

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): Francis Mills - RIP (*Eileen, Chris, Thomas & Jonathan*)

Sunday, 13th Mar: 2nd Sunday of Lent (C) Lk 9: 28-36
FINANCE SUNDAY

8.00am: Elizabeth Matthew - RIP (*A Abraham*)

9.30am: John Delany - RIP

11.00am: People of the Parish

4.00 pm: *Stations of the Cross*

6.00 pm: Vernon Prinsloo - RIP (*Julie, Dave, Michelle, Shannon, Sean, Helen and children*)

Monday 14th Mar: Feria Lk 6: 36-38

7.30am: Alta's Mum - RIP & intentions of Alta & Jill (*Scott*)

12 noon: Francis Mills - RIP (*Eileen, Chris, Thomas & Jonathan*)

3.00pm: *Funeral Mass of the late Shaena Metherell*

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 15th Mar: Feria Mt 23: 1-12

12 noon: Bertha Roake - RIP (*Tessa Metcalfe*)

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.00 pm: Talk by Fr Joseph O'Hanlon

Wednesday 16th Mar: Feria Mt 20: 17-28

7.30 am: Patsy Cassidy (*Eileen Vermuele*)

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: David & Gladys Murphey - RIP (*E Murphy*)

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Thursday 17th Mar: St Patrick Lk 16: 19-31

7.30am: Priyanka Mohit - unborn child

12 noon: Tessa Kelly & Maria Sadler - RIP (*Bernadette Lyons*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Young Adults Prayer live in the church

Friday 18th Mar: Feria Mt 21: 33-43; 45-46

12 noon: Nan Cassidy (*Eileen Vermuele*)

After Mass, Adoration until 1.30pm

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Sheana Metherell - RIP (*Dempsey Family*)

Saturday 19th Mar: St Joseph Mt 1:16,18-21 or Lk 2:41-51

09h00 - 10h00: First Holy Communion Session

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Blessings upon Darlene Letey

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

6.00 pm (Vigil): Thanksgiving on the Fest 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

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, and Vasilii & Alevtina 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, Jason Hoford, Michael Wise, Robert O'Shay, Ruth Herbst, Philomena Wickenden, Francis Mills, Shaena Metherell and Nora King

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

Alan Skeet and Isabella Bannon

COLLECTIONS: Our retiring collections:

This weekend: 12/13 Mar: for CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day on 11 March 2022 - envelopes available in the church

Next 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>)

HOUSE RENTAL REQUEST: One of our parishioners, Saranya Prashath, and her husband, are looking for a 6 month rental from 1st of July. Saranya is a Ph.D. student at the University of Kent in her 3rd year. If any parishioner has property or a guest house for rent, please contact Saranya: saranyasathiyavasan3@gmail.com.

CHURCH CLEANING DAYS.

Polish your marble - and our marble, brassware and woodwork!
Saturday 19 and 26 March from 13h00 to 15h00.

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

Tuesday, 15th March - An Utterly Essential Seamstress

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

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

The sessions will run from 7.00 pm to 8.15 pm.

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.

On the first Sunday of Lent we entered the desert with Jesus, we became a desert people. Now this Second Sunday of Lent calls us to climb with Jesus up the mountain to be a mountain top people. Luke tells us that Jesus went to pray up the mountain. Jesus like to pray on mountains. He went up to pray on the mountain before choosing the twelve apostles. Mountains in biblical usage can mean what we refer to simple as "hills"; so, we should be thinking of a hillside. Mountains were sacred places. It suggests a place of close proximity to God. There are many references in the Old Testament to encounters with God taking place on mountains. Both Moses and Elijah experienced the presence of God on Mount Sinai or Mount Horeb. Tradition has it that the place where Jesus was transfigured was Mount Tabor.

In 2019 I went with a group from the parish and celebrated Mass on the top of Mount Tabor beside the Franciscan Church there. Tabor raises from the Plain of Yizreel to a height of 600 meters. From the summit you have a view of Mont Hermon, the Horn of Hattie rising above the Sea of Galilee (concealed in the valley), Nazareth, the mountains of Samaria, Gilboa, the way of the sea. When we were there we did not have such a great view of all this because it was very hazy.

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. The three apostles saw Jesus in all his glory. It was such a wonderful experience for them. They saw him as he really was. This caused Peter to say: Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.". He didn't want this experience to end. Then a cloud came and covered them with shadow. The cloud was a sign of God's presence. And the voice came from the cloud saying "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.'

These words are addressed to us and is an invitation to all of us during this Lenten season to pray. Prayer is a listening. Every Jew was required to listen in order for God to be part of his or her life. In Deuteronomy 6 4-9 we have the beginning of the Shema, a prayer recited every morning afternoon and evening "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might." We to are invited to listen. Not just to be attentive but to open our heart to God's word.

For the three disciples this revelation on Mount Tabor prepared them for the passion and death of Jesus. The same three would be with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane and witness his agony. At this Lenten season where is the place you will be to be alone with Jesus so that he can reveal himself to you?

MESSAGE FROM STELLA MARIS: On the one-year anniversary of the Ever Given ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, Catholic charity Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. It will look at the history of the container ship, the rise of the ultra-large container vessels, and explore what impact modernisation of the shipping industry has had on seafarers around the world. Please register now at www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation to join online on **23 March at 7.30pm** to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.

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've been looking for a way to intentionally mark Holy Week this year, or to pray for our world in these difficult times, then perhaps joining us on Pilgrim Cross is the answer. 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 laurahe-len.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/>



Easter Celebration:

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

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-look-for-an-organising-secretary/>.

The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme from 12.00 noon on Monday 14 March. Every £1 donated online between 12.00 noon on Monday 14 March and 12.00 noon on Monday 28 March makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.'