

# NEWSLETTER

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

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**Parish Office open Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri: 10am to 3.00pm (closed 1pm to 1.30pm)**

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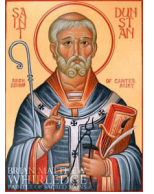
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### ST THOMAS'

ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

6.00pm (Vigil): Deceased members of the Ascencao family

**Sunday 5th Nov: 31st Sun in Ordinary Time** Mt 23: 1-12

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: William Edwards - RIP (*FHC Catechists*)

11.00am: Joan & Maurice Crosland - RIP (*Margaret Guye*)

3.00pm: *Blessing of the Graves at Canterbury Cemetery*

6.00pm: Myrian & Andre Ambroisin - RIP (*Micheline*)

**Monday 6th Nov: Feria**

Lk 13: 10-17

7.30am: Pamela Dalton - RIP (*Bernadette Lyons*)

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

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

**Tuesday 7th Oct: Feria**

Lk 13: 18-21

7.30am: NO EARLY MASS TODAY

12 noon: Private Intentions/Thanksgiving

**Wednesday 8th November: ints**

Mt 5: 1-12

7.30am: Intentions of Jordan Pereira

10:30 -11:30am: Reconciliation

12 noon: Fr Tom Herbst - RIP (1st Anniv.)

*Tea & Coffee in the hall after Mass*

**Thursday 9th Nov:**

Mt 11: 25-30

7.30am: Mr & Mrs Charles O'Grady - RIP (*Virginia Forrester & Fam*)

12 noon: Ruth Molloy - RIP (*Sean Molloy*)

7.30pm: THERE IS NO PRAYER AND PUB TONIGHT

**Friday 10th Nov:**

Lk 14: 1-6

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

*Adoration and Benediction after Mass until 1.30pm*

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: *Dr Sandeep Singh - RIP (G-Kanny Family)*

**Saturday 11th Nov:**

Lk 14: 1, 7-11

10.30 - 11.30am: Reconciliation

12 noon: James (*Anne Rooke*)

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

4:30 - 5:30pm: Reconciliation

6.00pm (Vigil): Fred Regan (*Regan Family*)

**Sunday 12th Nov: 32nd Sun in Ordinary Time** Mt 25: 1-13

8.00am: Welfare of the Family and Friends of Mary Wright

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.00am: Mattie Egan - RIP (*Chris Duff*)

6.00pm: Joseph Puthuppallil - RIP (*Saju Jose*)

2nd Coll. Archbishop's Appeal

### ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

**Sunday 5th Nov: 31st Sun in Ordinary Time** Mt 22: 15-21

10.00am: People of the Parish

**Sunday 12th Nov: 32nd Sun in Ordinary Time** Mt 25: 1-13

10.00am: People of the Parish

#### 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, Gerry Buckels and Patrick Lyons.

#### 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 November 2023:

Rev. Fr Tom Herbst, Michelle Rising, Raymond Guy, Eric Pavis and Manuel De Medeiros

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

This weekend: **04/05 November** : No second collection this weekend  
Next weekend: **11/12 November** : Archbishop's Appeal - is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve.



**St Thomas' Baptism Preparation:** To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 2 December 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 NOVEMBER 2023

*For the Pope*

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

## From Fr Anthony...

Reflecting on today's Gospel where Jesus is warning against being called Rabbi, Father or Teacher, I was thinking about the titles I have.

Some years ago I was asked by Archbishop Kevin to become a Chapter Canon. There are twelve Canons in the Southwark Chapter and we meet twice a year; on the feast of St George (23rd April) and on the anniversary of the consecration of our Cathedral of Saint George at Southwark (7th November). According to the Statutes of the Chapter, the Archbishop entrusts the Chapter to initiate projects of pastoral importance, to advise him on matters which may prove delicate or contentious and be a forum at which any matters of importance to the mission of the Church in Southwark can be discussed confidentially. In addition, our Diocesan Chapter of Canons are also now the College of Consultors. According to Canon Law, the college of consultors assists the Archbishop in the governance of the Diocese in accord with the provisions of Church law.

So from being called "Father" after I was ordained priest, I have now been given another title - "Canon." I feel uneasy whenever people call me "Canon." It is much more formal than Father. It describes a relationship I have with the Bishop and the Diocese. I am much happier being called "Father" because it expresses a spiritual and personal relationship between myself and the people I serve. Just as a human father must nourish, instruct, challenge, correct, forgive, listen and sustain, as a priest I have a responsibility to respond to the spiritual needs of those entrusted to my care. I need to provide nourishment through the celebration of the sacraments. I am called to preach with fervour and conviction and provide reconciliation and healing through the sacraments.

