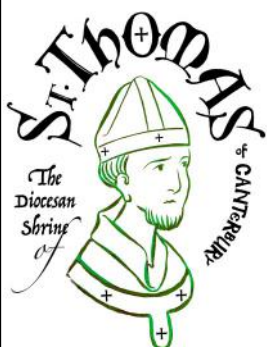


NEWSLETTER



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): Roy Williams - RIP (*Williams Family*)
Sunday, 26th June 13th Sun in Ordinary Times Lk 9:51-62

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Filipino Community and Families

11.am: Leslie Armstrong - RIP (*L Armstrong*)

2.30pm: FHC GOING FORTH MASS

4.00 pm: Polish Community Mass

6.00pm: John Nolan - RIP (*Sue & Family*)

Monday 27th June Feria Mt 8: 18-22

7.30am: NO EARLY MASS

12 noon: Gerard Laing - RIP (*Julian Booth*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 8th June St Irenaeus Mt 8:23-27

12 noon: Private Intentions (*Campion Family*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.00: Alpha Online

Wednesday 29th June Sts Peter & Paul Mt 16: 13-19

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

9.30 am: Welfare of Dan Lynch

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Maria Rosario Taylor - RIP

8.00pm: Germaine Reid - welfare (*Kathleen Parkin*)

Thursday 30th June Feria Mt 9: 1-8

7.30am: NO MASS

12 noon: Ernest Punnett - RIP (*Alison and Therese*)

7.30pm: NO Young Adults Prayer and Pub

Friday 1st July St Oliver Plunkett Lk 15: 3-7

12 noon: Germaine Reid - welfare (*Kathleen Parkin*)

7.30pm: NO EVENING MASS

Saturday 2nd July Feria Lk 2: 41-51

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10:30am-11:30am Reconciliation

12 noon: Robert Edmond O'Grady - RIP (*Forrester Family*)

6.00pm (Vigil): Dunne & Roche Families (Pat and Bridie)

Sunday, 3rd July 14th Sun in Ordinary Times Lk 9:51-62

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.00am: *Baptism Preparation Course*

9.30am: Terry Spratley - RIP (*John & Annie Judge*)

11.am: Hernan & Ederline Cainap - RIP (*Mary Cainap*)

6.00pm: John & Dorothy Mcgilley - RIP (*Denise Pepper*)

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, Vasilii & 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, Brian Henley, Fr Anthony Hale CP, Joyce Harlow, Fr Denis Paul, Fr Gordan Thompson and Louis Dirckze

Please pray for those with 1st anniversaries in June:

Apollonia Citro, Bianca Wood and Angelina Glynn

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend, **25/26 Jun: SVP**. Please give generously as usual
Next weekend: **02/03 Jul: No second collection**
Wednesday, **29 Jun: Peter's Pence**. These offerings of the faithful to the Holy Father and the Apostolic See are used for works of mercy, charity and service within the Universal Church.



Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 2 July 2022** at 9.00 am in the Presbytery. Places are limited so please call the office to book. Please fill in a Registration Form in advance (from Office).

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. The Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place between 19th and 26th August. We are sad that, like most Lourdes pilgrimages this year, we have not been able to include pilgrims who need medical support. At the same time, we are delighted to be returning to Lourdes after two years of absence. Details are available at www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association. Southwark contacts: Canon Ed Perera (edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk) and Bishop Paul Hendricks (paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk).

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE 2022

For families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

From Fr Anthony...

This weekend sees the culmination of the tenth World Meeting of Families which began on Wednesday 22nd June and finishes on Sunday 26th June. This meeting is held every three years in a different city across the world each time. The World Meeting of Families was originally launched in 1994 by Pope St John Paul II. The theme for this World Meeting of Families (WMOF) is "Family Love: a vocation and a path to Holiness." The week is organised and promoted by the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life. Although physically hosted by the Diocese of Rome, in 2022 the event will be multi-centred and spread out throughout the world's Catholic Dioceses.

Unfortunately, I only heard of this on Tuesday this week and so cannot really say what has been happening in our Diocese. I can only suggest that those of you who have the internet to go to the following link <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/events/world-meeting-of-families/?d=637914816000000000>

There are cards available at Mass on Sunday. We ask each family to take a card upon which you can write the names of your families. The cards should then be posted in the box that sits in the sanctuary. There will be a WMOF prayer card distributed to parishioners. Hopefully we might be able to pray it together at the end of Mass.

