

# NEWSLETTER

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

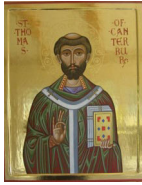
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**Parish Office open Mon, Tues & Fri: 10am to 3.00pm (closed 1pm to 1.30pm), Thurs 10am - 1pm**

**St Thomas' Shop** (01227 462896): Open **Sundays from after 9.30 Mass until 12 noon**

**University of Kent Chaplaincy:** Chaplain: **Fr Mark Wharton** ([markwharton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:markwharton@rcaos.org.uk))

**St Thomas' Catholic Primary School:** Head Teacher: **Miss Lisa D'Agostini** (01227 462539)

**St Anselm's Catholic Secondary School:** Executive Principal: **Mr M Walters**; Academy Principal: **Mr J Rowarth** (01227 826200)



### ST THOMAS' (All Masses are Livestreamed)

7.45pm: *Concert: Haydn's 'Seven Last Words of Christ'*

#### HOLY WEEK

6.00pm (Vigil): People of the Parish

**Sunday 24th Mar: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Mk 14: 1-15; 47

8.00am: John Mehlin - RIP (*Miriam Mehlin*)

9.30am: Terry Spratley - RIP (*Monica Spratley and Family*)

11.00am: Thanksgiving (*Martins Avaan and Family*)

4.00pm: Polish Community Mass

6.00pm: Vertigan Family - wellbeing

2nd Col.: **SVP**

**Monday 25th Mar: Monday of Holy Week**

Jn 12: 1-11

7.30am: Rev David Cawley - RIP (*Miriam Mehlin*)

12 noon: Sheila Charlton - RIP

**Tuesday 26th Mar: Tuesday of Holy Week** Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38

12 noon: Allen Family - RIP

6.00pm: Evening Prayer

7.00pm: RCIA

**Wednesday 27th Mar: Wednesday of Holy Week** Mt 26: 14-25

7.30am: Ray Scott - RIP (*Rhys Scott*)

11h00: *Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral, London*

**Thursday 28th Mar: Holy Thursday (Maundy Thurs)** Jn 13: 1-15

10h30 - 12 noon: Reconciliation

7.00pm: *Altar Servers Practice*

8.00pm: *Mass of the Lord's Supper - Fr Barry Angus -RIP  
Reconciliation after the Service*

**Friday 29th Mar: Friday of the Passion of the Lord** Jn 18:1-19:42

9.30am: Morning Prayer

11.00am: *Children's Stations of the Cross in the Hall*

11.00am: *Altar Servers Practice*

3.00pm: *Celebration of the Passion of our Lord  
followed by Reconciliation*

Coll. Holy  
Places of  
Palestine

8.00pm: *Stations of the Cross with Veneration of the Cross*

**Saturday 30th Mar: Feria**

Jn 11: 45-56

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.30 - 12.30: Reconciliation

11.00am: *Altar Servers Practice*

2.00pm: *Polish Blessing of the Food in the Church*

8.00pm: **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - People of the Parish**

**Sunday 31st Mar: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

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8.00am: Thanksgiving (*Martins Avaan and Family*)

9.30am: Filipino Community and their Families

11.00am: David Heap - RIP (*Christine Heap*)

12.30pm: *Baptism of Olivia Abuthariti*

6.00pm: Leslie Lewis - RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

All Coll.: Easter  
Offering for the  
Priests

### ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

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10.00am: David Papa - RIP

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3.00pm: *Celebration of the Passion of our Lord*

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10.00am: People of the Parish

*Easter Offering Envelopes for the Priests are available at Mass on  
Sunday 24th March.*

#### Please remember in your prayers:

Marie Strong, Angeline Frizell, Luisa Ward, Janette Hughes, Jenni Aldridge, Josie Price, Mary Reynolds, Brian Wicker, Joan Sutton, Audrey Martin, Heather Dandison, Maria Krynicki, Richard Sexton, Frank Basquil, Judith Parsons, Therese Punnett, Andrew Burton, Pauline Ventress, Jean Crane, Pat Andrews, Patrick Lyons, Caine Libin, Matthew Young, Arthur Noronha, William Humphries, Marjery Craig, Juliet Nakabugo, Marie David Ambroisine, Pauline Ryan, Tita Riley, Mary De Wolf, Ron Cameron, Brian Collins, Sheila Elliott and Louis de Marigny

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

Molly Kelly, William Edwards Jr, Nan Weber, William Quinn, Barbara Markham, Sancho Vibal, Eva Lee, Nicholas Murphy, Cecilia Adekunle, Deirdre Mills, Janet Rogers, Judith Ross, Lewis Rising, Heinz Vogel, Bill Parker, Sr John Baptist, Judith Roser, Mary Cawthorn, David Tully, Joe Gunn, John Keily, Mary Jeffries, Germaine Reid, Patricia Gibson, Vince Dalton, Sean Tanzey, Christine Metcalfe, Ken Clark, Fr David Standley and Keith Taylor

#### Please pray for those whose 1st anniversaries are in March 2024:

*Ronald Green and Veronica Troope*

**HCPT Quiz Night:** Please save the date Saturday, 20th April 2024



**St Thomas' Baptism Preparation:** To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 6 April 2024** 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, online or in the Narthex)

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2024

*For the new martyrs*

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm..

