

# NEWSLETTER

## CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, CANTERBURY & ST DUNSTAN'S, HERSDEN, KENT

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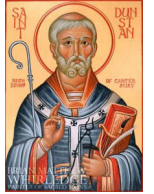
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### ST THOMAS'

ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

6.00pm (Vigil): Ian Risdon - RIP (*Dunne Family*)

**Sunday 1st October: 26th Sun in Ordinary Time** Mt 21: 28-32

ROSARY SUNDAY

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Welfare of Pearl Watkins

11.00am: Chris Silcock - birthday wishes

6.00pm: Wim Van Vuuren - RIP (*Gemma*)

**Monday 2nd Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels** Mt 18: 1-5, 10

7.30am: Bill McClelland - RIP (*Elizabeth Forrester*)

12 noon: Private Intention/Thanksgiving

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

**Tuesday 3rd Oct: Feria** Lk 9: 51-56

7.30am: NO EARLY MASS

12 noon: Barbara Markham - RIP (*SVP*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 4th Oct: St Francis of Assisi** Lk 9: 57-62

7.30am: Sean Buckley (*Forrester Family*)

10:30 -11:30am: Reconciliation

12 noon: Sancho Vibal - RIP (*Vibal Family*)

Tea & Coffee in the hall after Mass

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

**Thursday 5th Oct: St Faustina Kowalska** Lk 10 1-12

7.30am: All Stonyhurst Boys hitting 50yrs this year (*E Forrester*)

12 noon: Carmen Panlilio (*Frances & Susan*)

7.30pm: Prayer & Pub this evening

**Friday 6th Oct: St Bruno** Lk 10: 13-16

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

12 noon: Vertigan Family welfare

Adoration and Benediction after Mass until 1.30pm

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Dave & Andrea Cloke (*Matthew & Monika*)

**Saturday 7th Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary** Lk 10: 17-24

12 noon: Canon Richard Hearn - RIP

4.30pm: Legion of Mary meeting in Upper Room

4:30 - 5:30pm: Reconciliation

6.00pm (Vigil): Margaret & Maureen Jones - RIP (*Peter Jones*)

**Sunday 8th Oct: 27th Sun in Ordinary Time** Mt 21: 33-43

ROSARY SUNDAY

8.00am: Betty Scott - RIP

9.30am: Andrew Strain - RIP (*Jeannette da Silva*)

11.00am: Leslie Lewis - RIP (*Macaria Lewis*)

6.00pm: People of the Parish

2nd Coll. PACT Prisoner Sunday

### ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

Convent Mass at 11.30am Mon- Wed & Friday; 4pm Saturday

Holy Days Mass at 7.30pm

**Sunday 1st Oct: 25th Sun in Ordinary Time** Mt 20: 1-16

10.00am:

**Sunday 8th Oct: 27th Sun in Ordinary Time** Mt 21: 33-43

10.00am:

#### Please remember in your prayers:

Marie Strong, Angeline Frizell, Luisa Ward, Janette Hughes, Pat Gibson, Jenni Aldridge, Josie Price, Mary Reynolds, Brian Wicker, Joan Sutton, Audrey Martin, Elizabeth Gilhenny, Bill Parker, Lucy Purbrick, 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, Micheline Ambrosine, Jean Crane, Joyce Wharton, David Tully, Pat Andrews, Nicholas Murphy and Gerry Buckels.

#### Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Anthony Andrews, Barbara Brett, Pamela Scott, Canon Michael Bunce, Michael Mansbridge, Michael Hood-Cree, Ron Green, Veronica Troope, Peter Dunbar-Johnson OBE, Sr Rose Penter, Bruce Johnson, Anita Johnson, Mary Mariasy, Russell Thompson, Gabriel Mendes, William Edwards Jr, Sister Helen Reynolds, Betty Scott, Molly Kelly, Nan Weber, Gail Wharton, William Quinn, Barbara Markham, Sancho Vibal, Fr Kevin St Aubyn and Eva Lee

#### Please pray for those whose 1st anniversaries are in October 23:

Sidney Palmer

#### ST THOMAS' SECOND AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: **30 September/01 October**: No Second Collection

Next weekend: **07/08 October**: PRISONERS SUNDAY

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is Friday, 6th October. Envelopes are available this weekend in the Narthex. Please deposit in any collection bag on 7/8 October



**St Thomas' Baptism Preparation:** To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 7 October 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)

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2023

**For the Synod**

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.


## From Fr Anthony...

As we enter the month of October, there is much for us to remember in prayer. On Saturday 30th September, in St Peter's Square, Pope Francis has asked for an ecumenical time of prayer in preparation for the Synod on Synodality. This will be led by the Taizé Community. The Synod begins on 4th October and goes on to the 29th October. Our Archbishop, John Wilson, is one of three bishops from the UK who will be in Rome for this gathering. As the Pope has stressed many times, the Synod on Synodality will be about involving the entire Church, the whole people of God, in the fulfilment of Christ's commission to announce the Gospel to all nations. It will be about all of us—clergy and laity—walking together (syn-hodos, "on the way with" in Greek) under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In this measure, the synod will be very much in continuity with Vatican II's universal call to holiness and the consistent post conciliar emphasis on a "new" evangelisation. It will embody Pope Francis's oft-stated desire for a Church that goes out from itself all the way to the margins in order to bring Christ to everyone.