You can also find information on the Vatican website <https://www.romefamily2022.com/en/>

I am pleased to see young families taking part in the Mass and engaging in the life of the parish after the restrictions of the pandemic. "When the babies are crying, or fidgety children are making a noise; these are all signs that the Church is young and alive; a community of young families, mature families, extended families, young and old together."

Here at St Thomas we need to encourage activities that involve young families such as the walk and picnic that was organised last month to Toddlers Cove. What are other ways we can support couples with young families? It is also important that, as a parish, we remember and help all those families who have fallen away from their practice of the faith for whatever reason.

Pope St. John Paul II wrote in his letter on families:

"Loving the family means being able to appreciate its values and capabilities, fostering them always. Loving the family means identifying the dangers and the evils that menace it, in order to overcome them. Loving the family means endeavouring to create for it an environment favourable for its development. The modern Christian family is often tempted to be discouraged and is distressed at the growth of its difficulties; it is an eminent form of love to give it back its reasons for confidence in itself, in the riches that it possesses by nature and grace, and in the mission that God has entrusted to it. Yes indeed, the families of today must be called back to their original position. They must follow Christ."

Our Shrine Project - Your Parish Needs You!

We are looking for volunteers please.....

we need a **project manager** to hold the reins on this exciting but challenging plan to wonderfully and dramatically re-order our Martyr's Chapel; and we need someone fill the **administration and communication role** in the project.

Do you have these skills and experience?

Can you offer them to your parish community?

Hours will be needed each week over a period of some time but the rewards will be great!

If you can help - please contact Canon Anthony.

Details of the Shrine Project are on the wall in the Saint's Chapel.

Squirrels (16th Canterbury St Thomas' Scout Group)

Trial evening for Squirrel Scouts (age 4-6 yrs) is on **Wed 29 June from 4.30 to 5.30 pm** at St Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Hall. Please register for a place by emailing Scouts.be.prepared@outlook.com or calling 07752838810 as soon as possible as places are limited. Please note that for the trial evenings, children must be accompanied by an Adult.

Vincentian Volunteers are Catholic young people aged 18-35, from all over the world, who commit a year of their lives to the service of vulnerable people. During their year with us, they live in a community of three or four people and engage in voluntary work in partnership with other, well known charity organisations in order to help the impoverished, the homeless, the disabled, refugees and those suffering with addictions within the local community. We are recruiting for 2022/23 (Sep 22 to Jul 23) details visit <https://www.vincentianvolunteers.org.uk/>

CATCHING LIVES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. Catching Lives - is looking for volunteers to help in various roles within the organisation. If you can donate your time and talents to assisting the homeless, please see the notice board for vacancies helping in the kitchens - preparing and serving meals, in the garden project, with the Arts Project and in the Outreach programme. More details on the notices in the Narthex.

The Diocesan Day for Catechists which was scheduled for next **Saturday, 25 June 2022** at the Cathedral has been postponed due to industrial action. We are happy, however, to announce that the Day for Catechists will instead now take place on **Saturday 12 November 2022**. New registration forms will be sent out in September ahead of the new date.

International bring and share lunch Sunday 17th July 12-2pm. Bring a dish and share with other parishioners. A family friendly event. All are welcome. No charge.

Union of Catholic Mothers are holding a cake sale on the 10th of July at 10:30am. There will be a pre-loved stall donations are welcome on the day.

VACANCY: ST ANSELM'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, Canterbury, is seeking a Chaplaincy Apprentice, starting September 2022.

The purpose of the role is to provide support and leadership of liturgical events, to act as a link between the school and local clergy and to provide support and counsel to students, staff and parents. Further details regarding the role, a full job description and personal specification are available from the website, www.st-anselms.org.uk. Please submit an application form (available to download from our website). Closing date Friday 1 July 2022. More details on notice in the Narthex or from the school website..



YOUR CHURCH SHOP NEEDS YOU ON A SUNDAY

From September 2022 we will be saying thank you and goodbye to our current wonderful shop volunteers, James & Anand. We wish them well. **We need people to take over from them from**

10.00am to 12.30pm. Being open on a Sunday morning is important for us both economically but perhaps, more so, pastorally for our own parish community and also for the any tourists, shoppers and pilgrims Sunday now brings.

If you think you can help, please contact our Shop Manager Pat Moore via Linda in the Parish Office canterbury@rcaos.org.uk