

NEWSLETTER

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

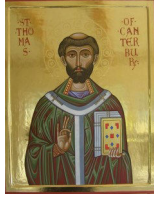
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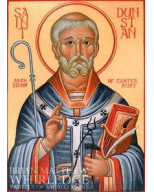
Parish Office open **Mon, Tues & Fri: 10am to 3.00pm** (closed 1pm to 1.30pm), **Thurs 10am - 1pm**

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): Robert O'Grady - RIP

Sunday 16th Feb: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Times Lk 6:17,20-26

8.00am: Birthday Thanksgiving

9.30am: Glenda Flanagan's intentions

11.00am: Francis Brown - RIP

6.00pm: Maureen and Syd Pepper - RIP

2nd Col.:
**Racial
Justice**

Monday 17th Feb: Feria

Mk 8: 11-13

12 noon: Edward Den Duven (FSS) - RIP

Tuesday 18th Feb: Feria

Mk 8: 14-21

12 noon: Alexie Forrester (FSS) - RIP

7.00pm: RCIA - Hall

7.30pm: Charismatic Prayer Group meeting in the Upper Room

Wednesday 19th Feb: Feria

Mk 8: 22-26

10.30- 11.30am Reconciliation & Adoration

12 noon: Funeral of William Richards

Refreshments in the Hall after Mass

Thursday 20th Feb: Feria

Mk 8: 27-33

7.30am: Private Intentions

12 noon: Brendan Hillan - RIP

Scripture Group after 12 noon Mass

Friday 21st Feb: St Robert Southwell

Mk 8: 34 - 9:1

12 noon: Macarena Domecq (FSS) - RIP

Saturday 22nd Feb: Chair of St Peter the Apostle Mt 16: 13-19

9am - 10am: First Holy Communion Classes in the Hall

10.30 - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Sadie Hennelly - RIP

1.30pm: Ukrainian Community Mass

4.30 - 5.30pm: Reconciliation

4.30pm: Legion of Mary meeting in the Upper Room

6.00pm (Vigil): Ray Scott - RIP

Sunday 23rd Feb: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Times Lk 6:27-38

8.00am: Roger Carless (FSS) - RIP

9.30am: Filipino Community and Families

11.00am: Nicola Batchelor - RIP

4.00pm: Polish Community Mass

6.00pm: Christine Metcalfe - RIP

2nd Col.:
**Clergy
Support Fund**

ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

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10.00am: People of the Parish

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PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

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, 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, Mary Lyons, David Lewis, John Mathew and Jean Matthews

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Tita Riley, William Humphries, Sister Katherine Owens, Teresa McGaughey, Mary Edgington, Angela Mallion, Sharon Dobson, Jorge Manuel Gomes, Brigid Davis, Joan Sutton, Nicola Batchelor, Canon Michael Cooley, Maria Krynicki, Luisa Ward, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Jose Rogers, Josephine Tillcock, Fr Jake Dicto, Chris Walters, Pietro Rencricca, Robert Willis (former Dean of Canterbury Cathedral), Valarie Hammond, Bishop John Hine, Sr Mary Frances Joyce, Sr Rose Brennan, Jean Boyce, Fr John Lawrence and Sr Philomena Washington, Sr Elizabeth McNulty, Sr Martina Molloy, Sr Anne Brossa, Ivy Gorman, Fr Paddy Canon, William Richards and Sister Elizabeth Mullen

Please pray for those whose 1st anniversaries are in February 2025:

Andrew Dalton

ST THOMAS' SECOND AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: **15/16 Feb 2025: For Racial Justice Sunday**

Next weekend: **22/23 Feb 2025: For Clergy Support Fund** - to support our clergy in their retirement or those with illnesses

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2025

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



St Thomas' Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised; our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 1st March 2025** 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 (available from office, online or in the Narthex)

From Fr Anthony ...

How are you and I approaching this Jubilee Year of Hope here in the parish? In what ways are we, as a parish, preparing to greet pilgrims who are coming St Thomas of Canterbury Church which has been designated by our Archbishop as a Jubilee Church? Looking at the parish diary we have four groups already planning to come over the next few months. At the moment, when a pilgrim walks into our church, they will find little indication that this church is one of the designed Jubilee Churches throughout the Diocese except for a closely typed sheet of paper in the entrance that summarises the letter that Archbishop has sent to all Jubilee churches in the Diocese.

The faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage to any sacred Jubilee site, (places in Rome and the Holy Land). Archbishop John Wilson has designated 16 Jubilee Churches and Shrines in Southwark. They are as follows:

South-west London Area

Cathedral of St George
Sacred Heart, Wimbledon
St Ann, Kingston Hill
St Boniface, Tooting
St Elizabeth, Richmond
St Mary's (Our Lady of Reparation), West Croydon

South-east London Area

St Saviour's, Lewisham
Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham
St Edmund of Canterbury, Beckenham
St Thomas More, Dulwich
St Stephen, Welling

Kent Area

St Thomas of Canterbury, Canterbury
Our Lady of Hartley, Hartley
The Friars, Aylesford
St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate
St Jude's Shrine, Faversham

These are to be seen as 'sacred places of welcome and privileged spaces for the rebirth of hope' (*Spes non confundit*, 24). Many of you might find the idea of indulgences a little baffling. An Indulgence during the Jubilee Year is meant to grant the faithful a special opportunity for spiritual renewal and the remission of temporal punishment due to sin. In Catholic teaching, indulgences do not forgive sins themselves (that is done through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and repentance) but help lessen the consequences of sin in this life or in Purgatory. During a Jubilee Year, which is traditionally a time of mercy and grace, the Church offers plenary indulgences to those who fulfil specific conditions, such as:

- Going on pilgrimage to designated holy sites
- Receiving the Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist
- Praying for the Pope's intentions
- Performing acts of charity or mercy

The purpose of these indulgences is to encourage deeper conversion, a renewed commitment to faith, and a more profound experience of God's mercy.

Father Ivano Millico in a CTS booklet "Words of Hope" says the following: "What an indulgence says is that we are not alone along our journey and we cannot be saved on our own! The Church is a body, the Body of Christ; his suffering, death and resurrection and ascension make up, so to speak, a "treasury" of mercy, graces and hope. An indulgence opens this treasury for us. But what is the 'key' that opens this treasury? The Church has established three main ways to gain a Jubilee Indulgence: (i) pilgrimages to any sacred Jubilee site; (ii) prayerful visits to sacred places and, (iii) works of mercy and penance.

So...how are you and I approaching this Jubilee Year of Hope here in the parish?

ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS

Important Diary Dates:

8th June 2025 at 11am: Celebration of the 150th year of the building of our Church
- Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson
21st June at 12 noon: Celebration Mass for the 50th Anniversary of Canon Anthony's Ordination to the Priesthood.

Share your moments in our church. To celebrate our 150yrs we are asking parishioners to share their beloved pictures of life events in our church from baptism to weddings. **Copies** of your photos with a short note of the occasion.
Note: these will be displayed in the parish. These will be collected on the 23rd February in the church hall after 9:30 and 11am masses other dates to follow.

HCPT GROUP 587 Book now for your 'Holiday with Our Lady' in Lourdes 15th - 22nd August '25 staying at Hosanna House. To find out more contact: Roxy 07852538576 or Annie 07866515797

Vintage Bakes of the world 23rd February 10:30 in the church hall. Celebrate our parish 150years with your favourite sweet or savoury treats. Donations of cakes welcome on the day. All funds raised going to our parish.

Parish Pastoral Council: Edited minutes from our meeting on 20th January are on the Narthex Notice Board. John Renn – Chair. Next meeting: Mon, 28th April 2025

Help Shape the Future of Our Archdiocese

The Archbishop invites you to play a vital role in shaping the future of our Archdiocese. In today's pastoral letter, he encourages everyone to reflect on the themes in the **Called to Bear Fruit** booklet and participate in small group discussions over the coming weeks. Here's how you can get involved:

- **Form a group:** Gather 4–12 people.
- **Choose your schedule:** Discuss all six themes across six sessions or combine them into fewer meetings—whatever works best for you.
- **Share your insights:** Submit your group's reflections via our online form or as a typed hard copy.

The more people who take part, the richer our understanding of the needs of our archdiocese will be. Let's work together to shape our future! Thank you

Doorway to Hope: There is an introductory talk on his new book by Christopher Chapman in the church at 7.00pm on Monday, 24th February.

FREE INTRODUCTORY TALK : CHANGING YOUR MINDSET

St Thomas' Hall on Wednesday, 12th March 2025 at 7pm to raise funds for Parish initiatives. More information via this QR Code or the posters



Cake Sale and Raffle 9th February thank you to all who supported our fundraising event we raised £187.58. All raffle prizes have been collected