

NEWSLETTER

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

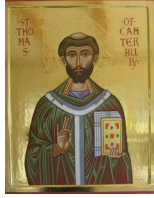
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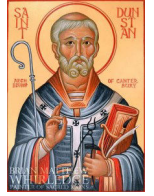
Parish Office open Mon, Tues & Fri: 10am to 3.00pm (closed 1pm to 1.30pm), Thurs 10am - 1pm

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): 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

Monday 30th Sept: St Jerome

Lk 9: 46-50

12 noon: Honor Blake - welfare

Tuesday 1st October: St Therese of the Child Jesus Lk9:51-56

12 noon: Chris Silcock on his birthday

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

Wednesday 2nd Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels Mt 18: 1-5, 10

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Cherry Stone's intentions

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

Thursday 3rd Oct: Feria

Lk 10: 1-12

7.30am: Mary Conlon - RIP

12 noon: Anastasia, John and Christine - RIP

Scripture Group after 12 noon Mass in the Upper Room

Friday 4th Oct: St Francis of Assisi

Lk 10: 13-16

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

12 noon: Uncle Bert - RIP

Saturday 5th Oct: Feria

Lk 10: 17-24

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Claire Tully - RIP

4.30 - 5.30pm: Reconciliation

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

6.00pm (Vigil): People of the Parish

Sunday 6th Oct: 27th Sun in Ordinary Time (B) Mk 10: 2-16

8.00am: William McClelland - RIP & Friends of the Suffering Souls

9.30am: UCM and Families

11.00am: P Sebastian - RIP

12.30pm: *Baptism of Jessica and Eleanor Dillingham*

6.00pm: Wim Van Vuuren - RIP

2nd Col.: CAFOD
Harvest Fast Day

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 Tazey, 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, Luisa Ward and Canon Jeremiah Cronin

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

There are no anniversaries for October.

ST THOMAS' SECOND AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: **28/29 Sept:** No second collection this weekend.

Next weekend: **05/06 Oct:** CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. On Friday, 4th October, we are encouraged to Fast and Donate the money to the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal. Envelopes are available in the Narthex

CHURCH SHOP NEWS:

The following 3 books are now for sale in the Church shop.

The Secret of the Rosary Saint Louis de Montfort

Celebrating 500 years of Franciscans in The British Isles

2025 Catholic Diary with Order of the Mass



There will be a **Sale of Church Shop items** (at a reduced price or for donation) on Sunday 13th October in the Hall Foyer after the 9.30am Mass

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2024

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.



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 ...

I would like to focus on the first few lines of today's Gospel passage where John complains to Jesus, "Teacher we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him; for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is for us."

What does this mean for us today? It helps if we link this with the passage from the first reading from the Book of Numbers today. Here the spirit came down on the men who had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. Despite them not being with the others they too were filled with the spirit and began to prophesy. Moses was asked to stop them and he gave a great reply; "Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!"

Bishop Pilarczyk, in his reflection, says; "The lesson that we can take from these two readings is that the working of God's power is not confined exclusively to channels that God has already identified. God can and does work in ways that are different from, and beyond, the instrumentalities that he has informed us about"

We know that God reaches us through the sacraments and leads and guides us through the sacred scripture. Yet God is bigger than and more powerful than the sacraments and the scriptures. We are blessed within our own parishes with a wide and deep diversity of cultures that all unite in one Catholic faith and reflect the same grace that Jesus has given us even though we may show it in different ways of prayer. We are all equal in status, position and prestige. Other faiths display the tolerance and humility Jesus himself became the symbol of and in return expects of us too.

Lord we thank you that your love and goodness are not limited. Help us to recognise your selfless love and compassion are often seen in the lives of all who are blessed with the spirit of the Lord and profess that spirit in their daily lives and actions.

ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS

The Funeral for the late Canon Jeremiah Anthony Cronin will take place at the Maryville Care Home, The Butts, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 8BQ (contact tel. 020 8560 7125) on **Tuesday 15 October 2024 at 12 Noon**

'Wheelchair needed - SVP are looking for an adult wheelchair to give to a family. If you think you may be able to help, please email svpcant@gmail.com'

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. Details on posters in the church.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025: The programme starts on Sunday 12th January 2025 in the Church Hall from 4pm - 5.30pm. There will be a parents' online meeting on Tuesday, 7 January 2025 at 7.30pm - access details will be sent to parent emails. Application Forms are available in the church, on the website or from the office and must be submitted on or before 24 November 2024.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS: Would you be interested in becoming a Confirmation Catechist? We are looking for additional volunteers to undertake this fulfilling ministry. Please contact Linda on canterbury@rcaos.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and FIRST RECONCILIATION: Registration forms for 2025 programme 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.

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. 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.

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12 October (9.45am to 5.00pm). More information at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

FEAST OF ST JUDE: 26 - 28 October 2024. Whitefriars, Faversham, Kent.
Sat 26 Oct: 12.30pm; 2.30pm & 4.00pm: St Jude Mass followed by anointing
Sun 27 Oct and Mon 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!

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 session will be livestreamed.

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 at St Thomas of Canterbury Church Hall on Sat 2nd November 2024 from 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.

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies. The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs for further information. Closing date for applicants this year is 4 November 2024.

CTC are seeking help for refugee families: Two families are looking for a man's bicycle each. If you have one in reasonably good condition that is no longer used, please consider donating it.

A family with a 14-year-old who used to play the piano before they had to flee Iran is seeking help to source an electric portable piano so he can continue playing. If you can help with these requests, please email: svenjapowell@live.co.uk

Catching Lives are recruiting for a Shelter Coordinator. Information on the role is at <https://www.catchinglives.org/post/join-our-team-shelter-coordinator-fixed-term>. The deadline for applications is 12pm on Tuesday 8 October: application by CV and covering letter/email: send to: tasmin@catchinglives.org (see above website)