

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: Chaplain: **Fr Mark Wharton** (markwharton@rcaos.org.uk)

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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

2nd Coll. Global Brigades

6.00pm (Vigil): Sebastian Sanz-Kozyra on his confirmation

Sunday, 4th Jun: The Holy Trinity *Jn 3: 16-18*

8.00am: People of the Parish
9.30am: Leelama Joseph - RIP (*Jimmy*)
11.00am: Joseph Reynolds - RIP (*Mary Reynolds*)
12.15 *Baptism of Oralius Marchington and Cecelia Reis*
4.00pm: Polish Community Mass
6.00pm: Aga Gordon - successful operation

Monday 5th Jun: St Boniface *Mk 12: 1-12*

7.30 am: Mary de Wolf - thanksgiving (*Joan Blows*)
12 noon: Thanksgiving (*Nobel*)
6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 6th Jun: St Luke Kirby *Mk 12: 13-17*

7.30am: NO EARLY MASS
12 noon: Clarine Pinto - birthday (*Carla Pinto*)
12.40pm: Funeral of the late Hubert Whyte at Barham

Wednesday 7th Jun: Feria *Mk 12: 18-27*

7.30am: Charles D. O'Grady - RIP (*Forrester Family*)
10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation
12 noon: Intentions of Tracey Kelly's mother-in-law (*Ida*)
Tea and coffee in the hall after Mass
6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Thursday 8th Jun: Feria *Mk 12: 28-34*

7.30am: Fr Theodore Hesburg - RIP (*Forrester Family*)
12 noon: Monica Maltby - RIP
6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer
7.30pm: *Young Adults Prayer in the Church*

Friday 9th Jun: St Columba *Mk 12: 35-37*

12 noon: Eileen Cookson - welfare (*Angela Nichols*)
6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer
7.30pm: Veronika Rakauskaite - welfare (*Matthew & Monika*)

Saturday 10th Jun: Feria *Mk 12: 38-44*

10:30 - 11:30am: Reconciliation
12 noon: Teresa Kelly - RIP (*Bernadette Lyons*)
3.00pm: *Confirmation Mass - Celebrant: Bishop Paul Hendricks*
4.30pm: *Legion of Mary meeting in Upper Room*
4:30 - 5:30pm: Reconciliation
6.00pm (Vigil): Anthony Doyle - RIP (*Mary Brown*)

Sunday, 11th Jun: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) *Jn 6: 51-58*

8.00am: Vinod Anthony - thanksgiving (*J Vinod*)
9.30am: People of the Parish - First Holy Communion Mass
11.00am: Bozena & Gabriel - RIP - First Holy Communion Mass
6.00pm: Jim McIntyre - RIP (*Mary Brown*)

2nd Coll. SVP

PARISH MATTERS

Please remember in your prayers:

Marie Strong, Angeline Frizell, Luisa Ward, Janette Hughes, 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, Heather Dandison, Tony Whitehurst, Maria Krynicki, John Kieley, Richard Sexton, Frank Basquil, Anita Johnson, Judith Parsons, Therese Punnett, Andrew Burton, Pauline Ventress, Heinz Vogel, Annie Queenan, Micheline Ambrosine and Jean Crane

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Sandra Monger, Fr Tom Herbst (OFM), Raymond Guy, Sue Nolan, Sr Stella Clifford, Mary Dittrich, Christopher Power, Anthony Andrews, Barbara Brett, Pamela Scott, Canon Michael Bunce, Michael Mansbridge, Michael Hood-Cree, Ron Green, Fr James Hurley, Canon Martin Lee, Veronica Troope, Peter Dunbar-Johnson OBE, Sr Rose Penter, Bruce Johnson, Mary Mariasy, Fr Patrick Aikens and Russell Thompson

Please pray for those whose 1st anniversaries are in June 2023:

Carol Winning

SECOND AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: **03/04 June:** Second collection for **Global Brigades**

Next weekend: **10/11 June:** Second collection for the **SVP**

Summer Fair 2nd July 10:30-1pm in the church hall. Donations of items appreciated for our Raffle, Tombola and Games to be left in the All Saints Chapel. Cake donations on the day.



Baptism Preparation:

To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 1 July 2023** at 9.00 am in the Presbytery. Places are limited so call the office to book. Please fill in a Registration Form in advance (from office or online)

SVP says thank you. May's collection for SVP raised £800.63. Thank you so much for your generosity. During April we were concerned with supporting 32 beneficiaries and their families. We gave out £265 of food vouchers and bought a new washing machine for a family. Thanks to your support we are helping others in need of white goods and other essential items. The next SVP collection is on 10th/11th June.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE 2023

For the Abolition of Torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

From Fr Anthony...

Some years ago, when we had scaffolding up to deal with the dry rot in the roof of the church, we took the opportunity to move our large crucifix; from the side, hanging over the celebrant's chair, to the centre where it now hangs over the main Altar. It is essential that there is a visible image of Christ crucified to help us focus on why we celebrate Mass. The Mass is the perfect sacrifice, created by Jesus. Through the priest, we offer Jesus, Body and Blood, to the Father, just as Jesus offered Himself to the Father on the Cross. In an unbloody way, we make present Christ's death and Resurrection and offer God our praise, sorrow for our sins, and deepest thanks.

