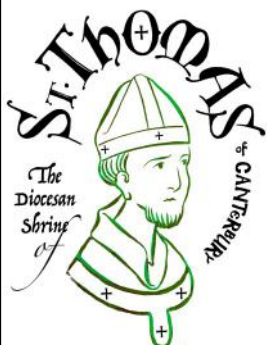



NEWSLETTER



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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Parish Administrator: **Miss Linda Scott**

St Thomas' Shop (01227 462896): **OPEN SUNDAYS FROM AFTER 9.30 MASS UNTIL 12 NOON**

University of Kent Chaplaincy: AWAITING APPOINTMENT

St Thomas' Catholic Primary School: Head Teacher: **Miss Lisa D'Agostini** (01227 462539)

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): Intentions of Phyllis & the Vocation Sisters

**Sunday, 20th Nov: Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe (C)** *Lk 23: 35-43*

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Germaine Reid - welfare (*Kathleen Parkin*)

11.am: Intentions of Lionel Viegas

6.00pm: Fr Tom Herbst - RIP (*Sue Purbrick*)

Monday 21st Nov: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lk 21: 1-4

7.30am The Gill Family - RIP

12 noon: John Aitken-Gray - RIP (*Myrna Gray*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 22nd Nov: St Cecilia

Lk 21: 5-11

12 noon: Funeral of the late Sidney Joseph Palmer

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Wednesday 23rd Nov: St Clement, Pope *Lk21:12-19*

7.30 am: Elzbieta Waclawska - RIP (1st Anniv.)

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Heather Dandison - welfare (*Sue Purbrick*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.00pm: RCIA

Thursday 24th Nov: St Andrew Dung-Lac & Comp. *Lk21:20-28*

7.30am: Deceased family & friends of Gray & Staynor families

12 noon: Anna Koeller - RIP (*Jo Gazzard*)

12.30pm: *Scripture Group Meeting*

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Young Adults Prayer live in the church

Friday 25th Nov: St Catherine of Alexandria *Lk 21: 29-33*

12 noon: Peggy Palmer - RIP (*Sue Purbrick*)

6.00pm: Reception of the body of Fr Tom Herbst OFM into the Church

7.30pm: Breda McCormack - RIP (*Trevor & Anne Bateman*)

Saturday 26th Nov: Feria

Lk 21: 24-36

10:30am-11:30am Reconciliation

12 noon: Funeral of the late Father Tom Herbst OFM

4.30pm: *Legion of Mary meeting in Upper Room*

4.30 - 5.30pm: Reconciliation

6.00pm (Vigil): Elizabeth Brown - RIP (*Brown & Henniker Fam*)

Sunday, 27th Nov: 1st Sunday of Advent (A) *Mt 24: 37-44*

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Filipino Community and Families

11.am: Deceased members of Evans & McDonnell Families

12.15pm: *Baptism of Nicholas Ellis*

& Maiya Bella Panz-McIntyre

4.00pm: Polish Community Mass

6.00pm: James Silcock - birthday

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, Angela Nichols, Tom Carr, , Mary Jeffries, Gerry Cash, Noreen Egan, Josie Price, Germaine Reid, Anthony Andrews, Heather Dandison, Tony Whitehurst, Maria Krynicki, John Kieley and Richard Sexton

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Joyce Harlow, Louis Dirckze, Fr Tony Logan, Sara Baxter, Jean Winning, Patricia Gray, Ingeborg Parry, Sean Stringer, Nora Neve, Stuart Allen, Sean Burke, Bridget Salmon, Bernard Packer, Sr Margaret McGrath and Patrick Sellars (former headmaster of St Thomas of Canterbury school), William Hammerton; Tomasz Vroobel, HM Queen Elizabeth II, Diana Dorman, Bishop Howard Tripp, Sheila Billingsley, Peter Fowler, Sidney Palmer, Anthony McPhee, Sandra Monger and Fr Tom Herbst (OFM)

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

Marie Sheridan, Joan Coleman and Jason Hoford

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: **19/20 November:** No second collection this weekend.

Next weekend: **26/27 November:** Our second collection is for the **SVP**.



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

Christmas Fair on Sunday 11th December 10:30- 1pm in the church hall.

We would be grateful for donations for the following stalls:

Items to our raffle, unopened bottles (Wines, Spirit etc), chocolates, smellies etc. New items for our tombola. Any contribution is appreciated. No donation is too small. Donations can be made up to the 10th December. These can be dropped off in the Presbytery. Home-made cakes (on the day please)

There will be lots more stalls and activities including Father Christmas.

If you can help on the day or would like to book a Stall to promote your business (limited availability) contact [07805490217](tel:07805490217) or socialstthomasrc@gmail.com

All monies raised goes to our church projects

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2022

For children who suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

From Fr Anthony...

In 2019 our parish group, while on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, joined the Catholic parishioners in the Church of the Annunciation in Beth Jala, a suburb of Bethlehem, for the Feast of Christ the King. The singing was joyous and uplifting and the children, after their own Liturgy of the Word, processed in, wearing crowns and led by a person carrying a huge picture of Christ the King. A great way to mark the climax of the Church's year.

This feast was established and proclaimed by Pope Pius XI to reassert the sovereignty of Christ and the Church over all forms of government and to remind Christians of the fidelity and loyalty we owed to Christ, who by his Incarnation and sacrificial death on the cross has made us both adopted children of God and future citizens and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven.

