

NEWSLETTER

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

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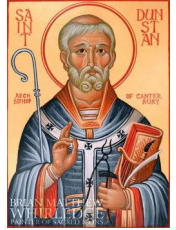
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ST THOMAS' (All Masses are Livestreamed)

Saturday 7th Jun: Feria *Jn 21: 20-25*
6.00pm (Vigil): NO MASS OR OTHER EVENTS TODAY

Sunday 8th June: PENTECOST (C) *Jn 14: 15-16, 23-26*

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Ofelia Salgado Gomez - RIP

Coffee after 9:30 Mass - all donations to CAFOD

11.00am: 150th Anniversary Mass with Archbishop John Wilson

Stefanie Hambrook - welfare

6.00pm: Sylvia Quinones - RIP

We welcome our Archbishop, John Wilson today who is joining us as we begin our 150th Jubilee celebrations. There are refreshments after Mass and a small exhibition of the history of our church in the hall.

Monday 9th Jun: Mary, Mother of the Church *Mt 5: 1-12*
12 noon: William Humphries - RIP

Tuesday 10th Jun: Feria *Mt 5: 13-16*
12 noon: Emmett & Jacinta Lunny - 5th Wed. Anniv

Wednesday 11th Jun: St Barnabas *Mt 5: 17-19*

10.30 - 11.30am: *Reconciliation and Adoration*

12 noon: Caroline Stratford - RIP

Refreshments in the Hall after Mass

Thursday 12th Jun: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest *Jn 17: 1-2, 9, 14-24*

7.30am: Holy Souls

12 noon: William Edwards - RIP

Scripture Group meets in the Upper Room after Mass

Friday 13th Jun: St Anthony of Padua *Mt 5: 27-32*

12 noon: Deceased members of the Dunne & Roche Families

Saturday 14th Jun: Feria *Mt 5: 33-37*

10.30 - 11.30am: *Reconciliation and Adoration*

12 noon: Nicola Batchelor - RIP

4.30 - 5.30pm: Reconciliation

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

6.00pm (Vigil): Ray and Betty Scott - RIP

Sunday 15th June: The Most Holy Trinity *Jn 16: 12-15*

8.00am: Ben Wright - RIP

9.30am: Ruben Ramirez Guerrero - RIP

Coffee after 9:30 Mass - all donations to CAFOD

11.00am: Exam success

6.00pm: People of the Parish

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE 2025

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

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PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

Please remember in your prayers:

St Thomas': Angeline Frizell, Janette Hughes, Jenni Aldridge, Josie Price, 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 Ambroisine, Pauline Ryan, Mary De Wolf, Brian Collins, Louis de Marigny, Augustine Barna, Mary Lyons, David Lewis, John Mathew, Jean Matthews, Chris Smith and Tom Hill

St Dunstan's: Kay Gandon, Miguel Vazquez, Yveline Vereeche, Pete Covill, Eileen Brown, and Mo, Doug, Ryan Joyce

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

St Thomas': Sr Anne Brossa, Ivy Gorman, Fr Paddy Canon, William Richards, Sister Elizabeth Mullen, Joseph Devlin, Ben Wright, Mary Reynolds, Sylvia Quinones, Maria Goard, Marie Strong, Audrey Green, Sr Maria Douherty, Canon Francis Mooney, Fr Sunith Nonis, Mgr Canon John O'Toole, Sylvia Manuell and Betty Mills

St Dunstan's: Marion Nash, Lorna Hazelwood and Irene Foster

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

Mary Edgington, Sharon Dobson

ST THOMAS' SECOND AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: **07/08 June 2025: No second collection**

Next Weekend: **14/15 June 2025: No second collection**



St Thomas' Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised; our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 14th June 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 ...

In previous years for Pentecost Sunday, I would order 50 helium filled red balloons. After the main Mass the children would stand in front of the church and release them watching them disappear into the sky. A fitting symbol for the celebration of the birthday of the Church. But is Pentecost really the birthday of the church?

Pope Pius XII in his encyclical MYSTICI CORPORIS CHRISTI par: 28 wrote "That He completed His work on the gibbet of the Cross is the unanimous teaching of the holy Fathers who assert that the Church was born from the side of our Saviour on the Cross like a new Eve, mother of all the living." St Ambrose wrote "For it was from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death upon the cross that there came forth the 'wondrous sacrament of the whole Church.'" As Eve was formed from the sleeping Adam's side, so the Church was born from the pierced heart of Christ hanging dead on the cross. Therefore, we can say that there is a moment when the Church was born (Good Friday) and there is another moment when the Church started her public ministry (Pentecost).

The Church is the mystical Body of Christ. It not simply a group of disciples who preach the Gospel to the nations. It was at Pentecost that the Church began her public ministry when Mary and the Apostles received the Holy Spirit. "So, the Church is not only functional (to preach), but also mystical in the sense that she is the Body of Christ."

