

NEWSLETTER

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

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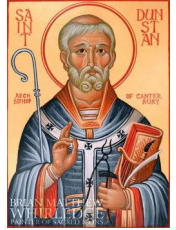
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ST THOMAS' (All Masses are Livestreamed)

6.00pm (Vigil): Marie Martin - RIP

Sunday 13th July: 15th Sun in Ordinary Times (C) Lk 10: 25-37
SEA SUNDAY - with collection for Stella Maris

Archdiocesan Diaconate Day

8.00am: People of the Parish

2nd Col.: **Stella Maris**

9.30am: Mary Reynolds - RIP

Coffee after 9.30 Mass - all donations to CAFOD

11.00am: Harry McCord - welfare

12.30pm: Baptism of Mateo Rivera

6.00pm: Tsige Buta - RIP

Monday 14th Jun: St Camillus de Lellis

Mt 10: 34 - 11:1

12 noon: Mrs Roach - welfare

Tuesday 15th July: St Bonaventure

Mt 11: 20 - 24

7.30am: Tim and Mary Sutter - special intentions

12 noon: Ann Johnson - RIP

7.30pm: Charismatic Prayer Group meets in the Upper Room

Wednesday 16th Jul: Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Mt 11: 25-27

10.30 - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Holy Souls

NO Refreshments in the Hall after Mass

Thursday 17th Jul: Feria

Mt 11: 28-30

7.30am: Kathleen Gray - RIP

12 noon: Caroline and John Stratford - RIP

Scripture Group meets in the Upper Room after Mass

Friday 18th Jul: Feria

Mt 12: 1-8

12 noon: John Sheehan

Saturday 19th Jul: St John Plessington

Mt 12: 14-21

10.30 - 11.30am: Reconciliation

12 noon: Christopher Halliday - RIP

4.30 - 5.30pm: Reconciliation

4.30pm: Legion of Mary meeting in the Upper Room

6.00pm (Vigil): Linda's intentions

Sunday 20th July: 16th Sun in Ordinary Times (C) Lk 10: 38-42

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Gilly (Lewis) Bertram - welfare

Coffee after 9.30 Mass - all donations to CAFOD

11.00am: Antonio, Scholastica and Marcelina - RIP

Baptism of Maximilian Henderson during Mass

12.30pm: Baptism of Tommy Deeny

6.00pm: The Rev. Theodore Hesburg - RIP

2nd Col.: **SVP**

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2025

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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, Geraldine Ross, Anne Robinson, Antoinette Wilde, Tom Carr and Simon Galt

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, Betty Mills, Theresa Penman, Helen Evans and Constance Weight

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

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

THERE ARE NO FIRST ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

ST THOMAS' SECOND AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: **12/13 July 2025: Sea Sunday:** Stella Maris is a Catholic Charity supporting seafarers worldwide; providing practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. Stella Maris works in some 250 ports around the world and is wholly reliant on charitable donations to continue its work.

Next Weekend: **19/20 July 2025: St Vincent de Paul**



St Thomas' Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised; our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 2nd August 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 ...

We had a wonderful and uplifting celebration of the Mass on the Feast of the Translation last Monday presided over by His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, the Apostolic Nuncio. Little did I know that when he kindly accepted my invitation to come and preside at this year's Mass that it would grow into the event that it did. Before the final blessing at the end of Mass the following message from Pope Leo XIV was read out:

"His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, informed of the Solemn Mass in celebration of the Feast of the Translation of the Relics of St Thomas Becket at Canterbury Cathedral on 7th July 2025, sends a fraternal salutation and his greetings of good wishes to all the pilgrims. In this Jubilee Year, His Holiness prays that they may truly be "Pilgrims of Hope" and assures all the participants of his spiritual closeness as they offer their devotion to St Thomas of Canterbury in the place of his martyrdom. The Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing to those participating in this pilgrimage and, through the intercession of the Mother of God, invokes upon all of them an abundance of Divine graces.

