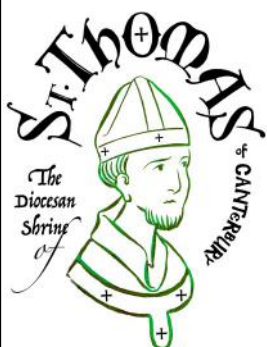


NEWSLETTER



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**

University of Kent Chaplaincy: **Fr Tom Herbst** (01843 230 774) email: tjherbst@gmail.com

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St Anselm's Catholic Secondary School: Exec Prin: **Mr M Walters**; Academy Prin: **Mr J Rowarth** (01227 826200)

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): Dunne & Roche Families (*Pat and Bridie*)

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

8.00am: People of the Parish

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

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

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

Monday 4th July

Mt 9: 18-26

7.30am: Intentions of Mary Daly

12 noon: Patty Baxter's intentions

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 5th July

Mt 9:32-38

12 noon: Margaret Armstrong - RIP (*Leslie Armstrong*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.00: Alpha Online

Wednesday 6th July

Mt 10: 1-7

7.30 am: Rita Mayer - RIP (*P M Ventress*)

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: James Scott - RIP (*Kathleen Kerr*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.00pm: Parish Finance Meeting

Thursday 7th July

Mt 10: 7-15

7.30am: Improved Health for Lucy Lloyd-Price

12 noon: Amal Thankachen - RIP (*Annamma Abraham*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

8.00pm: Mass of the Translation of St Thomas in the
Canterbury Cathedral Quire

Friday 8th July

Mt 10: 16-23

12 noon: Charles Jones Hill - RIP

3.00pm: *Wedding of Stephanie Edwards & Neil Andrews*

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Brian George Henley - RIP (*Mary*)

Saturday 9th July

Mt 10: 24-33

10:30am-11:30am Reconciliation

12 noon: Midge Stanley - RIP

1.00pm: *Wedding of Declan Murphy & Claire Neary*

6.00pm (Vigil): David, Winifride & Patrick Browning - RIP

Sunday, 10th July 15th Sun in Ordinary Times Lk 10: 25-37

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

9.30am: Teresa Kelly - RIP (*Bernadette Kelly*)

11.am: People of the Parish

6.00pm: Tsige Buta - RIP (*Sherington Family*)

Welcome! We welcome Fr Alfred Ebula, formerly based in London at Camberwell Parish, who is helping us during July and August.

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

There are no 1st anniversaries in July and August:

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend, **02/03 Jul: No second collection**

Next weekend: **09/10 Jul: Apostleship of the Sea.** (AoS) This Catholic Charity supports seafarers worldwide; providing practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of their nationality or belief. AoS is part of the international **Stella Maris** network which works in 250 ports around the world.



Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 6 August 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 JULY 2022 ELDERLY

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

From Fr Anthony...

I was on holiday last week, soaking up the sun on the Greek island of Samos in the Aegean Sea. We went to Turkey on a day trip to visit the amazing ruins of Ephesus. Samos is only about 27 miles from the port of Kusadasi and then a short minibus ride to this UNESCO world heritage site. As we mingled with hundreds of other tourists walking through the streets and shops I realised that it was in this city that St. Paul visited several times. He stayed here for three and a half years on his third missionary journey. In AD 56 his preaching started a riot because the silversmith Demetrius and others, who made a living by selling and making silver statues of the Mother Goddess Artemis were upset. The silversmith said to the crowds that gathered: "you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia. He says that gods made by human hands are no gods at all. There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited; and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty." We stood in the great Amphitheatre where the crowd chanted "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians". St Paul wanted to face the crowd, but the disciples didn't let him. Finally, the city clerk calmed down the crowd. Probably St. Paul was jailed in Ephesus for a while before he departed North.

Through Paul's efforts, Ephesus became the third most important city of Christianity after Jerusalem and Antioch. At the end of our visit we boarded the small boat to return to Samos. A journey that should have taken an hour and quarter took two hours because of the strong winds and rough sea. While we were tossed backwards and forwards on our small boat I recalled the many sea journeys that Paul fearlessly undertook as the Spirit led him to share the Good News with the pagans. In today's gospel Jesus sends 72 others to those places he himself was to visit. He commanded them to say "The kingdom of God is very near to you, to cure those who are sick." Like St Paul at Ephesus we need to take seriously the command given to us to share the Good News and bring about healing. Let us not let the apathy of this present time dampen the Spirit within us calling us to share the truth of Christ.

MASS OF THE TRANSLATION OF THE BODY OF ST THOMAS

Our Mass of the Translation is being held in the Quire of Canterbury Cathedral this **Thursday, 7th July at 8pm**. We look forward to welcoming as many parishioners as possible to this special Mass.

TRANSLATION MASS CHOIR PRACTICE on Monday, 4th July from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. All welcome

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.

Scripture Group. Last meeting before summer break is Thursday, 7th July; then reconvening after midday Mass on 1st Sept.

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.

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.

Bereavement Retreat: "Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ" weekend for those in mourning. Emotions out of control, feeling at a loss? This weekend is a time for you. A space for you. Aylesford Priory **7-9th October**. Enquiries tel Aylesford Priory 01622 717272

Dear Husband and wife!
We're offering you an opportunity to attend an **online "Building a Better Marriage" from 9am – 1pm on Saturday, July 16th 2022**
The course offered means that you can attend from your own living room and **there is no group sharing!**

Sycamore course for engaged and married couples – Growing in Faith together. A new exciting **free ONLINE** course, for engaged and married couples, has been developed in collaboration with the Southwark Marriage and Family Life team and Sycamore, a programme about the Christian faith by Fr Stephen Wang.

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) consists of four hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for:
engaged couples who have completed their marriage preparation course and want to continue exploring their faith together; and
married couples to enrich their friendship and love.

The Sycamore GIFT course runs on Tuesday evenings from 8 - 9pm beginning 6th September 2022 and continuing on September 13th, 20th and 27th 2022

To register click on the link : [Growing in Faith Together – Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis \(rcaos.org.uk\)](https://www.rcaos.org.uk/growing-in-faith-together)



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**

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