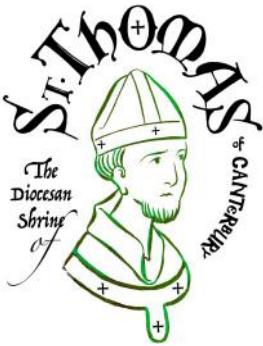


NEWSLETTER



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

6.00pm (Vigil): Welfare of Mgr John O'Toole (Josie Carr)

Sunday, 8th May 4th SUNDAY of EASTER (C) *Jn10: 27-30*

Second collection for the Priest Training Fund

World Day of Prayer: Vocations to the Priesthood & Holy Life

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Welfare of Germaine Reid (K.Parkin)

11.00am: Alfi & Lucy McKay RIP (Jim McKay & Family)

12.15pm: *Baptism of Ryan Jaen Rasmussen*

6.00pm: Josephine Morgan RIP (Clare Smith)

Monday 9th May Feria *Jn 10: 1-10*

7.30am: Kevin, Anjali & Joshua - Thanksgiving (Kevin)

12 noon: Welfare of David & Michael (Angels Nichols)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 10th May St John de Avila *Jn 10: 22-30*

12 noon: Teresa Kelly RIP (*Bernadette Lyons*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.00pm *Alpha Course (online)*

Wednesday 11th May Feria *Jn 12: 44-50*

7.30 am: Neville Coshan RIP

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Terry Spratley RIP (Ethel Shaw)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7pm: RCIA

Thursday 12th May St Pancras, Martyr *Jn 13: 16-20*

7.30am: Private Intention

12 noon: Hugh O'Neill RIP (from the Bridge of Allen)

(Margaret Flaherty)

7.30pm: Prayer & Pub

Friday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima *Jn 14: 1-6*

12 noon: Intentions of Sean Clancy

7.30pm: Felicia Richardson Wellbeing (Tessa)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Saturday 14th May St Matthias, Apostle *Jn 15: 9-17*

10.30am-11.30am Reconciliation

12.00 noon: Ron Godsall RIP (Phyllis Steel)

6.00pm (Vigil): David Heap RIP (Christine Heap)

Sunday, 15th May 5th SUNDAY of EASTER (C) *Jn13:31-35*

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: June Carver RIP (St Thomas of Canterbury Friends)

11.00am: Welfare of David & Michael (Angela Nichols)

12.15pm: *Baptism of Archie Nicholas Mccoppin*

6.00pm: Mrs Gertrude Kiely RIP - birthday anniversary
(John Kiely)

Spaces are now appearing for your Mass Intentions to be said
- please use the envelopes in the Narthex and Gift Aid where
you can. Thank you.

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, Sr Anne Bross, 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, Vasilij & Alevtina Rudenko and Germaine Reid

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Philomena Wickenden, Francis Mills, Shaena Metherell, Nora King, June Carver, Brian Barry, Terry Spratley, Olive Reardon, Mary Rear, Ron Godsall, Florence Perry, Robert Cookman and Fr Anthony Hale.

There are no deceased 1st Anniversaries for May.

Second Collection

7/8 May: the Priest Training Fund (Ecclesiastical Education)

14/15 May: no second collection

Priest Training Fund

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection.

This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy

We are blessed to have 6 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. **Please support our priests of the future with a gift today.**

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2022

For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

From Fr Anthony ...

Today is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the World day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

These days, as a priest who has been ordained for 47 years next month, I get very defensive because, as soon as you mention praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, there will be someone who says "What about marriage and the single life?". It is important to cultivate in all of us the sense of a vocation or calling to holiness that is very clearly expressed in chapter five of the Vatican II document, Lumen Gentium. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

Why in the UK are there much fewer men and women putting themselves forward for the priesthood and religious life? Is it that God is calling but fewer men and women are hearing the call? I always remember a conversation I had with a young mother who said she would never encourage her son to think about the priesthood because she wanted grandchildren. To what extent do we understand the importance and value the priesthood and religious life?

It is worth looking at our diocesan website <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/vocations/is-god-calling-me/clergy-testimonies/>. There you have the testimonies of four recently ordained priests, David Hunter, Dermot O'Gorman, Francis Murphy and our own John Howard reflecting on their first years as a priest.

Let us ask the Good Shepherd that we may know his love and care for each of us and be always attentive to his voice. Here is a pray that all young people and perhaps not so young people can pray
My Lord and my God, you are Love itself, the source of all love and goodness. Out of love you created me to know you, to love you, and to serve you in a unique way, as no one else can. I believe that you have a plan for my life, that you have a mission in your Kingdom reserved for me alone. Your plan and your mission are far better than any other I might choose: they will glorify you, fulfil the desires of my heart, and bring salvation to those souls who are depending on my generous response.

Lord grant me the light of grace I need in order to see the next step in Your plan; grant me the generosity necessary to follow your call; and grant me the courage required to take up my cross and to follow you.

Show me your will, O gentle and eternal God, and help me to say with Mary, "I am the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word." Let me say with Jesus, "Let not my will be done, but yours." Amen.

Kent Giving Week at the University of Kent 9th - 13th May

To raise money for the Parkinson's Centre for Integrated Therapy. For more details please see:

www.kent.ac.uk/kent-giving-week

Activities include a 5K Your Way route around the campus on Monday 9 May at 12.00 noon on the Senate Lawn (outside the Templeman library).

The Synod

The Diocesan Synod Synthesis has been published - more information will be given next week but in the meantime you can find here: https://mcusercontent.com/1724d3fc3199029ad7bb33a0a/files/903f68a8-0fc4-6ca7-8541-0caf3f9b41b2/SouthwarkSynthesis_Final.pdf

Life in the Spirit Seminars

Starts this Tuesday 10th May. Go to <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/liss> for more information and to book a place.

Fr Freddy's Final Figure

Total donations received and being sent to Fr Freddy are:
£2171.11 Thank you all very much.

Would you welcome USA visitors into your home this summer?

Sam & JoAnn from Chicago are visiting Canterbury in either July or August and are looking for hosts for a couple of nights. Willing to pay. Contact the Office if you are interested.

MAY ROSARY ROTA - THANK YOU ALL VOLUNTEERS

The rota is as follows:

Monday: Aurora Dawson
Tuesday: Mary Alexander
Wednesday: Chris Nevill (except 4 May)
Thursday: Jane Johnson
Friday: Daphne Miles (except 6 May)
Reserve: Eileen Smith

If for some unforeseen reason the above volunteers are not there on the day...please someone start to say the Rosary...Thank you

Murder, Madness & Miracles: The Shrine of Thomas Becket and its Mad Pilgrims in 12th century Canterbury

A talk by Dr Claire Carrothers to be on Monday 9 May 2022 between 1pm-2pm at Kent History & Library Centre Maidstone ME14 1LQ. See Narthex Noticeboard for more details. Admission free.

Presbytery Boiler Fund

Thank you so much for the very generous donations we have received to date. The current total is a fantastic £2370.

Rev Father Anthony Hale CP RIP

Irene & Terry Gabony have let us know that Irene's brother, Rev Father Anthony Hale CP has sadly recently died. He had been the Parish Priest in Herne Bay from 1994 - 2000. His funeral Mass will be on 12 May at 12 noon in St Joseph's Church, Redhill, Surrey.