

NEWSLETTER

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

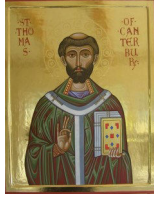
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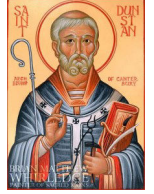
Parish Office open **Mon, Tues & Fri: 10am to 3.00pm** (closed 1pm to 1.30pm), **Thurs 10am - 1pm**

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): People of the Parish

2nd Col.: **Stella Maris**

Sunday 14th July: 15th Sun in Ordinary Time (B) Mk 6: 7-13
SEA SUNDAY

8.00am: Joseph Mintner - RIP

9.30am: International Mass : David Shannon - RIP

11.00am: International Mass : Billy Johnston - RIP

12 noon: *International Bring and Share in the Hall*

12.30pm: *Baptism of Yoonjae Jin and Xuelin Shi*

6.00pm: Sheila Elliott - RIP

Monday 15th July: St Bonaventure

Mt 10: 34 - 11:1

12 noon: Gerald Stanley - RIP

Tuesday 16th Jul: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Mt 11: 20-24

12 noon: Daniel Joseph O'Donovan - RIP

Wednesday 17th: Feria

Mt 11: 25-27

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Ray Family - healing

Tea and coffee in the hall after Mass

Thursday 18th Jul: Feria

Mt 11: 28-30

7.30am: NO EARLY MASS

12 noon: Emma - thanksgiving

Scripture group meeting in the upper room after Mass

Friday 19th Jul: Feria

Mt 12: 1-8

12 noon: Maureen Barratt - RIP

7.30pm: *Prayer Group in the Hall*

Saturday 20th Jul: St John Plessington

Mt 12: 14-21

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Suffering of Christ

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

6.00pm (Vigil): Bernard John Kanny - RIP

Sunday 21st July: 16th Sun in Ordinary Time (B) Mk 6: 30-34

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Ruben Ramirez Guerrero - RIP

11.00am: Catherine & James Cawley - RIP

6.00pm: Anne Bardou - RIP

2nd Col.: **SVP**

ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

Sunday 14th July: 15th Sun in Ordinary Time (B) Mk 6: 7-13

10.00am: People of the Parish

Sunday 21st July: 16th Sun in Ordinary Time (B) Mk 6: 30-34

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 and Josephine Mount

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, Françoise Heaton, Sheila Elliott, Ron Cameron, Mary Wright (Woodman), Tita Riley, William Humphries, Sister Katherine Owens, Teresa McGaughey and Mary Edgington.

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: **13/14 July : Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)** A Catholic Charity supporting seafarers worldwide. Thy provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. Stella Maris relies wholly on voluntary contributions and donations so please give generously.

Next weekend: **20/21 July : SVP**



St Thomas' Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 10th 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)

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 to 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.

URGENT ACCOMMODATION NEEDED. A young (18 yrs) Italian Catholic from Rome, Paolo Puccia, had organized 15 days in Canterbury with a family (6th to 20th August), as an au-pair (making little works in the house in exchange for accommodation). Unfortunately, this family has told him that their plans have changed, and they can no longer host him. He has already bought his flights, and is now urgently seeking a family from the parish that can host him as an au pair. Paolo is very active in his parish as an altar server and entertainer of the children in the oratory. If you can assist, please contact Linda in the Office urgently.

From Fr Anthony...

The last line of today's Gospel reads, "So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them."

Listening to this I ask myself, 'Is this the sort of activity that takes place in our Church today? Do those who come to St Thomas' (or any church) hear the Gospel of repentance being preached? In the Church today do we acknowledge the presence of the devil and cast him out? Are the sick of our community anointed with oil and are many of those anointed healed?'

The core message of Jesus is to turn back to him, to allow the Holy Spirit to enable us have a change of heart, to commit our life to him alone. This is what repentance means. The Greek word is *metanoia* (μετάνοια), meaning "changing one's mind". We are all striving to have an undivided heart, to give our heart completely to our loving Father.

What makes many people uncomfortable today is talking about the devil. Jesus made it clear that liberation from the powers of darkness are signs of the in-breaking of the Kingdom. At each baptism and at Easter we say yes to these questions; Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God? Do you reject the glamour of evil and refuse to be mastered by sin? Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness?

Jesus is the light who banishes the darkness of lies, deceit and despair.

We do have the wonderful and healing sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in the church. The Pope's prayer intention for July is that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope. The Priest and those who are present during the Anointing of the Sick represent the entire Christian community that, as one body, embraces the one who suffers and their family, nurturing their faith and hope, and supporting them through their prayers and compassion. I often have to remind those who might be going into hospital for an operation to come before they go into hospital to receive the sacrament of the sick.

As we read in the letter of St James, "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."

ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS

YOUNG ADULTS' RETREAT at Minster Abbey from 22nd-26th July, for young adults aged 18-35 - open to Christian women and men who would like to pray and work alongside the community. It will be self-catering with payment by donation. If you are interested please contact Sr Walburga at minsternuns@gmail.com

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. There is a card in the Narthex this weekend for parishioners to sign.

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. 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.

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



St Thomas and St Dunstan's Parish Volunteers DBS Renewals: To continue volunteer roles within the parish, DBS certificates must be renewed every 3 years. To check your documents (see www.dbschecks.org.uk for what you need) the Parish Safeguarding Reps will be in St Thomas' Hall on Sunday 28 July from 9am to 1pm to assist. If you cannot attend, please email: Diane (canterburysg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) or Peter (canterburysg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) for an alternative meeting.

SUMMER FAIR: Thank you to all those who supported us. Raffle prizes for numbers 60; 169 and 212 can be collected from the Office during office hours.

ART EXHIBITION: There is an Art Exhibition at St George's church in Ramsgate in aid of their Restoration Appeal from 9 - 21 July, daily from 11am to 5pm. We have 2 parishioners exhibiting there so please go along and support them.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria

Diaconal Day: This Sunday, 14 July we celebrate our first Archdiocesan Diaconal Day, during which we pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our Archdiocese as well praying for new vocations to this ministry. If you are a man between 21 to 58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love God and God's people, you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon? For more information about the Permanent Diaconate, please speak to your Parish Priest, or contact the Diaconate Formation Director: ianblack@rcaos.org.uk.

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham, Saturday 3rd August. Please consider joining this pilgrimage, to be led by Bishop David Oakley of Northampton; in person, or online at walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/. The need for prayer to support life has been great since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. It is now increasingly needed as the pressures to allow abortion up to birth grow, along with a swelling campaign to introduce Assisted Suicide. Pope Saint John Paul II urged everyone to join in the 'great prayer for life'. More information on the poster in the Narthex.

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