There were over 700 people in the congregation and over fifty priests concelebrating, including the Vatican's cricket team, which consisted of priests and seminarians. Joining the spectacular procession at the start of the Mass was the auxiliary Bishop of Southwark, the Rt. Rev Paul Hendricks, members of the Ordinariate and the Papal Knights and Dames from the Orders of St Gregory the Great, Holy Sepulchre and Saint Sylvester. In addition, there were members of the Knights of Malta and the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

I want to thank all those who made this celebration possible, especially Elizabeth Forrester and the team of volunteers from our Parish and the Catholic students from Kent University who, as well as serving and reading at the Mass acted as welcoming and stewards both for the Mass and the refreshments in the Chapter house after Mass.

It was important that the link was made between this celebration and that our Parish church is a Jubilee Shrine where you can receive the plenary indulgence for the Jubilee year.

The Papal Nuncio in his homily said, "This Mass of pilgrimage takes place within the context of the Jubilee Year. It highlights **the Christian life as a spiritual journey**, moving through life's trials and joys with hope anchored in Christ. Having travelled as pilgrims today, we do more than just honour a figure from history. The stained-glass windows all around us illustrate the many miracles attributed to St Thomas in the medieval period. This should be a living story too. Our world, today as then, is in need of hope. We come in this Jubilee Year as 'Pilgrims of Hope' to be inspired by St Thomas' holiness and his courageous witness to Christ and His Church. We join our prayers with those of so many who have gone before us down the centuries."

Let us pray to our patron St Thomas of Canterbury as pilgrims in need of hope and healing and ask Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Martyrs, to intercede for us – that we might be faithful witnesses to Christ, growing each day in love of Him and each other.

ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS

SVP says thank you The June Collection raised £969.58. Thank you so much for your generous support and for other donations that we have received. In June we gave out £300 in supermarket vouchers and a charity shop voucher. We also bought a good quality second hand table and chairs. We are very grateful to Faversham SVP which shared the cost of much needed vinyl flooring. Thank you for helping us to offer friendship and practical support to people living in Canterbury. Our next SVP Collection is on 19/20 July 2025.

A lifechanging opportunity!

Do you desire to know Jesus more intimately?

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy.

The course will commence on 18 October 2025 and the cost will be £400 per year. The full cost of the course, payable over 2 years is £800. In addition, registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. Further details at: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

A spectacular theatre production of **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** is coming to: Canterbury's Marlowe Theatre from Tuesday 15th to Sat. 19th July For details and to book go to: lionwitchonstage.com <<http://lionwitchonstage.com>> For a sneak preview <<http://youtube.com/watch?v=ihLwnCHYq1U>>

ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE. Parishioner Teresa Lau is seeking either a single lady or working couple to rent the penthouse in her house on a long term basis. She can be contacted at teresayukchun2047@gmail.com

On Sunday 13 July we celebrate our second **Archdiocesan Diaconal Day**, during which we pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our Archdiocese and for the new vocations to this ministry. If you are a man aged 21 to 58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love God and God's people, you are involved in services within your parish and community, you have tried many things and still feel drawn to a closer relationship with Christ and His Church you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon? For further information about the Permanent Diaconate, please speak to your Parish Priest, (the Parish Deacon, if there is one), or contact the Diaconate Formation Director via e-mail: ianblack@rcaos.org.uk.

Father Giovanni's final Sunday Masses are on 27th July at 9.30am and 11am. There will be refreshments in the hall after 11am Mass

HCPT Quiz Night to raise funds for pilgrimage to Lourdes is at 7pm on Saturday 19th July. St Thomas's Church hall. BYO food and drinks. Nibbles, tea and coffee served. £5. Raffle. Reserve your table (max 8) in advance from Annie Judge, 07866515797 or anniejudge@hotmail.com.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

There are still a few places available on the pilgrimage, which Southwark makes to Lourdes from 22 to 29 August this year. For information and booking, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>

There are a range of hotels available, though most Southwark pilgrims will be staying at the Hotel Eliseo. Further information is available from Bishop Paul paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk or Canon Perera edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a **Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory**, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information.

Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia on Thursday 24th July, the Vigil of the Feast of St James. These days seem quite dark, what with Parliament voting to partly decriminalise abortion and voting to legalise euthanasia. Please invite others to join us in praying and fasting for life, you can do so with this link, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1419157822872567>

National Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham, Saturday 2nd August: to be led by Bishop John Keenan of Paisley diocese, Scotland Everyone is invited to join in this pilgrimage either in person or via the Shrine livestream at <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>. Details of the day and travel arrangements at www.prolifepilgrimage.org