

NEWSLETTER

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

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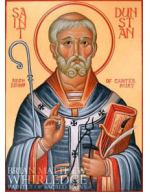
Parish Office open **Mon, Tues & Fri: 10am to 3.00pm** (closed 1pm to 1.30pm), **Thurs 10am - 1pm**

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)

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ST THOMAS' (All Masses are Livestreamed)

2nd Col.: **SVP**

6.00pm (Vigil): Rhys and Jennifer Scott

Sunday 19th May: Pentecost Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

8.00am: Michael Reynolds - RIP

9.30am: Intentions of the Renn Family

11.00am: Polak, Howsam and Prior families intentions

Baptism of Ben Scott during Mass

6.00pm: People of the Parish

Monday 20th May: Mary, Mother of the Church Jn 19: 25-34

12 noon: Requiem Mass for Sheila Elliott

6.00pm: Evening Prayer

Tuesday 21st May: St Christopher of Magellanes Mk 9: 30-37

12 noon: Don Baltazar Domeq - RIP

Wednesday 22nd May: St Rita of Cascia Mk 9: 38-40

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Stanley Metcalfe - RIP

Tea and coffee in the hall after Mass

6.00pm: Evening Prayer

Thursday 23rd May: Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

Mk 14: 22-25

7.30am: William Edwards - RIP

12 noon: Bruce and Anita Johnson - RIP

Scripture group meeting in the upper room after Mass

Friday 24th May: Feria Mk 10: 1-2

7.30am: Colin McDonagl - RIP

12 noon: Thanksgiving

Saturday 25th May: St Bede the Venerable Mk 10: 13-16

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Suzanna Jacob- RIP

4.30 - 5.30pm: Reconciliation

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

6.00pm (Vigil): Betty Scott - RIP

Sunday 26th May: The Most Holy Trinity Mt 28: 16-20

8.00am: Vinod and Family

9.30am: Filipino Community and families

11.00am: Chris Richmond on his birthday

Baptism of Reginald Ayala

6.00pm: People of the Parish

ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

Sunday 19th May: Pentecost Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Patronal Feast of St Dunstan

10.00am: People of the Parish

Sunday 26th May: Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

10.00am: People of the Parish

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, Brian Collins, 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 Kelly, Mary Jeffries, Germaine Reid, Patricia Gibson, Vince Dalton, Sean Tanzey, Christine Metcalfe, Ken Clark, Fr David Standley, Keith Taylor, Françoise Heaton, Sheila Elliott, Ron Cameron and Mary Wright (Woodman)

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

Hubert Whyte, Mary Mariasy, Gabriel Mendes and Russell Thompson

Funeral for the Late Mary Wright (Woodman) takes place here in St Thomas' on Thursday, 6th June at 12 noon

ST THOMAS' SECOND AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: **18/19 May: SVP.**

Next weekend: **25/26 May:** No second collection this weekend

OPEN AIR MASS 30TH JUNE 2024 AT 10AM

On 30th June we will have an Open Air Mass in the grounds of St Anselm's School. There will be usual Saturday evening vigil Mass at 6pm on 29th June but NO Masses will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday. The only Sunday Mass will be the one we celebrate together in the grounds of St Anselm's School. Next planning meeting 17th June at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2024

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



St Thomas' Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 1st June 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)

From Fr Anthony...

In the opening prayer for this Pentecost Sunday we ask that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will be poured out across the face of the earth and we ask that our hearts will be filled with these gifts.

Some of you might remember when Pope John XXIII asked everyone before the opening of the Second Vatican Council to pray, asking the Holy Spirit "to renew your wonders in this our day, as by a new Pentecost." We know that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit transformed the apostles, locked away, from being fearful and timid people into people confident to face the world and share with all the good news of Christ risen from the dead.

Pentecost is not a past event but something that still needs to be happening in the Church today. St Pope Paul VI said that "the primary need of the church is to live out Pentecost at all times." The experience of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit is offered to everyone of us. Let us ask for this outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives now.

