

# NEWSLETTER

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

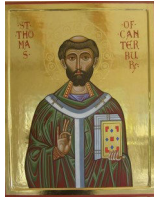
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**Parish Office open Mon, Tues & Fri: 10am to 3.00pm (closed 1pm to 1.30pm), Thurs 10am - 1pm**

**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](mailto:markwharton@rcaos.org.uk))

**St Thomas' Catholic Primary School:** Head Teacher: **Miss Lisa D'Agostini** (01227 462539)

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### ST THOMAS' (All Masses are Livestreamed)

6.00pm (Vigil): De Wolf family - welfare

**Sunday 15th Sept: 24<sup>th</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time (B) Mk 8: 27-35**

8.00am: Maria O'Donnell - RIP

9.30am: James Somerville-Meikle

11.00am: John Wilkins - RIP

12.30pm: *Baptism of Thomas Horka*

*Baptism of Mariam & Kenza Barra*

6.00pm: People of the Parish

2nd Col.: Evangelii  
Gaudium

**Monday 16th Sept: Sts Cornelius and Cyprian**

Lk 7: 1-10

12 noon: Liz Macted - welfare

**Tuesday 17th Sept: Feria**

Lk 7: 11-17

12 noon: John Daly - RIP

7.30pm: *Charismatic Prayer Group in the Upper Group*

**Wednesday 18th Sept: St Edith of Kemsing**

Lk 7: 31-35

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Matthew Metcalfe - welfare

*NO Tea and coffee in the hall after Mass due to renovations*

**Thursday 19th Sept: St Theodore of Canterbury**

Lk 7: 36-50

7.30am: Jorge Manuel Gomes - RIP

12 noon: Rumbi Chiutsu's intentions

*Scripture Group after 12 noon Mass in the Upper room*

**Friday 20th Sept: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong**

**Ha-sang and companions**

Lk 8: 1-3

12 noon: Suffering of Christ

**Saturday 21st Sept: St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE**

10.30 - 11.30: **NO** Reconciliation

12 noon: Paula Bevington - RIP

1.00pm: *Wedding of Charlotte Barnett and James Mulligan*

4.30 - 5.30pm: Reconciliation

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

6.00pm (Vigil): Angela Mallion - RIP

**Sunday 22nd Sept: 25<sup>th</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time (B) Mk 9: 30-37**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS REFUGEES**

8.00am: Shamala Santheran - RIP

9.30am: Filipino Community and Families

11.00am: Alice Zaviour - RIP

12.30pm: *Baptism of Rueben Parr*

4.00pm: Polish Community Mass

6.00pm: People of the Parish

### ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

**Sunday 15th Sept: 24<sup>th</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time (B)**

Mk 8: 27-

3510.00am: People of the Parish

**Sunday 22nd Sept: 25<sup>th</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time (B) Mk 9: 30-37**

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, Audrey Martin, Heather Dandison, 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, Audrey Green, Marion Kelly and Augustine Barna

#### 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, Angela Mallion, Sharon Dobson, Jorge Manuel Gomes, Brigid Davis, Joan Sutton, Nikkie Bachelor, Canon Michael Cooley and Maria Krynicki

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

*Eva Lee and Cecilia Adekunle*

#### ST THOMAS' SECOND AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: **14/15 Sept: Evangelii Gaudium (Home Missions)** - support for the spreading of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation

Next weekend: **21/22 Sept: SVP**. Please give generously as usual.

#### 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](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

**For the cry of the Earth**

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



**St Thomas' Baptism Preparation:** To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 05 October 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 ...

Some years ago, in a previous parish where I worked, the nursery classroom of the school was being refurbished and redecorated. A couple of the staff, who were not Catholic, expressed concern that a crucifix was to hang on the wall. They thought that it would be too disturbing for the young children. As Catholic children we grew up with the image of Christ hanging on the cross. Those who were concerned for the effect the crucifix would have on the children were perhaps struck by the implications and reality of this manner of torture and death.

Jesus, in this weekend's Gospel, told those around him that he was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, to be put to death and after three days to rise again. And he said all this quite openly.