## From Fr Anthony...

A dear friend of mine died this last week. He was a gentle, strong man who for many years was an inspiration and encouragement to me and I suspect to many others besides. He was a brother priest. He was accompanied on his last journey by many friends, those who loved him, those close to him and those who cared for him.

There is a prayer in the ritual of Anointing of the Sick that reads, "Look with compassion upon your servant whom we have anointed in your name with this holy oil for the healing of his body and soul. Support him with your power, comfort him with your protection and give him the strength to fight again evil. Since you have given him a share in your own passion help him to find hope in suffering." This Holy Week we will be journeying with Jesus in his final days when he experiences great physical and mental suffering undergoing an ignominious death before rising to new life. We have a wonderful opportunity to meditate and reflect on the sufferings of Jesus. Let us discover what it means for us to find hope in his suffering. It is only by being with Jesus in his last days that the words the priest prayed for my friend after death make sense or mean anything to me: "Lord Jesus you willingly gave yourself up to death so that all people might be saved and pass from death to a new life. By dying you opened the gates of life to those who believe in you." We are not merely remembering past events as we celebrate these last days of Jesus this week, we are entering into the Paschal mystery which is the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. We are being part of it.

Here is my prayer for Holy Week

*Loving Lord, give me the grace to walk with you on your last journey that takes you to your death. I place myself in the crowd. I walk with you on the road to Golgotha. I stand with Mary and the beloved disciple at the foot of the cross as you die. I watch as you are placed in the tomb. On the first day of the week I journey with the women as they encounter an empty tomb.*

## ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS

### ST THOMAS' SECOND AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: **23/24 March: SVP** - please give generously as usual  
**Friday, 29 March: Holy Places of Palestine** - for the upkeep of those holy places connected with our Lord's Passion and to maintain Christian schooling in the area  
Next weekend: **30/31 March: Priests Easter Offerings**. The collections at all Easter Masses go directly to the priests and do not form part of the parish funds.

**EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES** These are available at the back of the church for return at the Easter Services.

### RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at St Thomas' on:  
Thurs, 28th March from 10h30 - 12noon  
Fri, 29th March after the Solemn Liturgy at 3pm  
Sat, 30th March from 10h30 - 12 noon

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Sat 6th April 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration, Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

### The Julian Prayer Meetings

*If you are drawn to silent prayer, join our Julian Prayer Meetings (named after Julian of Norwich). The meetings are for people of all denominations, faiths or none who wish to join with others in the practice of silent prayer, resting in the present moment. Meetings gather at the south door of the Cathedral after Evensong and then we go into the Crypt. Please join us from 18.30 - 19.00 on: Thurs 4 April; Thurs 2 May; Thurs 13 June; Thurs 4 July. For further information, please email Canon Emma at [emma.pennington@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:emma.pennington@canterbury-cathedral.org)*

### CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN CANTERBURY

#### Good Friday Walk of Witness and Open-air Service

10:45am Refreshments at The Salvation Army  
11:20am Walk of Witness leaves The Salvation Army  
11:30am Open-air service in the Long Market (outside Las Iguanas)  
12:15pm Service close  
With alternative prayer at St Andrews URC (see poster in the Narthex for details)

### SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Southward Catholic Youth Service has re-launched several activities in 2024 for those aged 10 to 35. For more details about what is on offer and to receive regular updates, please sign up to our network at [tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://tinyurl.com/scysnetwork) or scan the QR.



### HCPT (GROUP 587) SUMMER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

**25 May - 1st June 2024.** £960 (accommodation only £645). For more information contact Annie Judge (07866515717 / [anniejudge@hotmail.com](mailto:anniejudge@hotmail.com)) or chat with Father Anthony. There are also leaflets in the Narthex.

### Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 at St

**George's Cathedral** If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup>+ wedding anniversary this year, please email us at [mfkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mfkent@rcaos.org.uk) as soon as possible, and no later than **May 31<sup>st</sup> 2024**.

### Building a Better Marriage Course

This free day, open to all married couples from 'Just Married' to "70 years, allows married couples to **privately** explore their relationship more deeply, gain valuable insight into their communication and the call of the church to be married.

Refreshments will be provided but please bring packed lunch. **Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 from 9.30am to 4.30 pm at Our Lady Immaculate, Whitstable CT5 2EY.**

Booking is essential: on 01227 272758 or email [whitstable@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:whitstable@rcaos.org.uk)

### LISS (Life in the Spirit Seminars):

a 5-week course, encouraging the grace of Baptism in the Holy Spirit in St Thomas' Parish Hall, Tuesdays 23rd April to 28th May, including Pentecost day retreat Saturday 18th May at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. Register using QR code or contact Sheldon on [bagley.sheldon@gmail.com](mailto:bagley.sheldon@gmail.com). For online Zoom registration, use: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/liss>



**Easter Celebration 31st March 10:30-12 in the church hall.** There will be tea and cakes, craft, activities for the children 9a raffle. Donations appreciated on the day. Raising funds for our church.

**Lenten Lunch.** Many thanks to all who came and support our Lenten Lunch with delicious soups and bread. We raised £98.50 for CAFOD

The Union of Catholic Mother's would like to thank everyone who donated to our Canterbury Foodbank appeal supporting the amazing work they do.