Fr Pat Collins CM, in his book 'Gifted and Sent', wrote that if you wish to ask to pray for an in-filling of the Holy Spirit begin by answering these questions:

Do I believe that Jesus is the Son of God, that he died to free me to new life?
Will I follow Jesus as my Lord?

Then when you make your profession of faith, say the following prayer with sincerity of heart and expectant trust:

Lord Jesus Christ, I want to belong more fully to you from this time forward.

I want to be freed from the power of sin and the evil one.

I want to enter more completely into your kingdom to be part of your people.

I will turn away from all wrongdoing, and I will avoid everything that leads me to wrongdoing.

I ask you to forgive all the sins that I have committed.

I offer my life to you and I promise to put you first in my life and to seek to do your will.

I ask you now to drench, soak, and inundate me with your Holy Spirit.

I believe that your spiritual hands are upon me and that the red light of your mercy and the white light of your love are flooding my body, mind and soul.

I thank you Lord that even as I pray you are responding to my request because it is so in accord with your loving desire for me.

Amen

If you want to know about renewal events that are taking place in the Uk follow this link: <https://www.charisuk.com/>

ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS

New Opportunities Fair has been cancelled

We've been given a National Lottery Community Grant!

The National Lottery award money to fund great ideas that help communities to thrive. We applied for a grant to help renovate our hall kitchen. We've been awarded £19,666 towards our costs! So Project Hall Kitchen is starting now.

If you are interested in being part of this please contact Tessa Metcalfe on email: canterburyfcs@rcaos.org.uk



AGENCY FOR EVANGELISATION & CATECHESIS - FORMATION FAYRE

The call for Adult Formation was overwhelmingly present in the synod responses, across the world and in our archdiocese. Join us for an enriching day of faith development at the Formation Fayre 2024 on 8 June 2024 at Amigo Hall, St. George's Cathedral. More details on the posters in the Narthex

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 13th 2024 at St

George's Cathedral If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than May 31st 2024. Email us at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk for details.

On Tuesday 21st May, the Vigil of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. More information at www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Pilates Classes: We have some spaces for both the Mat (Wed) and Chair (Tues) classes at 10h30 in our parish hall. Contact Jennifer at jcu.bintley@icloud.com

PILGRIM ACCOMMODATION : Franciscans first arrived on English soil on 10th September 1224 – this year marks the 800th anniversary of this moment. The UK Franciscan family are organising a pilgrimage from Dover to Canterbury to mark this event and are entitling it: **Casting the Net of Peter with the Card of St Francis 1224-2024.** The plan for 10 – 11th September is: they begin their pilgrimage with Eucharist on the beach in Dover. After breakfast they will set off for Canterbury, hoping to arrive late afternoon on Tuesday 10th September. They will use our Hall for their evening meal. They request parishioners who would be willing to put pilgrims up in their homes overnight on Tuesday 10th September and maybe for 11th September. Please contact the priests or parish Office if you can help.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Father Anthony and a group of parishioners travel to Lourdes this coming Friday. If you wish intentions to be placed in the grotto, please hand them into the office before Thursday

Solitude Group: The Solitude Group meets on the third Saturday of the month in St Peter's Anglican Church; 10am to 12 noon. Next meeting is 15th June.

MUSIC CONCERT: Saturday 25th May - a concert of music and readings by the Credo Ensemble, telling of St Augustine of Canterbury's journey to evangelise the English, 'Non Angli, Sed Angeli' will be offered at 7:30pm, more details on the posters around the church, this is for the music fund.

Catholic maritime charity **Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea)** is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an **online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm** to hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

Discernment Workshops 28th May, 11th June, 25th June

A series of **online** workshops looking at the principles and practice of Ignatian Discernment. Open to **young adults (20s and 30s)**. In these workshop we will consider what Ignatian spirituality teaches us about clarifying our choices, ways of listening to God's Spirit in our lives and discerning the way forward. To register please email: FCJCentreStHughes@gmail.com

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s) Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life. Dates: 24 - 26 May 2024. Location: Liverpool. Organised by: the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend gives the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you think God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome for the weekend or just on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. Information visit our website www.fcjisters.org or contact Sr Lynne FCJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com