

# NEWSLETTER

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

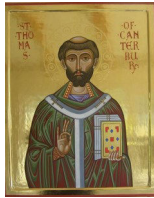
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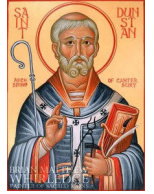
**Parish Office** open **Mon, Tues & Fri: 10am to 3.00pm** (closed 1pm to 1.30pm), **Thurs 10am - 1pm**

**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)

**St Anselm's Catholic Secondary School:** Executive Principal: **Mr M Walters**; Academy Principal: **Mr J Rowarth** (01227 826200)



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

6.00pm (Vigil): People of the Parish

2nd Col.: CAFOD  
Harvest Fast Day

**Sunday 6th Oct: 27<sup>th</sup> 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

**Monday 7th Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary** Lk 10: 25-37

12 noon: Canon Richard Hearn - RIP

7pm: *Rosary Talk in the Church*

**Tuesday 8th October: Feria** Lk 10; 38-4

7.30am: Andrew Strain - RIP

12 noon: NO MASS

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

**Wednesday 9th Oct: St John Henry Newman** Mt 13: 47-52

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Leesa Brischetto - RIP

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

**Thursday 10th Oct: St Paulinus of York** Lk 11: 5-13

7.30am: Teresa Kelly - RIP

12 noon: Brischetto Family - welfare

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

**Friday 11th Oct: The Translation of St Wilfred** Lk 11: 15-26

12 noon: George Joseph - RIP

1.30pm: *Funeral of Josephine Tillcock at Canterbury Cemetery Chapel*

**Saturday 12th Oct: St Wilfred** Lk 11: 27-28

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: UCM 73rd Celebration

4.30 - 5.30pm: Reconciliation

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

6.00pm (Vigil): Evan's Family Grandchildren - welfare

**Sunday 13th Oct: 28<sup>th</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time (B)** Mk 10: 17-30

**PRISONERS' SUNDAY**

8.00am: Mary Wright-Woodman - RIP

9.30am: 73 years anniversary of UCM in Canterbury

11.00am: People of the Parish

6.00pm: Thanksgiving - George Family

2nd Col.:  
PACT - Prisoners' Sunday

### 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 DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

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10.00am: People of the Parish

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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, Luisa Ward, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Jose Rogers, Josephine Tillcock and Fr Jake Dicto

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

This weekend: **05/06 Oct:** CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

Next weekend: **12/13 Oct: PACT - Appeal for Prisoners' Sunday** - for the work done by the Catholic Charity PACT with prisoners and their families.

**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. Closing date for applications is Sunday 24th November 2024. The introductory meeting for parents and children is on Saturday 7th December at 9am - books may be bought at this meeting.

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

## The Angels

On the 29th September the Church celebrates the Archangels: St Michael, St Gabriel and St Raphael. On the 2nd October the Church venerates the Guardian Angels. Our belief in Angels is an important building block in our Catholic faith: both the New and the Old Testament speak about them, the acclamation 'Holy, Holy, Holy' (Sanctus) we repeat at very Mass is the hymn the Angels and the Seraphim sing unceasingly in the presence of God (Is 6:3), the Annunciation, one of the most important events in history, is the work of the Archangel Gabriel.

Our belief in the Angels and other spiritual beings is constantly challenged in the present day when everything has to be observable, measurable and verified. And yet, precisely for this reason, our devotion to the Angels is important because it is a constant reminder that creation is much more complex and varied than we may think. Angels are an antidote to our pride. We humans are the pinnacle of creation: we have been created in the image of God and we are capable of thinking and loving. Angels too have an intellect and a will. Angels are also a remedy against materialism: they are purely spiritual beings. Our belief in them reminds us that there is more to creation than just the physical realm. Because Angels are spiritual beings without physical bodies, they remind us that our soul can indeed exist independently of our body: our soul is not a set of connections among neurons. Finally, the Angels and Archangels are signs of God's care for us. He has been sending them to save us (Gabriel at the Annunciation), to guide us (Raphael in the Book of Tobit), to defend us against the Evil One (Michael) or simply to watch over us day by day (our Guardian Angels).

St Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and the snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

O Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day/night be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule and guide. Amen

## ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS



**St Thomas' Baptism Preparation:** To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 2 November 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)

### Saint Thomas' Silent Prayer Group on Zoom Every Thursday, 7.30pm

If you are interested and would like the Zoom Link, please email John Renn: [irennstthomas@gmail.com](mailto:irennstthomas@gmail.com) For more information, visit Saint Thomas' website [Click on 'Community'](#). Scroll down to 'Prayer Groups'

**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 7<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm. St Thomas' church. The session will be livestreamed.

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**

Father Jeremiah Cronin was Parish Priest here from 1979 to 1991. He not only strengthened ties between the Catholic Church and Canterbury Cathedral but also fostered strong ecumenical relations between Christian denominations in the area. His efforts to keep lines of communication open between Catholics and Anglicans, as well as his leadership within the Canterbury Deanery, clearly left a lasting legacy.

Becoming Dean of Canterbury Deanery, being appointed as an Honorary Canon, and his dedication to both pastoral care and administration all point to someone deeply committed to serving his community. His later work in psychoanalytic studies and counselling demonstrates his desire to help others on a deeper, personal level, even in his later years. It's clear that Father Jeremiah was respected and appreciated both by his peers and the wider community. May he rest in peace and rise in Glory.

### 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



The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem had called for **Monday 7 October 2024 to be a day of prayer, fasting, and penance for reconciliation and peace in the Holy Land** amidst the ongoing violence and hatred. As that Monday marks the first anniversary of the commencement of present hostilities, **the Holy Father has in his General Audience joined with the Patriarch in commending this day of prayer to all Christians.**

**Harvest festival** on 6 October with a display for donations to Catching Lives. Thank you for all your donation to our harvest appeal. NO teas and coffees after Mass on the 6th due to works in the hall and will instead be on the 20th of October.

**Archdiocese of Southwark 2024 Annual Assembly** hosted by **Justice and Peace Commission: Saturday 12 October 2024** at St James the Great RC Church, Petts Wood BR5 1BJ. Mass at 10.00am - **main Celebrant** Bishop Emeritus Patrick Lynch. **Registration** 11am. **Programme:** 11am to 4pm. Theme: **God Walks With His People:** in search of a solution to poverty both home and overseas. Everyone welcome. Free Entrance. Lunch provided. Donations appreciated. Details on Poster in the Narthex for registration and catering.

**The Archbishop's Certificate:** The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course (with three in-person study days) for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and to share it with joy and confidence. "The course has given me a deeper knowledge and understanding about the Catholic faith, inspiring and enabling me to explain to others with quiet confidence what I firmly believe to be the truth." The Archbishop's Certificate is in accord with Archbishop John Wilson's vision for a missionary archdiocese and is open to all who work towards this. The course starts on **12 October 2024** with an introductory zoom session. The first in person session takes place on 19 October 2024 at St George's Cathedral. Details at: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>. If you have any questions please email [archcert@aec.rcaos.org.uk](mailto:archcert@aec.rcaos.org.uk)

**The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies.** The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification providing participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith, enhancing the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process leading to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents 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 informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry. Further information: [aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs) Application closing date 4 November 2024.