A dear friend of mine, Ian Knowles, in 2017, created with students from his Bethlehem Icon school, a beautiful Crucifix that now hangs in the nave of Litchfield Cathedral. The western facing side shows a cross in flower, the figure of Christ, with St. Mary and St. John on Christ's right and St. Chad and St. Werburgh on his left. The reverse side shows the torso of Christ. The four points contain the Greek letters and words associated with the Easter Liturgy: Alpha and Omega, Son of God, Victor. His design was inspired by the Anglo-Saxon 'Rood' legend, the flowering Cross as the Tree of Life, rooting the icon in the early English traditions of iconography.

The priest responsible for building Our Lady Immaculate Church, where I was a priest, insisted on putting a very large image of Mary on the back wall of the church dominating the sanctuary. His successor wanted to move this and replace it with an image of Christ crucified. This didn't go down well with the people. There was a great protest. When we re-ordered the sanctuary, a beautiful free-standing Crucifix was carved and now stands beside the Altar. As Pope Paul VI says in his *Profession of Faith* (1963); 'the Mass is a sacrifice of Calvary rendered sacramentally present on our altars'. In his encyclical for Holy Thursday 2003 (Ecclesia de Eucharistia) Pope John Paul II wrote, "The Eucharist is indelibly marked by the event of the Lord's passion and death, of which it is not only a reminder but the sacramental re-presentation. It is the sacrifice of the Cross perpetuated down the ages." (Para 11). After the words of Consecration at Mass, we, the assembly, proclaim, "You are the Saviour of the World, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have redeemed the world."

Ordination to Diaconate and Priesthood

Please remember in your prayers **Charles Wilton** who was ordained priest on 3rd June in the United States. His mother lives in Canterbury. Please could you also remember **Frazier Bellfield**, who a few years ago had a short placement here as a seminarian. He is being ordained deacon on Saturday 10th June.

International Mass

Please note that on Sunday 16th July at both 9:30am Mass and 11:am we would like to acknowledge the international character of our parish by having the readings and prayers in various languages. We would also like to have music from various countries. Please contact Fr Anthony if you would like to read or say a prayer in your own language.

Funeral Masses: for the late Hubert Whyte is at Barham Crematorium on Friday, 26 May at 12.40pm

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, Sept. 23rd, 3pm, at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let your parish know as soon as possible, **and no later than the end of July**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your email address, home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. You can also get in touch with us at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Ashford, Canterbury.

Marriage and Family Life Kent RC Archdiocese of Southwark

Quiz Night - Our Lady Immaculate, Whitsable on Saturday 10th June. Bring your own nibbles and drinks. £5 .To book a place contact whitstable@rcaos.org.uk, 01227 272758

WANTED REGISTERED NURSE - To join HCPT Group 587 on our Pilgrimage to Lourdes 25th August – 1st September. Assisted funding.. for more info contact anniejudge@hotmail.com , 07866515797

Retiring collection this weekend to help some medical students who are going to work in Honduras in the Summer. One student, Veronica, writes "We are 3rd year medical students, studying at the local Kent and Medway Medical School. Today, we are fundraising for Global Brigades, a humanitarian aid charity with which we will be working this summer. We will be volunteering to help provide healthcare in severely deprived areas and educating locals on basic hygiene and medical principles. All donations will be used towards providing care and medical supplies in Honduras. If found interesting, after the summer, we will be thrilled to come back to you and let you know about the impact of your generosity. Thank you for any help you may provide."

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST MEETING

In the church hall on Saturday, 24 June from 10am to 11.30am. All current, past and potential future extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist are invited to join us for this important meeting

Confirmation Mass This coming Saturday at 3pm we welcome Bishop Paul Hendricks Auxiliary Bishop for the Kent Area who will be conferring Confirmation on 21 Candidates.

First Communions Please pray for our young people who'll be receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time next Sunday at the 9:30am and 11am Mass

Summer Fair 2nd July 10:30-1pm in the church hall. Donations of items appreciated for our Raffle, Tombola and lucky dip to be left in the All-Saints Chapel. Cake donations on the day please

If you would like a stall, please contact ucmcanterbury@gmail.com.

All funds raised going to the parish and UCM.

Walk and picnic Thank you to all you came and enjoy the lovely weather.

16 July International mass: Planning meeting on 25 June in the church hall at 10:30am. This is for both the 9:30 & 11am masses. If you would like to take part, please join us. Any queries contact socialstthomasrc@gmail.com

Faversham Refugee Sponsorship are seeking a 3 to 4 bedroom house in Canterbury for a Syrian Refugee Family. If you can help please contact Tony Cartwright on 07432 471212 or acartwright806@gmail.com

Ibo, a mature student at a language school on Lower Bridge Street is seeking accommodation until the end of September at an affordable price. If you can help please email Linda at canterbury@rcaos.org.uk.