

NEWSLETTER

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

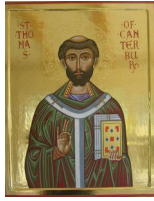
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St Thomas' Shop (01227 462896): **Open Sundays from after 9.30 Mass until 12 noon**

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ST THOMAS' (All Masses are Livestreamed)

6.00pm (Vigil): Tom Clowes - RIP

Sunday 11th Aug: 19th Sun in Ordinary Time (B) Jn 6: 41-51

8.00am: Ruben Ramirez Guerrero - RIP

9.30am: Chinnamma Francis - RIP

11.00am: People of the Parish

6.00pm: Julie Buclez - 60th Birthday

Monday 12th Aug: Feria Mt 17:22-27

12 noon: Fr Philip Austen - ordination anniversary

Tuesday 13th Aug: Feria Mt 18: 1-5, 10-14

12 noon: Leila Doyle - RIP

Wednesday 14th Aug: St Maximilian Kolbe Mt 18: 15-20

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Bellow Zangroniz Family

Tea and coffee in the hall after Mass

Thursday 15th Aug: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lk 1: 39-56

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

9.30am: Sean Clancy's Intentions

12 noon: Ann Silcock - RIP

8.00pm: People of the Parish

Friday 16th Aug: St Stephen of Hungary Mt 19: 3-12

12 noon: Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 17th Aug: Feria Mt 19: 13-15

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Sylvester Halpenny - welfare & Josie Brillus-Halpenny - RIP

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

6.00pm (Vigil): Emma - thanksgiving

Sunday 18th Aug: 20th Sun in Ordinary Time (B) Jn 6: 51-58

8.00am: Fr David Standley - RIP

9.30am: Pauline Ventress birthday wishes

11.00am: Jacinta and Family - intentions

6.00pm: People of the Parish

2nd Col.: **SVP**

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

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: **10/11 August** : No second collection

Next weekend: **17/18 August** : **SVP**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY. Children's liturgy will not take place during August, liturgy will re-commence on the 8th of September 2024

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

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 Thomas' Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 07 September 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 ...

The late Charles Henderson, an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Southwark, was always keen to remind us that we priests, together with the deacons, are the Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If a lay person helped in the distribution of Holy Communion they should always be referred to as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The Gospel reading for the last few weeks from the sixth chapter of St John has afforded us the opportunity to reflect on the wonderful gift of the Eucharist and the Ministry of Holy Communion.

This week, I would like to thank all those of you who have been commissioned in our Diocese as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Your ministry serves Christ present in the assembly by ministering his Body and Blood to our brothers and sisters. You also serve the unity of our worshipping community by taking Communion to those parishioners who are prevented by sickness, old age or other cause from taking part in the gathering for Mass. The Rite of the Pastoral Care of the Sick emphasises the importance of the sick being able to receive Holy Communion frequently. In accord with an ancient tradition, it is appropriate for Communion to be taken directly from the Sunday Eucharist to the sick and to those unable to leave their homes. Father Giovanni and myself cannot visit the sick and housebound as frequently as we would like and having Extraordinary Ministers to visit frequently is a great blessing.

Christ is received body, blood, soul and divinity under either the form of bread or the form of wine. But the Church teaches that, "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it is distributed under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clear expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the relationship between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Father's Kingdom." The opportunity to receive from the chalice was suspended in our parish during COVID and had yet to be re-established. My great desire is that receiving from the chalice should be re-established.

Next Saturday, 17th August at 10am in the Hall, we are having a session for all those who would like to be considered to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. What are the criteria for become a Eucharistic minister? To be willing to accept the responsibility of being an example of Christian living in faith and conduct. To acknowledge the need to observe the Lord's command to love God and our neighbour. To have a deep love and understanding that the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian Life. Please reflect on whether this is something you can do and attend this meeting.

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

SVP says thank you – The July Collection raised £815.84. Thank you so much. During July we gave out £730 in food vouchers and £70 in charity shop and clothing vouchers. We bought two new mattresses, a mattress topper and a gas cooker, and were able to provide a family with a good quality second hand buggy. We are very grateful to the 1485 Trust for part-funding essential carpeting, a fridge-freezer and a chest freezer. The next SVP collection will be 17/18 August.

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

SPUC Petition Event. Please do support the petition this weekend to remove the government's punitive 2-child benefit cap. Petition cards will be available in church or you can sign online using the QR code or going to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/end-benefit-cap>



HALL KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT: Great News! The hall kitchen is being refurbished (with help from a grant by the National Lottery) between 26th August and 26th September inclusive. We apologise for the inconvenience during the works.

Children's Quiet Room: Dear Parents, there are books in the children's room for parents to use. If you bring toys or books to keep your little ones occupied, please take them home with you.

The Funeral Service for the late Angela Mallion takes place here in St Thomas' on Tuesday, 20th August at 12 noon.

"Pilgrim's Progress to Rome, an eight-day trek in Autumn 2025, is a charity fundraising challenge organised by the charity Life. Life supports women in unexpected and crisis pregnancies and those experiencing pregnancy loss. Life are calling all those with "an adventurous spirit and a compassionate heart", to email emilytraynor@lifecharity.org.uk to receive more information."

You will probably have seen images or film of the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in Paris. This included a mobile tableau conflating the Last Supper of Our Lord with pagan Greek bacchanalia. There are several homilies on this subject on line, and the Vatican and French Bishops have expressed concern. As Christians we are required to defend our Faith from mockery and detraction. I will be sending my views to the International Olympic Committee, and invite you to do the same using the email address: PressOffice@olympic.org Thank you, Mary Alexander