

NEWSLETTER

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

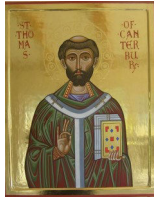
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ST THOMAS' (All Masses are Livestreamed)

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

Sunday 13th Oct: 28th 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

Monday 14th Oct: Feria Lk 11: 29-32

12 noon: Maria David Ambrosine - welfare

Tuesday 15th October: St Teresa of Jesus (Avila) Lk 11: 37-41

12 noon: Charles De Chezelles - RIP

7.00pm: *Journey in Faith (RCIA) in the Church*

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

Wednesday 16th Oct: Feria Lk 11: 42-46

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Anne Holliday and family - welfare

Tea and coffee in the hall after Mass due to renovations

Thursday 17th Oct: St Ignatius of Antioch Lk 11: 47-54

7.30am: Maddie and Win - intentions

12 noon: +Arch. Michael Bowen - RIP

Scripture Group after 12 noon Mass in the Upper Room

Friday 18th Oct: St Luke the Evangelist Lk 10: 1-9

12 noon: Nicki Bachelor - RIP

Saturday 19th Oct: Feria Lk 12: 8-12

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Rosamma

4.30 - 5.30pm: Reconciliation

3.00pm: *piano recital by Kilian Langrieger in the hall (tickets at door)*

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

6.00pm (Vigil): People of the Parish

7.00pm: *Auction of Promises in the Hall*

Sunday 20th Oct: 29th Sun in Ordinary Time (B) Mk 10: 35-45

8.00am: Joan Sutton - RIP

9.30am: Margaret - RIP

11.00am: Maria David Ambrosine - welfare

6.00pm: Ivor McKenzie - welfare

2nd Col.: World
Missions (Missio)

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 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, Fr Jake Dicto and Chris Walters

ST THOMAS' SECOND AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

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

Next weekend: **19/20 Oct: World Mission Sunday. Missio** is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken this Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the church is new, young or poor. Money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories: local church directly helping local Church.



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)

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.

100 Club Winners: Congratulations to our winners for:
September: Jenny Todd (89) and Richard Caraccio (70); and
October: Geraldine Yates (55) and Annie Judge (33)

From Fr Anthony...

One of the fruits of the liturgical reform that came from the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) was the publication of a new Lectionary which was in three volumes. This Lectionary contained all the Scripture readings that are used at Mass on Sundays and weekdays. It enabled us to hear proclaimed more scripture from both the Old and New Testament. Pope Benedict wrote in his Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini*; "The present structure of the Lectionary not only presents the more important texts of Scripture with some frequency but also helps us to understand the unity of God's plan thanks to the interplay of the Old and New Testament readings, an interplay in which Christ is the central figure, commemorated in his Paschal Mystery." The original version was in Latin and each country used a version of the Bible already existing in the vernacular language concerned. For over 50 years we have been familiar with the English from the Jerusalem Bible and the Grail Psalms. From the first Sunday of Advent, we will begin to use a version based on the English Standard Version (ESV) Catholic Edition and the Revised Grail Psalms (also known as The Abbey Psalms and Canticles).

Why this version? The ESV is a revision of the Revised Standard Version. Bishop Hugh Gilbert, in his booklet on this new Lectionary, says that the ESV takes care to incorporate the latest scholarship regarding the original Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic texts. He says, "it recognises the balance that must be struck between taking the people to the Bible and taking the Bible to the people, between being "source orientated" and "target orientated." Bishop Hugh says that this translation is based on quality textual scholarship, an indispensable requirement. It is also grounded on a robust sense of the Scriptures' divine worth. It has a strong grasp of the ultimate unity of Scripture and of Christ as the source of that unity. It shows respect for, and aims at, transparency to the original languages and it is refreshingly precise.

The Psalms we use in the Lectionary are not from the ESV but are a revision of the Grail Psalms carried out by the Benedictine monks of Conception Abbey, Missouri. It also includes revised versions of the Old and New Testament Canticles.

It is good to remember the importance of reading in the Liturgy of the Word. Being a Lector or Reader at Mass means not only having clear enunciation, pronunciation and understanding of the structure and meaning of the text, but also adequate preparation. This is certainly true as we begin to use this new translation.

I pray that this new English translation of the Lectionary will help bring us all to "the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus." (Phil 3:8)

More information: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/new-lectionary-for-england-and-wales/>

Copies of Bishop Hugh Gilbert CTS book "Hearing Christ's Voice" are available in the shop.

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**

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

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



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.

SVP says thank you – The September Collection raised £792.34. Thank you so much for your generosity and for other donations that we have received. During September we gave out £580 in food vouchers as part of our work of befriending and providing practical support to families and individuals in Canterbury. The next SVP collection will be 26th / 27th October.

100 CLUB: The St Thomas' 100 Club is an easy way to support our parish in our efforts to raise funds for various parish needs such as building repairs and upgrades, projects such as the proposed new Shrine area and ongoing heating, electrical and other projects. All you do is fill in the annual form and pay the annual fee. If you are already a member, please fill in a new form. If you would like to join, please fill in a form and we will try and fit you in. Forms available in the Narthex, on our website and from the Office. If you would like to know more, please speak to Linda in the office.

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

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 Application closing date 4 November 2024.

ST DUNSTAN'S PARISH MATTERS

ART EXHIBITION: St Dunstan's Art group (parishioners from St Dunstan's), will be exhibiting their work at the Art Room at St Anne's Convent, Staines Hill, Island Road, Sturry on Thursday, 17th October from 3- 4.30pm. Refreshments available.