

# NEWSLETTER

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

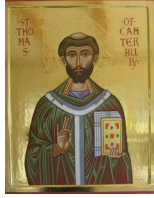
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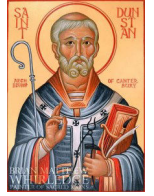
**Parish Office** open **Mon, Tues & Fri: 10am to 3.00pm** (closed 1pm to 1.30pm), **Thurs 10am - 1pm**

**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)

6.00pm (Vigil): People of the Parish

**Sunday 16th Jun: 11<sup>th</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time (B)** Mk 4: 26-34

8.00am: Val Marchant - RIP

9.30am: Becky Judge - RIP

11.00am: William Edwards - RIP

12:30pm: *Baptism of Misli Mateos*

6.00pm: Theresa Jankowska - RIP

2nd Col.: **Day for Life**

**Monday 17th Jun : Feria**

Mt 5: 38-42

12 noon: Clarina Pinto - thanksgiving

**Tuesday 18th Jun: Feria**

Mt 5: 43-48

12 noon: John Hennelly - RIP

**Wednesday 19th Jun: St John Rigby**

Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Canon Anthony on the occasion of his ordination anniversary

*Tea and coffee in the hall after Mass*

**Thursday 20th Jun: St Alban**

Mt 6: 7-15

7.30am: NO MASS

12 noon: Mary Wright - RIP

*Scripture group meeting in the upper room after Mass*

**Friday 21st Jun: St Aloysius Gonzaga**

Mt 6: 19-23

12 noon: Joel and Clarina Pinto

**Saturday 22nd Jun: Sts John Fisher & Thomas Moore**

Mt 6: 24-34

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Lynn Ray - healing

2.00pm Ukrainian Community Mass

4.30 - 5.30pm: Reconciliation

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

6.00pm (Vigil): Sheila Elliott - RIP

7.30pm: Tudor Chamber Concert

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jun: 12<sup>th</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time (B)**

Mk 4: 35-41

8.00am: Donald MacCormack - RIP

9.30am: Filipino Community & families

11.00am: People of the Parish

4.00pm: Polish Community Mass

6.00pm: John, Anastasia & Christine - RIP

2nd Coll.  
Spiritan's  
Appeal

### ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

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10.00am: People of the Parish

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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, Marjery Craig, Juliet Nakabugo, Marie David Ambroisine, Pauline Ryan, 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 Keily, Mary Jeffries, Germaine Reid, Patricia Gibson, Vince Dalton, Sean Tanzey, Christine Metcalfe, Ken Clark, Fr David Standley, Keith Taylor, Francoise Heaton, Sheila Elliott, Ron Cameron, Mary Wright (Woodman), Tita Riley, William Humphries

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

*William Edwards*

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

This weekend: **15/16 June** : Second Collection for Day for Life - dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. Proceeds provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life related activities supported by the church.

Next weekend: **22/23 June** : **Spiritan's Appeal**. Members of the Spiritan community will be talking to us about their work and mission

**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](mailto:jcu.bintley@icloud.com)

**MUSIC FUND EVENT:** next Saturday 22 June at 7.30 in Church: Harpsichord Recital of Early Music £15; £5 Students, U18's free.

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

*For migrants fleeing their homes*

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.



**St Thomas' Baptism Preparation:** To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 6th July 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...

There have been some special moments in my life that will always remain with me. As a young priest I was called to the local hospital to anoint a man who was close to death. There was no family or loved ones present at his bedside. He was alone and unconscious. I anointed him and said the prayer for the dying. I decided to remain seated with him and very soon after he gently breathed his last breath. I felt I was present at a profound moment of his life and death and it was a privilege to witness this sacred moment.

I recall this special moment today as we celebrate on this Sunday "A Day for Life". The theme this year, chosen by the three Bishops conferences of England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, is "The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life."

A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives. The Bishops encourage us in our parishes to promote the Catholic view of life as a gift and the importance of care at the end of life.

Henry Nouwen, a Catholic priest, writes, "Life is a gift. Each one of us is unique, known by name and loved by the One who fashioned us. Unfortunately, there is a very loud, consistent and powerful message coming to us from our world that leads us to believe that we must prove our belovedness by how we look, by what we have and by what we can accomplish. We become preoccupied with "making it" in this life and we are very slow to grasp the liberating truth of our origins and our finality. We need to hear the message announced and the message emboldened over and over again. Only then do we find the courage to claim it and live from it."

In the Roman Missal, under the section Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, there is a prayer for the Grace of a Happy Death.

"O God, who have created us in your image and willed that your Son should undergo death for our sake, grant that those who call upon you may be watchful in prayer at all times, so that we may leave this world without stain of sin and may merit to rest with joy in your merciful embrace. Though our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son". Amen.

## ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS

### OPEN AIR MASS 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 10am at St Anselm's School

Next planning meeting 17th June at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

### Ben Scott

Next Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, will be the last Sunday that Ben Scott will be with us as Musical Director. His contract ends at the end of the month. I would like to thank Ben for all he has done to help us to praise God through music. He has also provided for us some wonderful concerts. We wish him all God's blessings. *Fr Anthony*

**Summertime 2024: 29<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August: Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre, £189. For aged 11-16.** A residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. For more details of how to get to the venue, with a coach laid on at St. Anselm's Dartford, see your parish priest for a form, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, Chaplain to the Guild of St, Stephen, [Dartford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:Dartford@rcaos.org.uk), Tel:01322 220075.

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London** is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat on Saturday 20 July 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Sebastian and St Pancras, 22 Hay Lane, Kingsbury NW9 0NG. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

GREGORIAN CHANT AFTERNOON at MINSTER ABBEY: Saturday 29th June at 2.30pm in the Parkminster building. A relaxed afternoon of chant ending with Vespers at 6pm tickets £10 to include refreshments (free for CGMS members) <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cgms>

**TYPE 2 DIABETES WORKSHOP:** There will be a Type 2 Awareness/Workshop session on Saturday 22nd June 2024 at 3pm in the St. Thomas' Catholic Church Hall, Canterbury. Refreshment will be available.

**ORDINATION OF FRAZER BELLFIELD.** Please pray for Deacon Frazer Bellfield (who joined us for summer placement at the start of his formation in 2019), who will be ordained on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July in St. George's Cathedral at 12:30.

**CANTERBURY MEDIEVAL PAGEANT:** This year the pageant falls on Saturday, 6th July. The church and hall will be open for visiting and activities from 12h30 until 17h00. We are, as usual, looking for volunteers to help staff the two venues for the afternoon. If you can help, please contact Linda in the office.

International Mass: Sunday, 14th July at both the 9:30am and 11am mass we would like to acknowledge the international character of our parish by having the readings and prayers in various languages. We would also like to have music from various countries. If you would like to take part, please email us at [socialstthomasrc@gmail.com](mailto:socialstthomasrc@gmail.com)

There will be an International bring and share lunch after the Mass from 12-2 in the church hall

### UCM Summer Fair 7th July 10:30-1pm to raise funds for the Parish

Please support our Summer Fair by making donations of items for our Raffle, Tombola and lucky dip - may be left in the All-Saints Chapel. Cake donations welcome on the day please. If you would like a stall to promote your business, please contact [ucmcanterbury@gmail.com](mailto:ucmcanterbury@gmail.com)

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Details of this can be found on the Archdiocesan website: [rcaos.org.uk](http://rcaos.org.uk). Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese. More information from <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/archbishop-john-to-lead-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/>

**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.