

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)

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

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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. **Sea Sunday/Stella Maris**

6.00pm (Vigil): Daisy's conversion

Sunday, 9th Jul: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Mt 11: 25-30

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Becky Judge - RIP (*Judge Family*)

11.00am: William Edwards Jnr - RIP (*UCM*)

6.00pm: Leina Elizabeth Picozzi

Monday 10th Jul: Feria

Mt 9: 18-26

7.30 am: Esme Mills - RIP

12 noon: Teresa Kelly - RIP (*Bernadette Lyons*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 11th Jul: St Benedict

Mt 19: 27-29

7.30am: Rev David Cawley - 50yrs ordained (*Miriam Mehlin*)

12 noon: Thomas kottackal - RIP (*Kottackal Family*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Wednesday 12th Jul: St John Jones

Mt 10: 1-7

7.30am:

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation

12 noon: Hannalore & Hugh Hall - RIP (*Mike Hall*)

Tea and coffee in the hall after Mass

4.45pm: Body of William Edwards Jnr received into the church

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Thursday 13th Jul: St Mildred

Mt 10: 7-15

7.30am: Pauline Ventress - welfare

12 noon: Requiem Mass of William Edwards Jnr

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Friday 14th Jul: St Camillus de Lellis

Mt 10: 16-23

12 noon: Eileen Cookson - welfare (*Angela Nichols*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Dave Cloke and family - welfare

Saturday 15th Jul: St Bonaventure

Mt 10: 24-33

10:30 - 11:30am: Reconciliation

12 noon: Con & Patrick Lyons - RIP (*Bernadette Lyons*)

1.00pm: *Baptism of Tristan Rostanti*

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

4:30 - 5:30pm: Reconciliation

6.00pm (Vigil): Ray Cookson - welfare (*Angela Nichols*)

8.00pm: *Credo: Non Angli sed Angeli (Music and Reading)*

Sunday, 16th Jul: 15th Sun in Ordinary Time (A) Mt 13: 1-23

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Judith Howland - RIP (*John & Annie Judge*)

INTERNATIONAL MASS

11.00am: Angela Carmel on her birthday

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6.00pm: Beate Cookson - RIP (*Angela Nichols*)

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, Barbara Markham, Angela Nichols, Tom Carr, Mary Jeffries, Noreen Egan, Germaine Reid, Heather Dandison, Maria Krynicki, John Kieley, Richard Sexton, Frank Basquil, Judith Parsons, Therese Punnett, Andrew Burton, Pauline Ventress, Heinz Vogel, Annie Queenan, Micheline Ambrosine, Jean Crane and Geoff Cooke

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

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, Anita Johnson, Mary Mariasy, Fr Patrick Aikens, Russell Thompson, Gabriel Mendes and William Edwards Jr

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

Ingebore Parry

SECOND AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: **08/09 July: Stella Maris** (Sea Sunday) is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide, providing practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. The charity is represented in more than 250 ports around the world and relies wholly on voluntary contributions. Please give generously.

Next weekend: **15/16 July: SVP**. Please give generously to the ongoing work of our local SVP Chapter here in Canterbury



Baptism Preparation:

To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 5 August 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)

100 Club June Winners: Congratulations to our June Winners: Geraldine Yates (55) and Mary McGillie (78)

Summer Fair thank you to all the parishioners who supported our UCM summer fair. All winners in our raffle have been contacted and prizes can be collected from the Presbytery during office hours

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2023

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

From Fr Anthony...

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Every month Pope Francis issues a prayer intention. Here is this month's the prayer intention.

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In the last few weeks in the newsletter I have been reflecting on how we celebrate the Mass as a parish. We are conscious that "the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." It is fitting that Pope Francis has given us this theme now. Each month he also releases a video to go with the prayer intention. In this month's video he asks that we place the Eucharist at the centre of our lives. The video begins with him saying: "if you are the same at the end of Mass, as you were at the beginning, something is wrong."