As we celebrate with Archbishop John the 150 anniversary of the church building this Sunday we acknowledge that this building is a symbol of the living body of the Church, the people of God, who over all these years has sort to respond to the Holy Spirit who has enabled us to unite all of humanity into one body. On this feast, we too are like the apostles at the first Pentecost. We are being sent forth to proclaim the Gospel to all. In last year's celebration of the feast of Pentecost, Pope Francis said "We are sent into the world "not only geographically but also beyond the frontiers of race and religion, for a truly universal mission" ([Redemptoris Missio](#), 25). Thanks to the Spirit, we can and must do this with his own *power* and *gentleness*."

Come, Creator Spirit, enlighten our minds,
fill our hearts with your grace,
guide our steps,
grant your peace to our world. Amen.

ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS

SVP says thank you The May Collection raised £961.13. Thank you so much for your generous support and for other donations that we have received. In May we gave out £370 in supermarket vouchers. We are grateful to the 1485 Trust which half-funded a washing machine, a fridge freezer, a cooker and a mini cooker. We also bought a fridge freezer and were able to provide good quality second hand items, an armchair, two chest of drawers and two sets of curtains. Our next SVP Collection is 21/22 June 2025.

BUILDING ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ASUOKAW, GHANA WITH FR JAMES
A huge **thank you!** for your generosity towards the collections for Fr James' church building project over Lent. We have collected £2751.13 so far which has been sent to help fund building materials. We are continuing to raise funds towards this project. Fr James has sent the following message to Fr Anthony: "*I am really humbled and grateful for this kind gesture of your parishioners.*"

SAVE THE DATE: The HCPT Quiz Night is on Saturday, 19th July in the Church Hall. Details to follow.

A Big Thank you to the 16th Canterbury St Thomas Scout Group for the card and picture celebrating the 150th Anniversary of our Church. They are on display in the Narthex.

Summertime 2025: 6th – 9th August: Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre, £189. For aged 11-15.

We commend this excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. In an event that has now gone on for more than 20 years, it is a few days for deepening one's catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. For more details of how to get to the venue, with a coach laid on at St. Anselm's Dartford, see your parish priest for a form, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St, Stephen, Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel: 01322 220075.

SAVE THE DATE: As part of Jubilee 2025, our Translation Mass on Monday, 7th July 2025 at 7pm to be held in Canterbury Cathedral will be celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía. The programme includes:
Mass: The Feast of The Translation
Blessing with St Thomas Becket's relics
Reception: Champagne & chocolates with Cert. of Pilgrimage.
Entrance is free but ticketed. To express interest, please use the QR Code.



Important Diary Dates:

21st June at 12 noon: Celebration Mass for the 50th Anniversary of Canon Anthony's Ordination to the Priesthood.

Walk the Augustine Camino for Mary's Meals: Mon 1st – Sun 8th Sept 2025

Join us for the whole pilgrimage or walk with us for a day. During this Jubilee Year we would be delighted if you joined us as Pilgrims of Hope on some or all of the Augustine Camino, starting at Rochester Cathedral, finishing at the Shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. The pilgrimage will take us to four of the designated Jubilee churches and shrines in Southwark Archdiocese:

The Friars, Aylesford; St Jude's Shrine, Faversham; St Thomas of Canterbury, Canterbury; St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate

To book your place, or to ask any questions it, please contact Roy Peachey, the Mary's Meals Supporter Engagement Officer for Kent, Surrey, Sussex and South London, on roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk or 07593 447297.

International Mass: Sunday, 13th July at both the 9:30am and 11am mass we would like to acknowledge the international character of our parish by having the readings and prayers in various languages. We would also like to have music from various countries. If you would like to take part, please email us at socialstthomasrc@gmail.com There will be an International bring and share lunch after the mass from 12-2 in the church hall.

International Choir we would like to have an, international Choir for our international mass on the 13th July enthusiasm is all that is required if you would like more information or to participate, please email socialstthomasrc@gmail.com

CONFERENCE ON PROSPECTS AND HOPE FOR THE PAPACY OF POPE LEO XIV To be held on Friday, 20th June 6pm - 9pm at St Ethelreda's Church, Holborn Please see poster for more details.

VACANCY IN THE DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE: Following the retirement of the current post holder the Education Service are looking to recruit a **Trust Relationship Officer** to support its schools and academies. Details for the post at <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/trust-relationship-officer-education-service/>

Exciting Pentecost Events w Churches Together in Canterbury
Sunday 8th June Canterbury Baptist Church 19.00 to 20.30. Roundup **evening celebration service.** Church leaders invited to stand together and pray.