

NEWSLETTER

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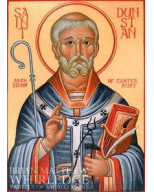
Parish Office open Mon, Tues & Fri: 10am to 3.00pm (closed 1pm to 1.30pm), Thurs 10am - 1pm

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 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): Tony Kirwen - RIP

2nd Col.: **Peter's Pence**

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

Monday 1st July: St Oliver Plunket Mt 8: 18-22

12 noon: Sue King - RIP

2.00pm: Funeral of William Humphries

Tuesday 2nd Jul: Feria Mt 8: 23-27

12 noon: Derek John Jeffrey - RIP

Wednesday 3rd: St Thomas, the Apostle Jn 20: 24-29

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Andréa Aguiar - RIP

Tea and coffee in the hall after Mass

Thursday 4th Jul: St Elizabeth of Portugal Mt 9: 1-8

7.30am: Canon Anthony - Thanksgiving

12 noon: Mary Goldsmith - RIP

Scripture group meeting in the upper room after Mass

Friday 5th Jul: Feria Mt 9: 9-13

12 noon: Funeral of Tita Riley

7.30pm: *Prayer Group in the Hall*

Saturday 6th Jul: Feria Mt 9: 14-17

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Gerry Taylor

12.30 - 5.00pm: *Church and Hall open for Medieval Pageant*

4.30 - 5.30pm: Reconciliation

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

6.00pm (Vigil): Thanksgiving

Sunday 7th Jul: 14th Sun in Ordinary Time (B) Mk 6: 1-6

8.00am: Mary Wright - RIP

9.30am: UCM Members & families

11.00am: Thomas Kirby - RIP

6.00pm: NO MASS

7.30pm: Mass of the Translation in Canterbury Cathedral Quire
- **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:

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 Catherine Owens

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

Sr Helen Reynolds and Betty Scott

ST THOMAS' SECOND AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

This 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.

Next weekend: **06/07 June : No second Collection** this weekend

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.

POCKET PARISH DIARIES: We will be receiving pocket parish diaries again for 2025. If you are a business person who would like to advertise in the diary, please send you name, business name and contact details to Linda in the office asap.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2024

For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer on those who receive it, and their loved ones, the power of the Lord, and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.



St Thomas' Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 3rd August 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)

From Fr Anthony...

A year after my First Communion, the Bishop came to our parish for Confirmation and I chose Peter as my confirmation name. I am not sure then why I chose that name. All I knew was that it was the name of the disciple who became the first Pope.

Over the years I have grown very fond of Peter. Here was a fisherman, chosen by Jesus to be an apostle and to proclaim the Gospel, yet he had feet of clay. He was the man who walked on water until the moment he took his gaze off Jesus and began to sink. He was the man who cut off the ear of the servant in the garden of Gethsemane. He was the man who was to follow Jesus to the ends of the earth until the night, by the fire in the courtyard of the high priest, he denied Jesus three times. Nevertheless, he was the one who Jesus called to feed his lambs and sheep. Jesus gave him the name "rock" and on him the church has been built. Peter was a flawed human being who Jesus chose to lead and guide the followers to share the Good News. We have two letters that he wrote and they are full of encouragement. I love these words of his; "So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed, shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you, not for shameful gain, but eagerly, not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock." Peter 5: 1-4 When I was ordained a priest, it was St Paul that I turned to for the words that I wanted for my Ordination Card; "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us." (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Like St Peter, Paul was painfully aware that even though he had been called by Jesus when he underwent his conversion on the road to Damascus, all his life he faced the truth that he needed to trust in God. He was not the message. He was only the earthen vessel that contained an immense treasure. Paul clashed with Peter and he fell out with several of his companions. Yet the Spirit inspired him to write such words as those we read in his first letter to the Corinthians, "Love is always patient and kind, love is never jealous, love is not boastful or conceited, it is never rude and never seeks its own advantage, it does not take offence or store up grievances. Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing but finds its joy in the truth. It is always ready to make allowances, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes.

Love never comes to an end." What wonderful human beings. What wonderful saints.

ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS

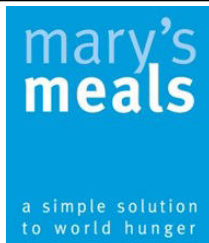
CANTERBURY MEDIEVAL PAGEANT: On Saturday, 6th July, the church and hall will be open for visiting and activities from 12h30 until 17h00. We urgently need volunteers to help staff the two venues for the afternoon. If you can help, please contact Linda in the office.

Further information on **A Day With Mary at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 13 July (9.45am to 5.00pm)** is available at www.adaywithmary.org or <http://www.eventcatholic.com/>

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

MARY'S MEALS INITIATIVE

Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. After the summer break especially if some of you have travelled abroad, we would like you to put all your foreign coins/notes aside; we will be collecting all your foreign currency in September/October with special Mary's Meals envelopes available at the back of church. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign currency you can help feed the next hungry child.
*We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender



100 Club: Our winners of the 100 Club draw for June 2024 are: S Mellor (98) and E Grace (43).

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

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.

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.

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. To take part, please email socialstthomasrc@gmail.com.
We are urgently looking for more participants for 11am Mass!

There will be an International bring and share lunch after 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/>