

NEWSLETTER

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

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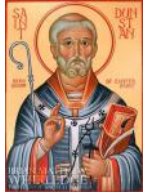
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ST THOMAS'

ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

2nd Coll. PACT Prisoner Sunday

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

Monday 9th Oct: St John Henry Newman Mt 13: 47-52

7.30am: Lucy & Winifred Nyaaba - safe delivery of babies

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

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 10th Oct: Saint Paulinus of York Lk 10: 38-42

7.30am: Lucy & Winifred Nyaaba - safe delivery of babies

12 noon: NO MIDDAY MASS TODAY

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Wednesday 11th Oct: Translation of St Wilfred (St John XXIII)

Lk 11: 1-4

7.30am: Lucy & Winifred Nyaaba - safe delivery of babies

10:30 - 11:30am: Reconciliation

12 noon: George Joseph - RIP (*Saju Jose*)

Tea & Coffee in the hall after Mass

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Thursday 12th Oct: St Wilfred Lk 11: 5-13

7.30am: Lucy & Winifred Nyaaba - safe delivery of babies

12 noon: Mary Nelson - RIP (*C Stone*)

7.30pm: Prayer & Pub this evening

Friday 13th Oct: St Edward the Confessor Lk 11: 15-26

12 noon: Kay Lunn - RIP (*Anne Dick & Family*)

Adoration and Benediction after Mass until 1.30pm

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Gerry Buckels - welfare (*Matthew & Monika*)

Saturday 14th Oct: St Callistus I Lk 11: 27-28

10.30 - 11.30am: Reconciliation

12 noon: Lucy & Winifred Nyaaba - safe delivery of babies

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

4:30 - 5:30pm: Reconciliation

6.00pm (Vigil): Roger Strong - RIP (*Kathleen Kerr*)

Sunday 15th Oct: 28th Sun in Ordinary Time Mt 22: 1-14

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: William Edwards - RIP

11.00am: Mary and Matthew Queded - RIP (*Mary Reynolds*)

12.15pm: *Baptism of Owen Sullivan*

6.00pm: Ronald Goss - RIP (*Derek Goss*)

2nd Col.:
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ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

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:

Friday, 21st October at 7pm: Induction of Canon Anthony Charlton as Parish Priest of Hersden by Bishop Paul Hendricks, Auxiliary Bishop for the Kent Area

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 Kielely, 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, Eva Lee and Cecilia Adekunle

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

Sidney Palmer

ST THOMAS' SECOND AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

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

Next weekend: **14/15 October: St Vincent de Paul**



St Thomas' Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 4 November 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...

This week, as you can see, scaffolding now adorns the front of our church. After a drone survey, it became apparent that the tower needs repairing and securing. Looking at the scaffolding, I recall that Saint Bonaventure related that while Francis of Assisi was praying, the Crucified One said to him, "Go and repair my church". Pope Francis referred to this incident in his homily at the opening Mass of the Synod that was celebrated on the feast of St Francis last week. Not only does our church building of St Thomas's need ongoing repairs after nearly 150 years but, as Pope Francis said, "Mother Church is always in need of purification, of being "repaired", for we are a people made up of forgiven sinners, always in need of returning to the source that is Jesus and putting ourselves back on the paths of the Spirit to reach everyone with his Gospel."

As we are caring for the fabric of our building, we need to ask the Holy Spirit to help us see where we need, as the people of God, to be "repaired" and purified. We are the living stones. My hope is that our parish community will become a place where all feel welcome. May we be a community where we will encounter Christ in the celebration of the liturgy, in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and in the care we show one another. I desire that our parish community will have a special love for the poor, the marginalised, the sick, the lonely and the forgotten. Most of all, I desire our parish to be a community, that having discovered the joy of the Gospel, will be courageous enough to share this deep joy with those who have never entered through the doors of the Church.

Loving Lord, send your Spirit upon us so that our parish may be a place where we engage with your Son who is our life and who needs to become the life of every man woman and child. May we be a community where we create and support people in becoming committed missionary disciples.

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.


Pilgrimage to Walsingham:

Friday 15th-Sunday 17th 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 via email: markwharton@rcaos.org.uk
For more details please see the poster in the Narthex.

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 weekend in the Narthex, and from the office. More info.: Mark Lyons on 01227 533666

LITURGICAL MUSIC WORKSHOP WEEKEND. There are some spaces left on the Liturgical Music Workshop Weekend Ben and the Credo Ensemble are offering between the 13th and 15th October. Please see the poster at the back for details and email credoensemble@gmail.com to book your place. It promises to be a busy and informative weekend, all are welcome.

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

 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 welcome. 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 email: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk. Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. **Registration is FREE.**

ST ANSELMS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SUPPLEMENTARY FORMS

Canon Anthony will be available in the Presbytery, (59 Burgate) to sign supplementary admittance forms for St Anselm's School (2024) by appointment only. Please phone the office for an appointment.

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.

CAFOD are hosting an online event (www.bigmarker.com/cafod/Laudato-Si?utm_bmc_source=Vol) on Thursday 12 October at 7pm to reflect on what Pope Francis' *Laudate Deum* means for us. Please do join us and share this invitation with others.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE - SYCAMORE PROGRAMME: Growing in Faith. Consisting of four, one-hour long sessions via Zoom, this is a wonderful opportunity for married couples and engaged couples who have completed their marriage preparation course to explore their faith together. From 8-9pm on 24th, 31st October and 7th and 14th November. To Register go to <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together>

Our Director of Music, Ben, has eight names of people who signed up for the choir but didn't put any contact details down. If you haven't had an email from Ben, please could you email him via credoensemble@gmail.com as soon as possible please.

Help Your Marriage – Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk