

NEWSLETTER

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

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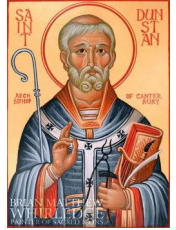
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ST THOMAS' (All Masses are Livestreamed)

6.00pm (Vigil): Cookson Family welfare

2nd Col.: SVP

Sunday 22nd June: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Lk 9: 11-17

8.00am: Sharron McLennan - RIP

9.30am: Mary Reynolds - RIP

Coffee after 9:30 Mass - all donations to CAFOD

11.00am: Aga Gordon's intentions

4.00pm: Polish Community Mass

6.00pm: Nichols Family welfare

Monday 23rd Jun: St Etheldreda

Mt 7: 1-5

12 noon: Ann Silcock

Tuesday 24th Jun: Nativity of St John the Baptist Lk 1: 57-66,80

7.30am: Holy Souls

12 noon: NO MASS AT MIDDAY TODAY

Wednesday 25th Jun: Feria

Mt 7: 15-20

10.30 - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Caroline Stratford - RIP

Refreshments in the Hall after Mass

Thursday 26th Jun: St Thomas Garnet

Mt 7: 21-29

7.30am: Holy Souls

12 noon: NO MASS AT MIDDAY TODAY

Scripture Group meets in the Upper Room after Mass

Friday 27th Jun: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Lk 15: 3-7

12 noon: Nicola Batchelor - RIP

Saturday 28th Jun: The Immaculate Heart of Mary Lk 2: 41-51

10.30 - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

9am - 5pm: Mindset Course in the Hall

12 noon: UCM and their Families

4.30 - 5.30pm: Reconciliation

4.30pm: Legion of Mary meeting in the Upper Room

6.00pm (Vigil): Mrs Sunnuck - RIP

Sunday 29th June: Ss Peter and Paul

Mt 16: 13-19

8.00am: Elizabeth Doherty and family

9.30am: Filipino Community and Families

Coffee after 9:30 Mass - all donations to CAFOD

11.00am: Dynishas A S Fernandez

12.30pm: Baptism of Nicolas Devincenzi-Marti

6.00pm: Tsige Buta - RIP

2nd Col.: Peter's Pence

ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

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10.00am: People of the Parish

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10.00am: People of the Parish

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 Ambrosine, Pauline Ryan, Mary De Wolf, Brian Collins, Louis de Marigny, Augustine Barna, Mary Lyons, David Lewis, John Mathew, Jean Matthews, Chris Smith & 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: 14/15 June 2025: 21/22 June 2025: St Vincent de Paul

Next Weekend: 28/29 June 2025: **Peter's Pence** The faithful's offering to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs - for Humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects as well as to the support of the Holy See covering the needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and of the faithful in grave difficulties (the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalised and the victims of war or natural disasters, dioceses in need, Catholic education and assistance to refugees/immigrants etc.)

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 Thomas' Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised; our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 5th July 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 ...

Fifty years ago, last Thursday, I was ordained a priest in St Bede's Church, Clapham Park by Bishop Cyril Cowderoy. This weekend we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi and I reflect on how the Mass has been a vital part of my life as a priest. I can say that celebrating Mass over these many years has never become routine or boring for me. It has always been a great privilege and a blessing. Over the years I have celebrated Mass for small groups in a family setting, I have joined 300 priests concelebrating Mass with the late Pope Francis during the Year of Mercy in St Peter's Square and I have also celebrated Mass secretly in Saudi Arabia for groups of ex patriots working far from home. It has been a privilege to enable others to encounter and receive Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine. Jesus has calls me, and every priest, to celebrate with his people his death and resurrection. At my ordination the Bishop asked me; "Are you resolved to celebrate the mysteries of Christ faithfully and religiously as the Church has handed them down to us, for the glory of God and the sanctification of Christ's people?" The Mass is the source and summit of the Christian life. Just as Jesus longed to share the meal before he died with his friends, he longs always that we accept his invitation to share his very self with each one of us. The prayers for this feast of Corpus Christi were composed by Thomas Aquinas at a time when many had lost any appreciation and understanding of the Eucharist.

What a wonderful and intimate moment celebrating Mass can be for any Catholic. Why does the church have to say that we must come and celebrate Mass every Sunday? Who wouldn't want to miss this intimacy that Jesus is offering us!

Here are two prayers that we can pray on this feast of Corpus Christi and whenever we prepare to join our brothers and sisters at the Eucharist.

Jesus, Body and Blood, we are grateful for
the gift of your life and the way it
strengthens us to live ours. Teach us to
draw on the gift of your Body and Blood for
energy, renewal, strength and grace. May
we never take the gift of your presence for granted.

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that we may delight for all eternity
in that share in your divine life,
which is foreshadowed in the present age
by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.
Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS

CHANGE TO MASS TIMES

Please note that for the next 11 weeks starting on Tuesday, 24 there will be **NO MIDDAY MASS on TUESDAYS**. There will be a Mass at 7.30am on these Tuesdays.

There will be **NO 12 noon Mass on THURSDAY, 26 June**

Friday 4th July 6.45 pm Barn dance to celebrate Father Anthony 50th year of Ordination. Free but ticketed event. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex
BYO food and drinks. Teas and coffee served. Fancy dress (Wild West) optional

Mindset Course, Saturday 28th June 9am - 5pm

Fee £40 Minimum. Use QR code to book.

Concessions available in the Church shop

'Learn how to beat stress, improve problem solving, enhance decision making, communicate better, trust your intuition, use whole brain thinking.'



MEDIEVAL PAGEANT This year the Canterbury Medieval Pageant takes place on Saturday, 5th July. We are asking for volunteers to staff the entrance to the church and the hall activities from 10am to 5pm. The more volunteers, the fewer the hours each needs to cover so please consider donating your time. Contact Linda in the office on canterbury@rcaos.org.uk if you can assist.

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, use iQR Code.



Thank you to all who contributed to the wonderful 150th celebration with Archbishop John last Sunday.

International Mass: Sunday, 13th July at the 9:30am mass we would like to acknowledge the international character of our parish by having readings & 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. ALL WELCOME

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

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20-22 June www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

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

SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE ST THOMAS MORE - Sunday 6th July at 7.30 pm at St Dunstan's Church London, Road where the head of Thomas More is buried in the Crypt. During the service distinguished historian Professor Robert Bartlett will talk on 'Sir Thomas More and the Saints'. All our welcome to the service and to the refreshments afterwards.

Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus: model for Catholic men

Men of the parish are invited to a special holy hour on Friday 27th June, solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Eucharistic adoration, Rosary, Sacred Heart devotions, and presentation by Alan Ashfield, Kent chairman of The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration. Food and drinks served. 7.30pm onwards, St Michael's parish, Chatham ME4 6PU. Contact: medwaycatholicmen@outlook.com