Peter was having none of this talk from Jesus so he remonstrated with him. Jesus rebuked him saying, 'Get behind me Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Jesus is saying that if we want to follow him then we have to renounce ourselves, take up the cross and follow him. It is very easy for us to be like Peter and say, "I believe that Jesus is the Christ" but don't really want to know about the cross, anything that involves suffering and death. St Paul says that we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to the Gentiles. But for us these are not just pious words. We desire, with the grace of God, to live and love in this way. This way means renouncing myself, taking up my cross and following Jesus.

Lord help me to understand your words; "For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the Gospel, will save it."

Give me the grace to put the needs of others before my own. Help me to grow in selfless love. May I be filled with the spirit of St Francis.

Lord, make me a channel of thy peace,  
that where there is hatred, I may bring love;  
that where there is wrong,  
I may bring the spirit of forgiveness;  
that where there is discord, I may bring harmony;  
that where there is error, I may bring truth;  
that where there is doubt, I may bring faith;  
that where there is despair, I may bring hope;  
that where there are shadows, I may bring light;  
that where there is sadness, I may bring joy.  
Lord, grant that I may seek rather to  
comfort than to be comforted;  
to understand, than to be understood;  
to love, than to be loved.  
For it is by self-forgetting that one finds.  
It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.  
It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life.

## ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS

**The Funeral Mass** of the late Maria Krynicki will take place here in St Thomas's on Monday, 23rd September at 12 noon.

**HALL KITCHEN:** Work on the new kitchen is progressing well. Unfortunately, asbestos has been discovered and needs to be abated. There will, therefore, be NO ACCESS to the Hall for the week 23 to 27 September whilst the Asbestos Removal Team is working in the kitchen. Thanks

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) one-day conference on **Saturday 28th September 2024:** Holiday Inn, Regent's Park, London, W1W 5EE. Tickets are £40, including lunch. Bookings: [www.spuc.org.uk/conference-2024](http://www.spuc.org.uk/conference-2024) More details from [katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk](mailto:katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk)

**Beginning Experience Weekend** - a special residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. This next programme will be held on **4-6 October**; for further details: Mary: 07730 884315, or Maura: 07795 498445, or email [BeginningExperience.SoE@gmail.com](mailto:BeginningExperience.SoE@gmail.com)

**The annual service for those that have been harmed by abuse.** The service will be held on the **25th September 2024 at 6.30pm @ St George's Cathedral** and will be led by **Archbishop John Wilson**.

School feeding charity, **Mary's Meals**, needs **your** help! We are looking to **recruit some new Parish Reps** to raise awareness of our mission and help us to reach more hungry children with food & hope for the future. For more info please contact Fran Lawson by email: [fran.lawson@marysmeals.org](mailto:fran.lawson@marysmeals.org) or call 0800 698 1212. Thank you for your support!

### 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 collect all your foreign currency in **September/October** with special Mary's Meals envelopes available in the Narthex. These can be handed in to the office. \*We also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender



**Christians Together in Canterbury (CTC):** Our constitution states: 'We seek to deepen our communion with Christ and with one another ... to fulfil our mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service.' For twelve years, I have met in partnership with other Christians and, with Linda's help, passed on information through the Newsletter. **Sophie Man-Cheung** took over from me, as our representative, at the beginning of September. **John Renn**

**Promise Auction** Saturday, 19th October there will be an Auction of Promises and other items at 7.00pm in the church hall. Available on the night, light snacks and nibbles. **Free entry.** There will be lots of fun with varied and interesting lots and many one-off, not-to-be missed opportunities.

The organisers are currently seeking promises from our parish community so if you can offer a service or an item for sale, they would be very interested to hear from you. Contact [socialstthomasrc@gmail.com](mailto:socialstthomasrc@gmail.com) or the church office. There are forms in the Narthex. If you can, please pledge something? It could be a babysit; or an hour's gardening; or a cake; dog walking, music lesson, a home cooked meal, a lift to church; or something sitting in your cupboard that you no longer need. It could be anything that you can do/have that others might like and it will be fun watching us all bid for the lots. All funds raised going to our parish. **Social Committee**