

NEWSLETTER

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

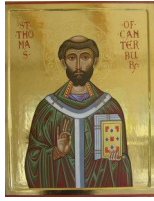
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Parish Office open Mon, Tues & Fri: 10am to 3.00pm (closed 1pm to 1.30pm), Thurs 10am - 1pm

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): 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

12.30pm: *Baptism of Reginald Ayale*

4.00pm: Polish Community Mass

6.00pm: People of the Parish

Monday 29th Jul: Sts Mary, Martha & Lazarus Jn 11: 19-27

12 noon: Tita Riley - RIP

Tuesday 30th Jul: Mt 13: 36-43

12 noon: Mary Hamilton - RIP

Wednesday 31st Jul: St Peter Chrysologus Mt 13: 44-46

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Robert O'Grady - RIP

Tea and coffee in the hall after Mass

Thursday 1st August: St Alphonsus Liguori Mt 13:47-53

7.30am: NO EARLY MASS

12 noon: Ha The Toan - welfare

Scripture group meeting in the upper room after Mass

Friday 2nd Aug: Feria Mt 13: 54-58

12 noon: John Richardson - welfare

7.30pm: *Prayer Group in the Hall*

Saturday 3rd Aug: Feria Mt 14: 1-12

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Donor's intentions

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

6.00pm (Vigil): Carmel Flaherty - RIP

Sunday 4th Aug: 18th Sun in Ordinary Time (B) Jn 6: 24-35

8.00am: Welfare of Geraldine Ahern

9.30am: UCM and Families

11.00am: Rosemary Harris - RIP

12.30pm: *Baptism of Sofia Morris*

6.00pm: Philip Hobley - RIP

2nd Coll. ACN
Gaza Appeal

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2024

For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

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 Audrey Green

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 August 2024:

Marie Kelly, William Quinn, Marion Weber, Sr Mary Antonia McGovern and Barbara Markham

ST THOMAS' SECOND AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: **27/28 July** : No second collection

Next weekend: **03/04 August** : Aid to the Church in Need Gaza Appeal

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

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



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)

The Real Presence in the Eucharist

Over the next four Sundays at Mass we will be reading the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St John. This chapter begins with the feeding of the 5,000 and concludes with Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life. Since Apostolic times, the Church has interpreted this discourse as a discourse on the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is the sacrament of the Real Presence of Christ. By definition a sacrament is a sign that brings about what it signifies. In the case of the Eucharist, the sign is the consecrated bread; the reality brought about is the presence of Christ. We believe that as a result of the words of consecration the eucharistic bread ceases to be bread and becomes the body of Christ. The Council of Trent tells us that the presence of Christ in the Eucharist is true, substantial and real. As Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, the preacher to the Papal Household, once explained, when we say Jesus' presence in the Eucharist is true, we mean that it is not a matter of imagination or just a symbol. When we say it is substantial, we mean that while the consecrated bread is indeed the body of Christ, nothing changes at the level of our senses: unconsecrated and consecrated bread taste the same and look the same. And yet there is a true and real difference between the two. When we say it is real, we mean that the presence of Jesus is independent of us believing—Jesus would still be present in the consecrated bread even if there is no one who believes it. At the same time, when we say real, we don't mean physical, but sacramental. When the priest takes the hosts from the Tabernacle, he doesn't move Jesus, who is seated at the right hand of the Father until he comes again. When, by accident, a host falls on the ground, Jesus doesn't get bruised.

Sacraments are given to us for our use and sanctification. Jesus knew he wouldn't have remained physically on this earth until the end of time. At the Last Supper he instituted the Eucharist to leave us something physical to remind us of his presence in spirit among us. The consecrated hosts in the Tabernacle is a sign that brings about that reality: Christ is with us always, yes until the end of time.



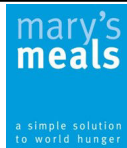
ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS

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

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 this 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

Specila Second Collection Gaza Appeal



Aid to the Church in Need

Jerry Lohan will be visiting our parish next weekend, 4/4 August 2024 on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need and will have some items for sale to raise money for their work. Aid to the Church in Need supports persecuted Christians in over 140 countries around the world and is currently involved in 5,000 projects. ACN work directly with bishops, priests and religious sisters and brothers to make sure that any aid goes directly to those for whom it is intended. Many of these religious risk their own lives every day to provide help and spiritual support to our suffering brothers and sisters. Your kind prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

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