

NEWSLETTER

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

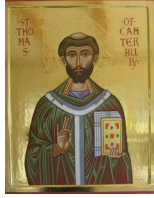
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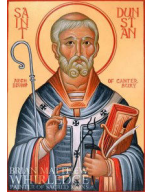
Parish Office open Mon, Tues & Fri: 10am to 3.00pm (closed 1pm to 1.30pm), Thurs 10am - 1pm

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)

6.00pm (Vigil): Sheila Elliott - RIP
7.30pm: Tudor Chamber Concert

2nd Coll. Spiritan's
Appeal

Sunday 23rd Jun: 12th 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

Monday 24th Jun: Nativity of St John the Baptist Lk 1: 57-66,80
12 noon: Mary Cullen - RIP

Tuesday 25th Jun: Feria Mt 7: 6, 12-14
12 noon: Fr Tom Lynch - RIP

Wednesday 26th Jun: St Thomas Garnet Mt 7: 15-20
10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation
12 noon: Maurice Silcock
Tea and coffee in the hall after Mass

Thursday 27th Jun: St Cyril of Alexandria Mt 7: 21-29
7.30am: NO MASS
10.00am: Wedding of Jan-Axle Perez Ewabore & James Newman
12 noon: Mary Wright - RIP
Scripture group meeting in the upper room after Mass

Friday 28th Jun: St Irenaeus Mt 8: 1-4
12 noon: Thomas Conway - welfare
7.30pm: *Prayer Group in the Hall*

Saturday 29th Jun: Feria Mt 8: 5-17
10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation
12 noon: Mary Mariasy - RIP
4.30 - 5.30pm: Reconciliation
4.30pm: *Legion of Mary meeting in the Upper Room*

6.00pm (Vigil): Tony Kirwen - RIP

Sunday 30th Jun: Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles Mt 16: 13-19

10.30 Open Air Mass at St Anselm's School, Canterbury
- People of the Parish

ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

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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 and Sister Katherine Owens

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

William Edwards

ST THOMAS' SECOND AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

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

Next weekend: **29/30 June : Peter's Pence.** The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father destined for church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects as well as the support of the Holy See.

MASS OF THE TRANSLATION We will be celebrating the Mass of the Translation of the Body of St Thomas of Canterbury on Sunday, 7th July at 7.30pm in Canterbury Cathedral Quire. The principal celebrant is Bishop Philip Moger.

There will be NO 6.00pm MASS in St Thomas Church that evening.

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 or email the office to book. Please fill in a Registration Form in advance (from office, online or in the Narthex)

Stilling of the storm.

Jesus was a carpenter and not a fisherman. In this Sunday's passage from Mark the carpenter is travelling with the disciples across the Sea of Galilee. They find themselves in the midst of a great storm. The seasoned and experienced fisherman were deeply afraid because there was a good possibility that they might drown. In the midst of this storm Jesus is asleep. He was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. How is this possible? The fisherman had to wake him. "Master, do you not care? We are going down!"

When reading this Gospel, I am reminded that when my life seems chaotic and things are falling apart, when I feel that I am drowning, Jesus seems to be asleep. He is not there, or he doesn't seem to care. When life is stormy Jesus is not around. I might cry out in desperation, "Lord don't you care, I am drowning here!"

Amidst this mighty storm on Galilee Jesus did two things. He rebuked the wind and commanded the sea to be still. When all was still and calm Jesus said to the disciples, who were understandably scared, "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" The Greek word for faith is 'pistis' which can mean 'trust'. Jesus is asking them and asking us, "have you no trust in me?"

I love the words of the writer Peter Kreeft:

"So, the next time you see some of the terrifying, threatening waves of life about to break on you and wipe you out, remember who is holding them back and using them as part of his mysterious but all-wise and all-loving plan for your life. We cannot see that, but we can believe that; and we can believe that because we can believe him and trust him. If he is all-powerful and all-wise, he controls even the waves of the sea and the waves of our lives. And if he is all-good and loving, then he does it out of his love for us, for our greatest good in the end. We must believe it because we do not usually see it, but we have three very good reasons to believe it: there is no limit to God's power, God's wisdom, and God's love. That is why there is a limit to the waves."

ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS

OPEN AIR MASS 30th June 2024 at 10am at St Anselm's School

Could parents please bring outdoor games on the day to keep children entertained. Football goal net and Badminton nets will be available.

We are looking for helpers to help set up for the Mass on Saturday, 29th June at 12 noon and to help clear up on Sunday after the Mass.

RAFFLE, At the Open air Mass on 30th June there will be a raffle to raise funds for our church. Any donations of prizes for the raffle can be left in the Presbytery during office hours or on the day.

Summertime 2024: 29th July – 1st 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, Tel:01322 220075.

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 urgently need volunteers to help staff the two venues for the afternoon. If you can help, please contact Linda in the office.

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>

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 20th July in St. George's Cathedral at 12:30.

Youth Day The next Youth Day of the Archdiocese of Southwark is going to be held on 6 July at St. John Fisher School, Chatham. We encourage parents and youth ministers to bring children ages 10-14 to this event, which will be a day packed with catechesis, games, sports, crafts, music, and adoration. Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/yday6july

The Scripture Group will not be meeting on Thursday 27th June.

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

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

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23rd to 30th August 2024. Details of this can be found on the Archdiocesan website: 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.