The Pope invites us to see the celebration of the Eucharist not as an obligatory ritual, but rather as an encounter with the Risen Jesus, for "the Eucharist is the presence of Jesus," which is "profoundly transforming." Pope Francis insists that "it is Christ Who offers Himself, Who gives Himself for us;" which leads to "our lives being nourished by Him, to nourish the lives of our brothers and sisters." He explains "the logic of the Eucharist," which "gives us the courage to encounter others, to go out of ourselves, and to open ourselves to others with love."

This is why the Pope encourages us to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, because that is where we receive the capacity to love others and to allow ourselves to be transformed by Him.

Finally, he encourages us to pray that "Catholics place at the centre of their lives the Eucharistic Celebration, which transforms human relationships and opens up an encounter with God and their brothers and sisters."

You can watch this video here:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Pope+Prayer+intention+for+July+2023

Let us pray:

Jesus, Bread of eternal life, came down from heaven and was made flesh thanks to the faith of Mary Most Holy. After having borne him with ineffable love, she followed him faithfully unto the Cross and to the resurrection. Let us ask Our Lady to help us rediscover the beauty of the Eucharist, to make it the centre of our life, especially at Sunday Mass and in adoration.

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

Education Secretary urged to "scrap the cap"

The Catholic Union is encouraging people to sign an open letter to the Education Secretary calling for the 50 percent cap on faith-based admissions to new free schools to be lifted. The letter is available to sign at www.catholicunion.org.uk or use the QR code.



The official **World Youth Day** celebrations take place in Lisbon, Portugal this summer with Pope Francis. The theme is: "Mary arose and went with haste" (Lk 1:39). For those who cannot travel there, the Assumption Sisters' youth team in collaboration with others, are offering a **day celebration in on Saturday 5th August 2023 from 11am-5pm in the church of Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. Programme: music • prayer • talks • activities • Mass, bringing together a young community of different nationalities in one faith! Venue: Notre Dame de France, Donations only. To register** a group or individually, fill in the form: bit.ly/wydlondon If you would like more information, contact us! See poster in the Narthex for details.



There will be a Seminar entitled "**Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities**". This seminar will take place at the **Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023**. You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the *Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast*. On the day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark. Information and registration, at this link or scan the QR Code; <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>. Or write us: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk. Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. **Registration is FREE.**



Fond Farewell! It is with great sadness that we are saying goodbye to Father John Howard who has been appointed as assistant priest in the parish of Saint Augustine, Tunbridge Wells. We thank him for his three years of prayerful service and dedication to us all. We will miss him, but we assure him of our love and prayers in his new parish. His last Sunday here will be 3rd September. The Archbishop has appointed Father Giovanni Prandini as assistant priest here. He will be arriving in the first week of September. Fr Giovanni has been the assistant at the Church of the Holy Ghost, Balham.

The Bethlehem Nativity Group (TBNG): A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us on the weekend 22nd - 23rd July to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated ("when you help the poor you help our Lord").

Credo; Non Angli, Sed Angeli: A concert of music and reading from St Bede the Venerable recalling the story of St Gregory the Great and St Augustine of Canterbury in the church on Saturday, July 15th at 20h00. Admission £12 (under 18 Free) Proceeds to the Music Fund

GREGORIAN CHANT AFTERNOON AT MINSTER ABBEY with Canterbury Gregorian Music Society at Minster near Ramsgate CT12 4HQ Saturday 22nd July at 2 for 2.30 in the Parkminster Building Chant for St Alphege, tea and cake in the cafe, a practice for Vespers to join in with the nuns at 6pm. We leave after Vespers at 6.30. (or leave at 5.30 before Vespers.) All are welcome. You don't need to be an experienced singer or musician, just willing to have a go. - **FREE** - Queries to Helen Natrass 07803612556

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 contact the Parish office **no later than 31 July**, You can email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk : email title: e.g. Ashford, Canterbury. **Marriage & Family Life Kent, RC Arch. of Southwark**