

# 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:** Chaplain: **Fr Mark Wharton** ([markwharton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:markwharton@rcaos.org.uk))

**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

2nd Coll. **SVP**

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*)

**Monday 12th Jun: Feria** *Mt 5: 1-12*

7.30 am: John, Stasia and Christine - RIP

12 noon: Gay O'Sullivan - RIP (*Sullivan Family*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

**Tuesday 13th Jun: St Anthony of Padua** *Mt 5: 13-16*

7.30am: Thanksgiving for passing driving theory test (*Michael*)

12 noon: NO MIDDAY MASS

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 14th Jun: Feria** *Mt 5: 17-19*

7.30am: NO EARLY MASS

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation

12 noon: Holy Souls

*Tea and coffee in the hall after Mass*

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

**Thursday 15th Jun: Feria** *Mt 5: 20-26*

7.30am: Simone Sunderland - welfare (*John Renn*)

12 noon: Funeral Mass of Mary Theresa Mariasy

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: *Young Adults Prayer in the Church*

**Friday 16th Jun: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** *Mt 11:25-30*

12 noon: Ron Jenkinson - RIP (*Tessa Metcalfe*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: The housebound of the Parish

**Saturday 17th Jun: Immaculate Heart of the BVM** *Lk 2:41-51*

10:30 - 11:30am: Reconciliation

12 noon: All Fathers in the Parish

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

4:30 - 5:30pm: Reconciliation

6.00pm (Vigil): Eileen Cookson - welfare (*A Nichols*)

**Sunday, 18th Jun: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

*Mt 9:36 - 10: 8*

8.00am: Ngono & Mekongo - RIP (*Delphine*)

9.30am: John Hennelly - RIP (*Geraldine Henley*) -  
*First Holy Communion Going Forth Mass*

11.00am: Roy Williams - RIP (*Williams Family*)

6.00pm: People of the Parish

2nd Coll. **Day for Life**

### 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: **10/11 June:** Second collection for the **SVP**

Next weekend: **17/18 June:** Second collection for the **Day for Life** - This is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds of this collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church.



#### 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 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> 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...

On Saturday, Bishop Paul Hendricks will confirm our young people and they will receive a full outpouring of the Holy Spirit. On Sunday, our children will receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. I ask myself; "What do I wish for our young people this weekend?"

I wish that those who are to be confirmed and making their first Holy Communion will experience and come to know Jesus as a real person. Pope Francis, in his early days as Pope, invited all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Jesus encounter them. My great wish for our young people is that they do this unfailingly each day. Encountering Jesus in these sacraments is his invitation to a life of grace and intimacy with him. My wish is that our young people experience God's love for them. May they never doubt this, whatever happens in their life. At this moment they are infinitely loved. They will come in time to know that God has special work for them: may they experience what it truly means to be led by the Spirit. May our young people be truly people of prayer and are not afraid to acknowledge Jesus as their Lord. On this day, and the days after, they will know that their lives are changed. I ask them to dare to be different. May their lives be lives of generosity, service, purity, perseverance, forgiveness, and faithfulness to what God is calling them to be.

May they love the Mass as the source and summit of the Christian life. Jesus shares his very self with us. Thus, He is the food of life, the nourishment that we need. The people as they journeyed in the wilderness, as we hear in the first reading for Corpus Christi, were fed by manna. The Eucharist is our nourishment. In celebrating Mass, we grow as a community, we grow as the people of God, we experience what it means to be part of the church. We come to a deeper understanding what it means to be Catholic.

I will end with the words of Pope Francis:

"Dear young people, my joyful hope is to see you keep running the race before you, outstripping all those who are slow or fearful. Keep running, attracted by the face of Christ, whom we love so much, whom we adore in the Holy Eucharist and acknowledge in the flesh of our suffering brothers and sisters. May the Holy Spirit urge you on as you run this race. The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, your faith. We need them! And when you arrive where we have not yet reached, have the patience to wait for us".

**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](mailto: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](mailto:socialstthomasrc@gmail.com)

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

If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + 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](mailto: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**

**The Universe Provides**

Eddie Gilmore will be presenting his new book in word and song in the church on Saturday, July 1st 7pm. Endorsed by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the book is called The Universe Provides- finding miracles and inspiration in unexpected places. Signed copies will be for sale and will also be in the shop or can be ordered online: <https://www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk/titles/2373-9781915412485-universe-provides>

**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

**CORPIS CHRISTI MASS AT THE UNIVERSITY:** Join us this Sunday, 11 June at 5.30pm at the university chapel (Elliot) for Mass followed by a Eucharistic Procession - all welcome.

**International bring and share meal** 12-2pm on the 16th of July. Bring a dish to celebrate your heritage and share. All Welcome.

**International Mass on Sunday 16th July** at both 9:30am Mass and 11:am we would like to have 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.

Planning meeting on Sunday, 25 June in the church hall at 10:30am. This is for both the 9:30 & 11am masses.

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:canterbury@rcaos.org.uk).