

NEWSLETTER

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

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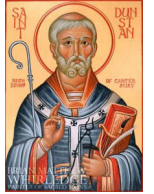
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ST THOMAS' ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

2nd Col.:
SVP

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 Quedsted - RIP (*Mary Reynolds*)

12.15pm: *Baptism of Owen Sullivan*

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

Monday 16th Oct: St Hedwig Lk 11: 29-32

7.30am: Special birthday thanksgiving for Bob (*Trudy*)

12 noon: Blessing on Ordination Anniv - Fr Mark Wharton

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 17th Oct: St Ignatius of Antioch Lk 11: 37-41

7.30am: Arch. Michael Bowen - RIP

12 noon: NO MIDDAY MASS TODAY

12 noon: Funeral Mass of Fr Kevin St Aubyn at Whitstable

Wednesday 18th Oct: St Luke Lk 10: 1-9

7.30am: Dennis Rossiter (*Cath Miller*)

10:30 -11:30am: Reconciliation

12 noon: Welfare of the Evans Family

Tea & Coffee in the hall after Mass

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Thursday 19th Oct: St Philip Howard Lk 11: 47-54

7.30am: Kimaris Brown - RIP (*Mark Wylde*)

12 noon: Thanksgiving for continuing recovery of Fraser Crampton

7.30pm: Prayer & Pub this evening

Friday 20th Oct: Feria Lk 12: 1-7

12 noon: Funeral of Cecilia Adekunle at Barham

12 noon: Betty Scott - RIP (*Martina Clark*)

Adoration and Benediction after Mass until 1.30pm

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.00pm: Induction of Canon Anthony Charlton as Parish Priest at St Dunstan's, Hersden

7.30pm: NO MASS THIS EVENING

Saturday 21st Oct: St Margaret Clitherow Lk 12: 8-12

10.30 - 11.30am: Reconciliation

12 noon: Kevin James Flanagan on 60th birthday

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

4:30 - 5:30pm: Reconciliation

6.00pm (Vigil): Ray & Doreen Hunter - Diamond Wed. (*E. Murphy*)

Sunday 22nd Oct: 29th Sun in Ordinary Time Mt 22: 15-21

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: UCM -72 yrs celebration

11.00am: Germaine Reid - welfare (*Family*)

12.15pm: *Baptism of Luna van der Kellen and Ehizokhae Iyoha*

6.00pm: Richard Clark - RIP (*Martina Clark*)

2nd Coll. Missio

ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

Holy Days Mass at 7.30pm

Sunday 15th Oct: 28th Sun in Ordinary Time Mt 21: 33-43

10.00am:

Sunday 22nd Oct: 29th Sun in Ordinary Time Mt 22: 15-21

10.00am:

Friday, 20th 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: **14/15 October:** St Vincent de Paul

Next weekend: **21/22 October:** World Missions (Missio)



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...

The passage from Isaiah that we hear read at Mass today will be one of the readings that I would like to have at my own funeral Mass. The prophet Isaiah gives us a wonderful image of eternal life. This image is of a lavish banquet. The food is rich and plentiful and the wine is overflowing. The setting is on top of a mountain. Traditionally the tops of mountains are sacred places; the place where God is encountered. All are invited to this meal and they will experience great joy. Those on the mountain will no longer know mourning, tears or sadness. Death has been conquered. Death has been overcome and has been banished.

The Mass we celebrate each week enables us to be present at Christ's conquering of death through his own death on the cross. It is through his death that we share the joy of new life. Our Mass is a reflection and foretaste of the joy of eternal life. The author of this passage reminds us of the joy of that final day when all peoples will be united with the Lord forever.

By our participation at Mass, we are expressing our desire to share in the eternal banquet. We are saying yes to the invitation issued by God our Father to be part of the banquet. In the Gospel this weekend, the invitation has been issued to come to the wedding of the king's son. It is extended to all; "Go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you find, good and bad alike" and the wedding hall was filled with guests. There is only one condition. Those invited must be seen wearing the wedding garment. Baptism alone is not sufficient. Through God's grace we are called to live the Christ life. St Paul expresses this well, "Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." (Colossians 3:9-12).

This can be our prayer this week:

Loving Lord, to whose eternal banquet the whole world is summoned as your guest, keep us mindful of your call to holiness and clothe us in the practice of good works, so that we, the last and least of those you have invited, may not come unprepared but may be welcome at your table and rejoice in your salvation. Amen

PARISH MATTERS

The Funeral of the late Fr Kevin St Aubyn takes place at 12 noon on Tuesday, 17 October at Our Lady Immaculate, Whitstable.

ST THOMAS' FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION: will be celebrated on Sunday, 9th June and the Going Forth Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 16th June 2024. Application forms for the 2023/2024 programme are available in the Narthex or from the Parish Office.

ST THOMAS' CONFIRMATION 2024: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, 11th May at 6.00pm. Application forms for the 2023/2024 programme are available in the Narthex or from the Parish Office.

A Knight at the Ballet. We apologise for the short notice of cancellation and hope to reschedule in the future. Current tickets will be valid for the new date.

ST ANSELMS CATHOLIC SCHOOLSUPPLEMENTARY 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.

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 and 31st October and 7th and 14th November.
To Register go to <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together>

SECOND COLLECTION 21/22 OCTOBER FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

Hearts on fire, feet on the move'- cf. Luke 24:13-35
World Mission Sunday is a globally celebrated moment of grace. It's a chance to pray and give to support our sisters and brothers in Christ who live in areas of poverty, conflict and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event. And every penny, pound and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work. Look at this video on YouTube that shows us how are helpful.
<https://youtu.be/uUoQSuUHjzk?si=cjUn3hbJ5uptaAN5>

Save the date. Our Parish Quiz night is on 11th November at 7pm in the Hall.

Harvest Festival 8th October thank you for your generous donation of items to Catching Lives local homeless charity. Our cake sale raised £228.43 to help the charity.

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.

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.