please use the Zoom joining instructions below for every event: Details of all our events and courses can be found on our website: [littlewayhealingministries.com](http://littlewayhealingministries.com). For further information then please contact our administrator Richard: [administrator@littlewayhealingministries.com](mailto:administrator@littlewayhealingministries.com)

Fr Joseph O'Hanlon hopes to introduce you to some amazing women in a series of online talks on:

**Tuesday, 22nd March** - The Honeybee: A Woman, A Prophet, A Judge

**Tuesday, 29th March** - Five Women: Signposting the Way, Truth, and Life

Further details on the poster in the Narthex. Zoom Meeting information:

Meeting ID: 829 4332 5239; Passcode: 394570. All are most welcome.

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2022

##### *For a Christian response to bioethical challenges*

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

## From Fr Anthony ...

How is your Lenten journey going? There are 27 days before we begin our celebration of Easter. Perhaps like me you have lost your way a little. We might need to just rest a little and re focus on what is we doing and why we are doing what we are doing this Lenten Season. The purpose of prayer, fasting and almsgiving is to provide ways we can deepen our relationship with God and allow Christ into the whole of our lives. It might help if we look at what is happening to those who are to be baptised at Easter. It can give us an insight into our own Lenten journey. Those to be baptised are referred to as "the Elect". On this Sunday and the next two Sundays they will be called forward after the homily for prayer. The purpose of this prayer is to "uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect" and "to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, and good". The true pastoral sense of this two-fold act of uncovering and strengthening is emphasised in the next sentence of the Rite which says: "For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ." At their core, the scrutinies are not about the sinfulness of the elect but about the overwhelming grace of God in Christ. During the scrutiny there is a prayer of exorcism. These prayers are not fear-laden bouts with Satan but are grace-filled encounters with the healing power of the Spirit.

What is true of those to be baptised is true of us. We need to acknowledge our sinfulness in order to be open to the overwhelming grace of God. This Sunday at the 6pm Mass we will hear the gospel of the Samaritan woman. Her encounter with Jesus at the well meant that she acknowledged her thirst expressed in her many relationships and found healing through this encounter with Jesus and went to tell the rest of the village.

I have adapted the prayer we say for the Elect and we could use it ourselves this week.

Dear Jesus,  
you are the fountain for which I thirst, you are the Master whom I seek.  
In your presence I dare not claim to be without sin,  
for you are the Holy One of God.  
Open my heart to you in faith,  
I confess my faults  
and lay bare my hidden wounds.  
In your love free me from my infirmities,  
heal my sickness,  
quench my thirst and give me peace.  
Protect me from every danger  
So that I may serve you faithfully in peace and joy  
And render you thanks forever. Amen

### SYNODAL UPDATE

On the Feast of St Patrick, Sophia and John-Paul attended the Diocese's presentation of their summary on Zoom. You can find the full draft (16 pages) summary document here: <https://stthomasofcanterbury.com/synod-updates/>. We have until 24th March to receive further feedback and comments on the document. You can send your feedback to us at [SynodStThomas@gmail.com](mailto:SynodStThomas@gmail.com). If you have anything that you feel that has not been covered in the document and which the Diocese should be aware of, they are still receiving submissions at <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/get-involved/synod/online-submissions/>. The summary document prepared by Sophia and John-Paul is included with the newsletter this week.  
God bless, Sophia and John-Paul



### Easter Celebration:

**17th April** from 10:30 to 12:30 in the church hall including activities for the children. All are welcome.

### Pilgrim Cross Pilgrimage

Are you interested in going on a pilgrimage this year? Pilgrim Cross (previously known as Student Cross) is a cross carrying walking pilgrimage to Walsingham, which happens over Holy Week from different starting points in England. If you would like to know more, particularly about joining the Oxford route or 'Oxford Leg', (a seven day route starting in Oxford for adults of all ages), please feel free to contact Laura Booth on 07749003277 or email [laurahelen.99@gmail.com](mailto:laurahelen.99@gmail.com) to ask any questions, or have a chat about what to expect. You can also visit the Pilgrim Cross Website to find out more: <https://pilgrimcross.org.uk/>

**JOB VACANCY: The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral** is seeking to recruit a part time **Organising Secretary** to help administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment, based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House, is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months. Closing date 27 March 2022. For further details please visit <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-see-an-organising-secretary/>.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY: Learning Support Assistant - Term Time

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Ackholt Road, Aylesham, Canterbury CT3 3AS  
Pay: KR3 £18425 Pro Rata (approx. £12,519) 30hrs/week  
Start Date: 19th April 2022  
Application Close Date: 21/03/2022 at 13:00  
Interviews: Monday 28th March 2022  
More details on the poster in the Narthex