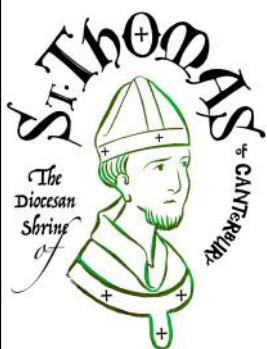



# NEWSLETTER



## 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](mailto:tjherbst@gmail.com)

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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): People of the Parish

**Sunday, 14th Aug: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Lk1:39-56*

8.00am: Sara Baxter - RIP (*Joan & Linda*)

9.30am: Anthony Vinod - Thanksgiving

11.am: Mary Lavin - RIP (*Mary & Cyril Scott*)

6.00pm: Damien Owens - RIP (*Connolly Family*)

**Monday 15th August Feria** *Mt 19:16-22*

7.30am: Teresa Kelly - RIP (*Bernadette Lyons*)

12 noon: Ann Silcock on her birthday

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

**Tuesday 16th Aug St Stephen of Hungary** *Mt 19:23-30*

12 noon: Joseph McKee - RIP (*McKee Family*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 17th Aug Feria** *Mt 20: 1-16*

7.30 am: Judy Lynch - RIP

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Intentions of Sean Clancy

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

**Thursday 18th Aug Feria** *Mt 22: 1-14*

7.30am: Bruce Galt - RIP

12 noon: Ben Mutch - RIP (*Mutch Family*)

**Friday 19th Aug Feria** *Mt 22: 34-40*

12 noon: Ivan Gomes

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Michelle - RIP (*Dominique Brayshaw*)

**Saturday 20th Aug St Bernard** *Mt 23: 1-12*

10:30am-11:30am Reconciliation

12 noon: Sean Stringer - RIP (*Mary Reynolds*)

6.00pm (Vigil): Phil Cawse and family

**Sunday, 21st Aug: the 21st Sun Ordinary Time (C)**  
*Lk13: 22-30*

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Rowena Helen - birthday (*Monica*)

11.am: Catherine (Kath) Packer - RIP (*Bernard Packer*)

6.00pm: Intentions of the Crow Family (*E M Murphy*)

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2022 for Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

### PARISH MATTERS

#### Please remember in your prayers:

Marie Strong, Angelina 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, Patrick Sellars, Sr Margaret McGrath, Angela Nichols, Tom Carr, Sandra Monger, Stuart Allen, Mary Jeffries, Gerry Cash, Noreen Egan, Josie Price, Vasilii & Alevtina Rudenko, Germaine Reid, Hilary McKernan, Anthony Andrew, Heather Danderson, Tony Whitehearst and Maria Krynicki

#### 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, Louis Dirckze, Fr Tony Logan, Fr Pat O'Leary, Sara Baxter, Jean Winning, Patricia Gray, Ingeborg Parry, Fr Frances Capener, Fr John Hartley, Sean Stringer and Nora Neve.

#### There are no 1st anniversaries in August:

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend, **13/14 August**: No Second Collection.

Next weekend: **20/21 August**: No Second Collection.



**Baptism Preparation:** To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 3 September 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).

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023** The Archdiocese of Southwark is taking a group of pilgrims (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in Lisbon. Provisional dates are 31st July to 7th August 2023. Please see the poster in the Narthex for registration information and further information on World Youth Day.

**Mass Collections** Please remember we have returned to using our collection bags for the first and second collections at Mass.

**Reconciliation:** From 3rd September 2022 we will again be offering the opportunity to attend Reconciliation on Saturday afternoon from 4.30pm to 5.30pm in the Church. We also have reconciliation on Wednesday mornings and Saturday mornings from 10.30am to 11.30am.

## From Fr Anthony...

One of my favourite Churches in Jerusalem is the Abbey of the Dormition. This Catholic Abbey, belonging to the German Benedictine order, is on Mount Zion, just outside the walls of the Old City, near the Zion Gate. The Abbey is said to mark the spot where Mary died or at least ended her worldly existence. Both in Orthodoxy and Catholicism, as in the language of scripture, death is often called a "sleeping" – or "falling asleep" – and this gave the original monastery its name. The church itself is called the *Basilica of the Assumption (or Dormition)*. As you walk down into the crypt of the church there is a wonderful image of Our Lady in the centre, lying asleep. Ronald Knox wrote: "When our Lord took his blessed Mother, soul and body, into heaven, he did honour to the poor clay of which our human bodies are fashioned. It was the first step towards reconciling all things in heaven and earth to his eternal Father, towards making all things new. "The whole of nature," Saint Paul tells us, "groans in a common travail all the while. And not only do we see that, but we ourselves do the same; we ourselves, although we have already begun to reap our spiritual harvest, groan in our hearts, waiting for that adoption which is the ransoming of our bodies from their slavery."

What happened to Mary will happen to us. The preface for this feast says:

For today the Virgin Mother of God  
was assumed into heaven  
as the beginning and image  
of your Church's coming to perfection  
and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people;  
rightly you would not allow her  
to see the corruption of the tomb  
since from her own body she marvellously brought forth  
your incarnate Son, the Author of all life.

This is an important feast for us to celebrate. It reminds us that our body is an integral part of who we are. It is a sign of God's love for the body, for human flesh. At a funeral we bless the coffin with holy water and incense the body recognising it as a temple of the Holy Spirit. All human flesh is sacred to God. In our age, contempt seems to be shown for the human body. Look at the violence towards people, in war, in ethnic and religious conflict, in the easy access to pornography, in abortion and the neglect of the elderly. Let us see the Assumption as a prophetic sign summing us to respect human flesh, encouraging us to bring about peace, justice and reverence for everything that touches human life.

### **Retrouaille:** A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouaille.org.uk)

### **Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies**

*The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit [aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs) for further information. Modules begin 13 September.*

**LIVESTREAMING IN CHURCH** . We use livestreaming for all Masses. If any services are to be recorded we will inform the parish of those specific services.



On Saturday, 17 September at 7.00pm in the church hall there will be an **Auction of Promises and other items** . Light snacks and nibbles will be provided. We are seeking promises from our parish community so if you can offer a service or an item for sale, please contact [socialstthomasrc@gmail.com](mailto:socialstthomasrc@gmail.com) or the church office.

City Impact Counselling is a low-cost counselling service provided by qualified counsellors of Christian faith but will be open to people of all faiths and none. Counsellors will not press their faith on to clients. There is a sliding scale of cost based on people's ability to pay. The service will cover the Canterbury district, and we are currently recruiting volunteers. See poster in Narthex.

### **Christ is Alive!**

The All Nations Catholic Charismatic Group invites all parishioners to the Annual Retreat 2022, at St Chad's Church, South Norwood, London on Friday 26 August (12 noon - 8PM) and Saturday 27 August (9AM - 8PM). The programme will include various talks by inspiring speakers, workshops, praises and worship, Adoration, Rosary, confessions, prayer sessions and Holy Mass. This will be followed by a family Picnic on Sunday 28 August (12 noon - 5pm) at Streatham Common Park. Adults £35, children aged 11-17 £5 and under 11 are free. Please register using the following link, or by using the QR code on the poster on the notice board: <https://form.jotform.com/ANCCG/retreat-registration-form> .

**Canterbury Food Bank** is an independent charity which provides emergency food parcels to individuals and families in financial need across Canterbury, Herne Bay, Whitstable and surrounding villages. The Food Bank now has donation baskets in all leading supermarkets including Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda and Morrisons. Donors can leave dried or tinned food items. If you are able, please donate through these baskets.

Anyone who cannot afford to buy food can make contact via the CFB website or by ringing 01227 936450.