

NEWSLETTER

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

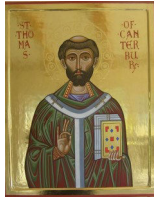
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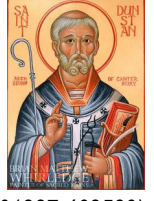
Parish Office open Mon, Tues & Fri: 10am to 3.00pm (closed 1pm to 1.30pm), Thurs 10am - 1pm

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): People of the Parish

2nd Col.: World
Missions (Missio)

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

1.00pm: *Wedding (Convalidation) of George and Clare Coleman*

6.00pm: Ivor McKenzie - welfare

Monday 21st Oct: St Margaret Clitherow

Lk 12: 13-21

12 noon: Patricia Weir - RIP

Tuesday 22nd October:

Lk 12: 35-38

12 noon: Panashe Miranda Musekiwa - RIP

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

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

Wednesday 23rd Oct: St John Paul II

Lk 12: 39-48

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Ann Silcock - RIP

Tea and coffee in the hall after Mass

Thursday 24th Oct: Feria

Lk 12: 49-53

7.30am: Brendan Hillan - welfare

12 noon: Germaine Reid - RIP

Scripture Group after 12 noon Mass in the Upper Room

Friday 25th Oct: Feria

Lk 12: 54-59

12 noon: Margaret, Michael and Eita

Saturday 26th Oct: Sts Chad and Cedd

Lk 13: 1-9

10.30 - 11.30: Reconciliation

12 noon: Efen Palma - RIP

4.30 - 5.30pm: Reconciliation

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

6.00pm (Vigil): People of the Parish

Sunday 27th Oct: 29th Sun in Ordinary Time (B) Mk 10: 46-52

8.00am: Philomena Wickenden - RIP

9.30am: Filipino Community and their families

11.00am: Nicola Bachelor - RIP

12.30pm: *Baptism of Genevieve Bostock*

6.00pm: Wim Van Vuuren - RIP

2nd Col.: **SVP**

ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

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Parish Meeting after Mass

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, Augustine Barna and Mary Lyons

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, Nicola 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: **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.

Next weekend: **26/27 Oct: SVP**



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.

SHOP NEWS

Christmas cards and Advent Calendars now available.
Sunday Missals in the new format are now available.



From Fr Anthony...

I am challenged today by the scripture readings. Jesus says to the two close apostles James and John, sons of Zebedee, that he cannot give them places on his right and left when he comes to in the kingdom because "these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted." I wondered who are the people that have been allotted the places? When Jesus was hanging on the cross at Calvary, those on the right and left of him were the two thieves. Jesus makes it clear that his disciples are called to embrace him in his suffering and death. Jesus was telling his disciples that, to follow him, is to allow the Cross and his suffering to be central to their lives. His throne, the seat of power, the place from where he rules, is the cross; "for the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

In the opening prayer of the Mass we say, "Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart." There are no "jobs for the boys" but Jesus welcomes all those who wholeheartedly do what God wants and do it with great sincerity. James, the son of Zebedee, the brother of John is the first of the twelve disciples to be martyred after Stephen who was stoned to death. James was killed by King Herod with a sword. So, he did drink the cup, and he was baptised, with the martyrdom of Christ.

As I hear the words of Jesus calling me to live a life of service, I pray that I may be given the wisdom to see and understand how I am to live this life of loving service. I offer this prayer in the spirit of St Francis:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is error, the truth; where there is doubt, the faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. ... to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen"

ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS

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

"There have now been over **ten and a half million abortions** in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 57 years ago, on 27th October 1967. On the day before this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Saturday 26th October please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day. Share this with your friends on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/808459844574645> "

SAINT THOMAS' SILENT PRAYER GROUP on Zoom Every Thursday, 7.30pm. If you are interested email John Renn (jrennstthomas@gmail.com) for the Zoom Link More information on Saint Thomas' website: Community : Prayer Groups

SCHOOL FORMS: Father Anthony will be available to sign forms for school applications on Monday, 21 October between 7.00 and 8.00pm in the Presbytery

2024 Building A Better Marriage days will be held in Woolwich St Peter the Apostle parish Sat Nov 2 woolwich@rcaos.org.uk

Please remember: The Feast of All Saints on Friday, 1st November is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at St Thomas's are at 9.30am, 12 noon and 8.00pm. Mass at St Dunstan's is 31st October at 6.00pm

Sunday 3 November at 3.00pm Fathers Anthony and Giovanni will be at Canterbury Cemetery to bless the graves.

INTRODUCING THE NEW LECTIONARY As you read in last week's newsletter, we are saying goodbye to Jerusalem translation of Scripture and from the First Sunday of Advent we will be using the English Standard Version of Scripture. The new books have just arrived this week and they look very beautiful! The Lectionary consists of four volumes, each costing £148; cost of the Book of the Gospels is £335.75. You may want to contribute to the cost of the books and have your name inscribed on a dedication plate inside. If so, please let us know.

AN AFTERNOON FOR READERS - introducing the new translation led by Bishop Paul Hendricks at St Thomas of Canterbury Church Hall on Sat 2nd November 2024 from 2pm to 4pm. Tea and coffee will be available. The hall opens from 1.00pm, for anyone to come early and bring a packed lunch.

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.

AN EVENING WITH BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI
Archbishop John invites young adults (18-40) to join him at St George's Cathedral for "An Evening with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati" on **Thurs 31st October at 6:30 pm** - including praise and worship led by One Hope Project, a talk by Archbishop John, and a social. No tickets necessary, just turn up. For further details, visit www.tinyurl.com/frassatieve or scan the QR code.



QUIZ NIGHT 9th November. A fun family friendly evening. Bring a friend or join a table. Tickets available from the Presbytery or email socialstthomasrc@gmail.com. All funds raised going out parish. More details on the posters. Booking in advance is advised.

ST DUNSTAN'S PARISH MATTERS

Our community will have a time of reflection with Fr. Anthony and John Renn on the future of our parish. **Date & time:** after the 10.00am mass on Sunday 27th October. Preparation sheets are available with the newsletter.