As has been stated many times, the Synod is not about sorting out doctrinal issues. That is not its purpose. Some have expressed the fear that this will be a Synod that's going to make big doctrinal changes – some fear that, some desperately hope for it. Both groups will be quite disappointed if they're looking for big doctrinal change because the Pope's focus is on the 'who' of the Church, on the question of the way in which our life itself is focused on mission to the world. As Professor Anna Rowlands stated, on the Bishops of England and Wales website, "The Church is the only institution that exists not fundamentally for its own members, but for the sake of the conversion and the salvation of all. So [we need] a renewal in that focus on mission. But you don't get to that mission if you haven't done your housekeeping – thinking about the kind of community that we are, and that we would be drawing people into." In Pope Francis' mind the Synod is about drawing all the members of the Church and those beyond the Church into a deeper relationship with God and a deeper relationship with each other. This, too, links into the Parish Plan we have been called to draw up before Advent; what will we do in our community to evangelise, catechise and call to mission in order to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all?

This month is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. As you pray the rosary this month, ask Mary our mother, and Mother of the Church, to guide all those who meet in Rome to have a listening heart so that the prompting of the Spirit will be perceived and understood.

## PARISH MATTERS

 Are you a University Student? If so, you are welcome! Please collect a Postcard from the Narthex after Mass which details our programme for this term. It would be great to meet you. More Information available from Fr Mark: [markwharton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:markwharton@rcaos.org.uk).

**PRAYER AND PUB:** Prayer and pub meetings in the church every Thursday, at 7.30pm. All those aged 18 - 35 years welcome.

**OCTOBER ROSARIES:** We are seeking parishioners to lead the saying of the Rosary each weekday from 11.30am in the church. If you can help, please put your name on the form in the Narthex.

**SVP says thank you.** The September SVP collection raised £945.96. Thank you so much for your generosity. In August, we were able to provide beneficiaries with a cooker, a child's bed, a fridge and good quality used essential furniture. We are grateful to the 1485 Trust for part-funding these items. A family were delighted to receive a donated and reconditioned sewing machine. We gave out £455 in food vouchers and £240 in energy top-ups. The next SVP collection is 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> October.

**Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Prayer, Talks, Fellowship. A great way to prepare with Our Lady, for Holy Week. Led by Fr Mark Wharton. Cost in the region of £350. All welcome. To register interest; please contact Fr Mark at [markwharton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:markwharton@rcaos.org.uk) For more details please see the poster in the Narthex.

**ST THOMAS' CONFIRMATION:** Application forms for the 2023/2024 programme for young people in Yr 9 and above available in the Narthex or from Parish Office.

**ST THOMAS' FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION:** Application forms for the 2023/2024 programme for children in Yr 3 and above available in the Narthex or from the Parish Office.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, known as Journey in Faith)** - Come and see evening for those interested in becoming Catholic or those Catholics who have not yet received all the Sacraments of Initiation. In St Thomas' church on Tuesday, 3 October at 7pm.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** There will be a harvest festival on the 8th of October with tea and cakes in the hall after the 9:30am mass (donation of cakes welcomed on the day). This year we are collecting items for Catching Lives. Please see poster in Narthex for a selection of items and place your donations on the Altar. Thanks

**A Knight at the Ballet:** Join parishioner, Sir David Bintley, on Sat 7th Oct 2023, doors open 7.00pm for 7.15 pm in the church hall, for a journey through his experiences working both behind the scenes and centre stage, with The Royal Ballet, Birmingham Royal Ballet, New National Ballet of Japan and other international ballet companies. Refreshments included in the ticket price of £10 per person will a raffle on the night. Tickets from the Parish Office or the Shop. All funds raised will go to the church.

**On 15 November a Mass will be offered by Canon Michael Branch at 2pm in St George's Cathedral, Southwark.** The theme this year is "Affirming the Church's Message on Marriage and Family Life?" We hope that the Coloma Convent Girls' choir will enhance the liturgy and there will be a happy reception afterwards. Tickets for the occasion will be £25. We hope to have enough to give a donation to charity.

**ST ANSELMS CATHOLIC SCHOOLSUPPLEMENTARY FORMS** Canon Anthony will be available in the Presbytery, (59 Burgate) to sign the supplementary forms for admittance to St Anselm's School (2024) at the following times **only**:  
Monday, 02 October 2023 from 7pm to 8.30pm;  
Tuesday, 3rd October 2023 from 4pm to 5.30pm and  
Wednesday, 11th October 2023 from 5pm to 6pm and 7pm to 8pm.

**PIANO RECITAL** in St Thomas' church hall on Saturday, October 21st 2023 at 3pm. Kilian Langrieger will play works by Bach, Mozart, Scriabin and Brahms. Advance tickets will be available for purchase for £13 (£10 for students) from the parish shop; after all Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses from next week-end in the Narthex, and from the office. More info.: Mark Lyons on 01227 533666

**ACCOMMODATION:** A religious sister is urgently looking for a room to Rent during the current academic year. Please contact Rumbi on her behalf on 07514711996