In the Gospel today, Luke narrates the crucifixion of Jesus. For Jesus, his throne is a cross. While hanging there in agony, the leaders jeered at him. "He saved others let him save himself." The soldiers too mocked him: "If you are the King of the Jews save yourself". Even one of the criminals abused him: "Are you not the Christ, save yourself and us as well." Jesus didn't answer any of these taunts but only responded to the criminal who prayed, "Jesus remember me when you come in to your kingdom."

Jesus replied, "Indeed I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise."

So do you and I really qualify as subjects of his kingdom? Do we belong to him or not? Do we call him 'Our Lord', and if we do, do we really mean it and live it?

Let us turn to our crucified Christ today and like the good thief say; "Lord I want to follow you by living my life fully in the Spirit of your Gospel. Come into my heart and take charge of my life. Help me to see how the mystery of your kingship illumines my life. Show me in your death the victory that crowns the ages, and in your broken body, the love that unites heaven and earth.

NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST:

Archbishop John Wilson has appointed Fr Mark Wharton to be an assistant priest in our parish with the possibility to be Chaplain to the University student. Fr Mark is a welcome addition to our parish Clergy team. With the death of Fr Tom Herbst, the Archbishop is concerned that the important ministry to the young people and the academic and support staff of the University is continued. Fr Mark will be moving in next week and so will join us on the First Sunday of Advent.

I know you will give him a warm welcome.

RED WEDNESDAY

Please join us on **Wednesday, 23rd November** and during the month of November to Break the Silence on the Persecution of Christian and all faiths, globally. We ask you to pledge your prayer and action this **#RedWednesday**. Find out more at www.acnuk.org/redwednesday and see poster in the Narthex.

CLEANUP FOR CHRISTMAS. We will be having two church cleaning days in preparation for Christmas - Saturday, 3 December from 1pm to 3pm and Saturday, 10 December from 1pm to 3pm. Put on your cleaning togs and join us for fun cleaning sessions with your choice of polishing, wiping, dusting, washing or sweeping. Let the office know your preferred date and contact details.

100 CLUB 2023: Calling all current and potential new members! If you wish to continue your 100 Club membership, or apply to be a member, for 2023, please complete a form which is available at the back of Church, on the website or from Linda in the office and return it before Friday, 9 December 2022.

SVP says thank you. October's collection raised £1141.15. We are so grateful for you for this. Last month we were able to make 40 visits, befriending and supporting 32 beneficiaries and their families. We gave £610 in food vouchers and £170 in energy top ups. We also purchased a new washing machine for one beneficiary, some clothing for another, and helped fund some much needed new shoes. Your support makes a huge difference. The next SVP collection will be on 26/27 November.

Sacristan for Sunday 6pm Mass The Ministry of being a Sacristan is a privilege and vital to the liturgical smooth running of the Mass. We need a Sacristan for Sunday evenings. Interested? Please contact Pat Moore (Head Sacristan) via the Parish Office: canterbury@rcaos.org.uk

WINTER SHELTER: We are again hosting the Catching Lives Winter Shelter on Friday nights from 1 Dec 2022 to 28 Feb 2023. If you could donate your time and talents to this initiative please see the Posters in the Narthex for contact details.

FUNERAL SERVICES:

The Funeral Services for the late **Fr Tom Herbst:**

Reception of the Body: Friday, 25th November at 6.00pm

Funeral Mass: Saturday, 26th November at 12 noon

Funeral Mass for the late **Sidney Joseph Palmer** is at 12 noon on Tuesday, 22 November at 12 noon

ADVENT REFLECTIONS BY ZOOM WITH FATHER ANTHONY:

You are invited to join Fr Anthony, online for a series of Advent reflections to be held from 7pm to 8pm on four Tuesdays: 22nd November, 29th November, 6th December, and 13th December.

The sign in details are:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2646167948?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2646167948?pwd=RXlPd3BtUnRMSnUvZzB3Ymx5VmR2dz09)

[pwd=RXlPd3BtUnRMSnUvZzB3Ymx5VmR2dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2646167948?pwd=RXlPd3BtUnRMSnUvZzB3Ymx5VmR2dz09)

Meeting ID: 264 616 7948 and Passcode: 467905

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023.

Forms for the FHC Programme available in the Narthex or on the webpage.

Sessions at 9.00am to 10.00am on Saturday mornings starting 25 February 2023. Completed forms, together with the child's baptismal certificate must be returned to the Presbytery before 30 January 2023.

Christmas in Our Hall Foyer

Sunday mornings will have a full display of our Christmas wares. Our shop has the goods too but the foyer will let us spread our wings. Please support your Repository this Advent & Christmas.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

If you require Supplementary School Forms for St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School in Canterbury to be signed by Fr Anthony, please come to the Presbytery on:

Friday, 25th November between 3pm and 5pm; or
Wednesday, 30th November between 3pm and 6pm; or
Saturday, 3rd December between 3pm and 4.30pm; or
Monday, 5th December between 3pm to 5.30pm; or
Wednesday, 7th December between 7pm and 9pm; or
Friday, 9th December between 8pm and 9pm

Gong Meditation. Please note: the Gong Meditation scheduled for 26 November is postponed to Saturday 3 December at 12.45.

Quiz night: It was a wonderful night of fun and friendship. Thank you to our parish for all your continued support. Congratulations to the Union of Catholic Mothers for their win. We raised **£677.00** Looking forward to seeing you all at our next event Christmas Fair 1st December 10:30-1pm in the church hall.