At my induction as parish priest of Hersden a couple of weeks ago, Bishop Paul reminded me that it was my duty to serve the people in such a way that they become true followers and disciples of the Lord Jesus by loving and serving God their Heavenly Father, and all his people.

I find this daunting sometimes. I have to remind myself that it is Jesus who has called me to holiness as a priest. If he wanted me to be his priest then he gives me all I need to grow in intimacy with Jesus and to be a servant of his word and be formed by the word. Pope Francis says that this intimacy comes from prayer, the spiritual life, concrete closeness to God through listening to his word, the celebration of the Eucharist, the silence of adoration, entrustment to Mary, the wise accompaniment of a guide and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pope Francis went on to say, "without these 'forms of closeness,' a priest is merely a weary hireling who has none of the benefits of the Lord's friends." Pope Francis emphasised that people were looking for "shepherds in the style of Jesus," not "clerical functionaries" or "professionals of the sacred."

People need us priests to be "men of courage, ready to draw near to those in pain and lend a helping hand," he said. "Contemplative men, whose closeness to people enables them to proclaim before the wounds of our world the power of the Resurrection even now at work.

I am a Canon, but call me Father!

## PARISH MATTERS

**Worship meeting** at St Thomas Catholic Church every **first and third Saturday** of the month from **4pm to 6pm** in the St Thomas' church hall - it's open for all.

**100 CLUB** Forms for 2024 membership are now available in the Narthex and from the Office. £25 annual membership gives a chance of a monthly prize of £20 and an annual prize of £200. Please note both current and new members must complete forms each year to comply with the Small Lottery Regulations. Please return completed forms with payment by Fri, 8 Dec 2023 to the office

**The Christians Together in Canterbury Annual General meeting** will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024. We will be electing all of our 4 offices – Moderator, Deputy Moderator, Treasurer and Secretary. If you would be interested in standing for any of the 4 offices, please contact either Simon (Moderator) or Lyndall (Secretary): [Simonredman3@gmail.com](mailto:Simonredman3@gmail.com) or [lyndall@lyndallbywater.net](mailto:lyndall@lyndallbywater.net)  
If any one from St Thomas's is interested, please contact John Renn on [jrennstthomas@gmail.com](mailto:jrennstthomas@gmail.com)

**'Caring in a Crisis'**, 7:30pm Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary Bredin  
This is another chance for groups and organisations working with those in need to come together, explain the work they do and network with one another. If you're involved in an initiative offering particular support to those in need during winter, please do get in touch with Rev Jo Richards to talk about taking part in the evening - [rev.jorichards@gmail.com](mailto:rev.jorichards@gmail.com)

**Interfaith Week**  
Interfaith Week with CANDIFA happens in November, see poster in the Narthex

**ST THOMAS' FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION:** will be celebrated on Sunday, 9th June at the 9.30am and 11am Masses  
**ST THOMAS' CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated on Saturday, 11th May at 6pm

**Quiz night 11th November** a fun family friendly evening. Book a table or join a team. Tickets available from the Presbytery during office hours, the church shop and [socialstthomasrc@gmail.com](mailto:socialstthomasrc@gmail.com). See posters for more information. All funds raised go to our parish.

**November Prayer Lists for Holy Souls:** These are available in the Narthex. Please complete your list and drop it in the marked box in the Narthex. These lists will be taken to the Altar with the offertory at Masses during November.

**HALL STAGE :** The Hall stage is being used for productions of Hamlet by the Shakespeare Festival on 17-18th and 24-25th November 2023. If you have any items stored on the stage please remove these before Monday, 13 November.

Health Awareness Talk with Social Enterprises Kent on **CERVICAL CANCER AND BREAST CANCER** is being held on: 8th November 2023 from 6pm to 7pm in the St Thomas Catholic Church Hall. All welcome

### MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE PROGRAMMES:

#### **PASSING ON THE FAITH AS GRANDPARENTS**

What practical steps can we take and what sort of conversations can we have which will help anchor our grandchildren's faith?  
Four online sessions starting Weds eves November 8th, 7:30 – 9pm. Email Lisette on [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk)

#### **PASSING ON THE FAITH FOR PARENTS**

How do we start? How do we continue? What works well for children at different stages? Four online sessions starting Thurs evening November 9<sup>th</sup>, 8 – 9:30pm. Email Lisette on [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk)