

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): Angela Mallion - RIP

2nd Col.: **SVP**

Sunday 22nd Sept: 25th Sun in Ordinary Time (B) Mk 9: 30-37
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND 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

Monday 23rd Sept: St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Lk 8: 16-18

12 noon: Funeral Mass of Maria Krynicki

Tuesday 24th Sept: Our Lady of Walsingham Lk 8:19-21

12 noon: Ann Silcock - RIP

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

Wednesday 25th Sept: Feria Lk 9: 1-6

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Pauline Tate - RIP

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

Thursday 26th Sept: Feria Lk 9: 7-9

7.30am: Marion Kelly - welfare

12 noon: Billy Johnston - RIP

Scripture Group after 12 noon Mass in the Upper room

Friday 27th Sept: St Vincent De Paul Lk 9: 18-22

12 noon: Honor Blake - welfare

Saturday 28th Sept: Feria Lk 9: 43-45

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Teresa Kelly - RIP

4.30 - 5.30pm: Reconciliation

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

6.00pm (Vigil): Thanksgiving (Kyle G-Kanny)

Sunday 29th Sept: 26th Sun in Ordinary Time (B) Mk 9: 38-48

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Rob & Orla Garratt - wedding anniversary

11.00am: Jacinta and Family's intentions

12.30pm: *Baptism of Leon Arul Jeyanthan*

6.00pm: Raul Bangalan Saulog - RIP

ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

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Please remember in your prayers:

Marie Strong, Angeline Frizell, 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 Ambrosine, 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, Maria Krynicki and Luisa Ward

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

Eva Lee and Cecilia Adekunle

ST THOMAS' SECOND AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

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

Next weekend: **28/29 Sept :** No second collection this weekend

Harvest festival on 6 October with a display for donations to Catching Lives with tea and cakes in the hall after the 9:30am mass. All donations to Catching Lives. More details on posters in the church.

Encouragement to Pray the Rosary: "Jewels from the Storehouse of Graces" - a talk on St Louis de Montfort's classic work "Secrets of the Rosary". All welcome. A great way to mark the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Monday 7th October, 7pm. St Thomas' church.

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

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 ...

On a clear night this past week you might have seen a bright full moon. The Harvest Moon is the name given to this full moon that occurs nearest to the Autumnal Equinox. This year the Autumnal Equinox occurs on this Sunday at 12:44pm. Historically, the light of the Harvest Moon was said to enable farmers to work late into the night, helping them to bring in the crops from the fields. Thus, this is the time of the year when we Christians give thanks to God for the harvest, for all the fruitfulness of the earth, that He provides for us.

One of the most important traditional holidays in China, Taiwan and Vietnam is the celebration of the harvest. It is also known as the Moon Festival at this time of year. In my last parish I was always invited by the Keralean community to celebrate Onam which is the biggest Harvest festival of Kerala. Checking on the internet about this year's harvest, I read that; "by 14 August, the UK winter barley harvest was now all but complete and only a small proportion left to be cut in Northern Ireland. Similarly, the UK winter oil seed rape harvest progress has advanced from 73% to 93% complete, while the wheat harvest reached 37% complete. Also, 22% of oats have been cut and 7% of spring barley."

Harvest time helps us to remember that not everyone has as much as we do and challenges us to be generous to others. We at St Thomas will have the opportunity to do so on Sunday 6th October when we display our harvest donations for Catching Lives. This will happen at St Dunstan's Parish the week before.

Now is a good time for us to reflect on the essential theme of thanksgiving in our life of prayer. A great source and help is in prayers of the Book of Psalms. Our Archbishop, John Wilson, has just given a short reflection on the Psalms that can be seen here:

<https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/in-the-psalms-you-will-find-the-lord-jesus-says-archbishop/>

Here are some of the Psalms that have thanksgiving as their theme. They can be the starting point of our prayer of thanksgiving.

Psalm 107:1-9 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

Psalm 103:1-5 Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, and all within me, his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Psalm 100:1-5 Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness, come before him singing for joy.

A thankful heart to God for all we harvest.

ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS

A Sincere Thank you! from the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) for the appeal collection of £1,739.10 earlier this year.

OCTOBER ROSARIES: Every October we say the Rosary at 11.30am before the weekday 12 noon Mass. The Theme is the Pope's Prayer intention for October:

For a shared mission: *We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.* We are looking for willing volunteers to lead the Rosary. If you are able to help us, please enter your name on the form in the Narthex.

First Holy Communion & First Reconciliation: Registration forms for the 2025 programme are now available in the Narthex or from the Parish Office. Children should be baptised and in Year 3 or above. First Holy Communion day is Sunday 18th May 2025 at the 9.30 and 11.00 Masses. The closing date for applications is Sunday 24th November 2024. The introductory meeting for parents and children is on Saturday 7th December at 9am - books will be available to buy at this meeting.

GONGS AND POETRY

Helen Natrass: gongs; Philippa Jevons, Mark Bateson and Victoria Field: readers
Saturday 28th September 2024 at 3 pm (lasts about 1 hour)
Entrance Free – retiring collection for the upkeep of the Church

HALL KITCHEN: **Please remember:** NO ACCESS to the Hall from 23 to 27 Sept whilst the Asbestos Removal Team is working in the kitchen. Thanks

The annual service for those that have been harmed by abuse is on the 25th Sept at 6.30pm @ St George's Cathedral; led by Archbishop John Wilson.

FEAST OF ST JUDE: 26 - 28 October 2024. Whitefriars, Faversham, Kent.
Saturday 26 Oct: 12.30pm; 2.30pm & 4.00pm: St Jude Mass followed by anointing
Sunday 27 Oct: 12.30pm: St Jude Mass followed by anointing
Monday 28 Oct: 12.30pm: St Jude Mass followed by anointing.
Information from: email: shrineoffice@stjudeshrine.org.uk; tel: 01795 539214 or visit www.stjudeshrine.org.uk ALL WELCOME!

Annual Diocesan Day for Catechists - Saturday 28 September. Registration now open! You are invited to join us for a day filled with teachings and prayer and a chance to meet fellow Catechists. Join us at St George's Cathedral from 10am. Registration and choice of workshops can be found at aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2024

AFTERNOON FOR READERS

to introduce the new translation for the Lectionary.

To address questions such as: Why the change in translation? How is it different from the translation we're using now? What different sorts of translation are there? What does it mean in practice, for readers? How is the Lectionary arranged? Also, an opportunity to reflect on some broader questions: The Word of God in the life of the Church. How we understand the Old Testament in the light of our faith in Christ.

LED BY: Bishop Paul Hendricks

VENUE: Church hall of St Thomas of Canterbury,
59 Burgate, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2HJ

DATE: Saturday 2nd November 2024

TIME: 2pm to 4pm

NOTE: The hall will be open from 1.00pm, for anyone who may like to come early and bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be available.

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 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*