

NEWSLETTER

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

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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): Bernard John Kanny - RIP

2nd Col.: **SVP**

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 Bardon - RIP

Monday 22nd July: St Mary Magdalene Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18

12 noon: Sean Blake - RIP

6.30pm: *Harpa Dei Concert of Sacred Music in the Church*

Tuesday 23rd Jul: St Bridget Jn 15: 1-8

12 noon: Stephen Maguire (Belfast)

Wednesday 24th: Feria Mt 13: 1-9

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Tita Riley - RIP

Tea and coffee in the hall after Mass

Thursday 25th Jul: St James the Apostle Mt 20: 20-28

7.30am: NO EARLY MASS

12 noon: Janice - RIP

Scripture group meeting in the upper room after Mass

Friday 26th Jul: Sts Joachim & Anne Mt 13: 18-23

12 noon: Angela - for a speedy recovery

7.30pm: *Prayer Group in the Hall*

Saturday 27th Jul: Feria Mt 13: 24-30

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Fr Laurence Quinn-Morris - RIP

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

6.00pm (Vigil): Ron Cameron - RIP

Sunday 28th July: 17th Sun in Ordinary Time (B) Jn 6: 1-15

WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

8.00am: Filipino Community and their families

9.30am: Pauline Ventress - 100th birthday

11.00am: Tsige Buta - RIP

4.00PM: Polish Community Mass

6.00pm: 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 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: **20/21 July : SVP**

Next weekend: **20/21 July** : No second collection this weekend



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.



ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS

Beginning Experience Weekend - a special residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers, who have experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. This next programme will be held on **4-6 October**; for further details please contact: Mary: 07730 884315, or Maura: 07795 498445, or email BeginningExperience.SoE@gmail.com

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

Concert of Sacred Music by the Harpa Dei Choir on Monday July 22nd at 6:30pm at St. Thomas' RC Church, 59 Burgate CT1 2HJ. Free admission! Harpa Dei is a vocal ensemble made up of four siblings: Nikolai, Lucia, Marie-Elisée and Mirjana Gerstner, who were born in Germany and grew up in Ecuador, South America. Since 2011, as part of a peace initiative, the siblings have been called to evangelise through sacred music, collecting the most beautiful songs from different traditions to glorify God and to transmit to people the beauty of the Lord that shines so eminently in sacred music. [from <https://harpadei.com/en/about-us/>]

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 see which documents you need, see <https://www.gov.uk/criminal-record-check-documents>. 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.

Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ weekend retreat. Fri 4 - Sun 6 October 2024

For anyone who has experienced bereavement, whether recently or some time ago. We grieve, remember, hope and give thanks for our loved ones in the light of the Resurrection of Jesus. Cost £260 Single shared £230. For more information and bookings contact: Tel: 01622 717 272 or email: reception@thefriars.org.uk

2024 Building A Better Marriage days will be held in

Worcester Park St Matthias parish Sat, Sept 28 worcesterpark@rcaos.org.uk;
Wimbledon The Sacred Heart parish Sat Oct 26 wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk;
Woolwich St Peter the Apostle parish Sat Nov 2 woolwich@rcaos.org.uk

There will be no Scripture Group after Thursday midday mass during the month of August. We recommence on the first Thursday in September.

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

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.

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.