

NEWSLETTER

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

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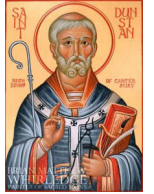
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ST THOMAS'

ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

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

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

8.00am: Helena Bal - RIP (*Marta Gocek*)

9.30am: UCM -72 years celebration

2nd Coll. Missio

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

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

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

Monday 23rd Oct: Feria

Lk 12: 13-21

7.30am: Bincy - welfare (*Abraham Family*)

12 noon: Germaine Reid - welfare (*Family*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 24th Oct: Feria

Lk 12: 35-38

7.30am: NO EARLY MASS TODAY

12 noon: Ann Strain - RIP (*Jeanette Da Silva*)

Wednesday 25th Oct: Feria

Lk 12: 39-48

7.30am: Fr Francis Kemsley (O. Carm.) - RIP (*Roberta Johnson*)

10:30 -11:30am: Reconciliation

12 noon: Philip Ryan - RIP (*Pauline Ryan*)

Tea & Coffee in the hall after Mass

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Thursday 26th Oct: Sts Chad and Cedd

Lk 12: 49-53

7.30am: People of the Parish

12 noon: Cookson Family - RIP (*Angela Nichols*)

7.30pm: Prayer & Pub this evening

Friday 27th Oct: Feria

Lk 12: 54-59

12 noon: Nichols Family - RIP (*Angela Nichols*)

Adoration and Benediction after Mass until 1.30pm

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Deceased members of Sherman Family (*Matthew & Monika*)

Saturday 28th Oct: Sts Simon & Jude

Lk 6:12-19

10.30 - 11.30am: Reconciliation

12 noon: Wedding Anniversary (*George*)

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

4:30 - 5:30pm: Reconciliation

6.00pm (Vigil): People of the Parish

Sunday 29th Oct: 30th Sun in Ordinary Time Mt 22: 34-40

8.00am: Juan Caras - RIP

9.30am: Filipino Community & Families

11.00am: Wim Van Vuuren - RIP (*Bob and Trudy*)

12.15pm: *Baptism of*

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

ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

Holy Days Mass at 7.30pm

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

10.00am:

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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, 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: **21/22 October:** World Missions (Missio)

Next weekend: **28/29 October:** Society of African Missions Appeal



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)

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 2023/2024 are available in the Narthex or from the Parish Office.

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...

Today is World Mission Sunday and in his message to us Pope Francis has taken as his theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," which he said was inspired by the story of Jesus and the disciples on the road to Emmaus after the resurrection. We are all familiar with this incident at the end of Luke's Gospel. After the crucifixion of Jesus, two of the disciples of Jesus had turned their backs on Jerusalem and were full of sadness and disappointment because they had such high hopes for Jesus. They did not recognise the stranger that joined them as Jesus and they told him the reason they were sad; "We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel." They are full of disappointment. Yet their meeting with Christ in the Word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out once again and go back to Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen. The Pope points out that, in this Gospel account, we perceive this change in the disciples through a few revealing images: their hearts burned within them as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, their eyes were opened as they recognised him and, ultimately, their feet set out on the way. It is easy for us to get disheartened when we hear that we are called to be missionary disciples. We are not sure what is expected of us. We are sometimes more comfortable with quoting the saying attributed to St Francis of Assisi, "Preach the gospel with your lives, only use words if necessary". Yet Jesus is calling us to go forth. This is what the two disciples did. Renewed and encouraged by the encounter with Jesus at Emmaus they returned to Jerusalem. An evangelist, Roy Fish, made an interesting observation saying that there is a difference between "come and hear" and "go and tell." The "come and hear model" is when we say to others come and hear the Gospel proclaimed in our church we hope to be yet Jesus is inviting us to "go and tell." We are like those two disciples, we need to be refreshed by the Word of God, nourished by the Eucharist and so share with others the joy of meeting the Lord.

"So, let us set out once more, illumined by our encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by his Spirit. Let us set out again with burning hearts, with our eyes open and our feet in motion. Let us set out to make other hearts burn with the Word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist, and to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation that God, in Christ, has bestowed upon all humanity.

Our Lady of the Way, Mother of Christ's missionary disciples and Queen of Missions, pray for us!" (Pope Francis Message for World Mission Sunday 2023)

PARISH MATTERS

Children Liturgy - Request for volunteers

If you enjoy working with children and sharing God's good news, you can join the team running Sunday's 9:30 children's liturgy. Please contact the Parish office or send a message to nievescastrocanterbury@gmail.com if you are interested.

Scaffolding...you may have noticed scaffolding on the front of the church? We have carried out a comprehensive review of all repairs needed to our church buildings. We used drones to check the upper levels and these revealed some cracking of the spire and bell tower and missing louvres around the bell chamber. Not surprising after 148 years! We suspect the metal bands used to keep the stone in place are now corroding and causing the cracking. So we are mending it all and making sure things will last for a good number of years.

We also have scaffolding inside the church as we deal with long awaited repairs to our sanctuary windows and church walls. While we have this scaffolding up we will also take the opportunity to check windows and lights at the upper levels. It will mean a few weeks of inconvenience and some noise and mess but I know you will understand it will be worth it to keep our building and us safe and sound along with a tidy up for Advent and Christmas. *Mike Lilford*

Day of Prayer and Fasting: Pope Francis announced another day of prayer and fasting for an end to the Israel-Hamas war, to be observed on **Friday 27 October**. He said it will be "a day of penance to which I invite sisters and brothers of the various Christian denominations, those belonging to other religions, and all those who have at heart the cause of peace in the world, to join in as they see fit". On that Friday, the Holy Father will preside over a vigil in St Peter's Square at 6pm (5pm UK). He is desirous that faithful around the world join with him in prayer at that hour "in a spirit of penance to implore peace in our time, peace in this world". In the Latin Patriarchate, Wednesday 25 October is the **Solemnity of Our Lady, Queen of Palestine and all the Holy Land**.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES by Canon Anthony Charlton will take place at Canterbury Cemetery on Sunday, 5th November at 3pm. Please meet at the main entrance.

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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND 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/uUoQSuUHjk?si=cjUn3hbJ5uptaAN5>



There will be a Seminar entitled "**Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities**" taking place at the **Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023**. All welcome to this archdiocesan initiative by the *Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion* chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast. There will be contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Rev. John Wilson, Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark. **Participation is either in person or remotely via Video Conference (Zoom)**. To register for free for the Seminar and to get the Zoom link, please Scan the QR Code above or click on the following link: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/1G3DvS124W>
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