

NEWSLETTER

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

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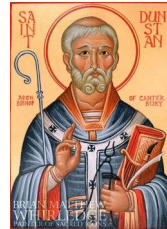
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ST THOMAS' (All Masses are Livestreamed)

6.00pm (Vigil): Volunteer Thanksgiving Mass

2nd Col.: **SVP**

Sunday 14th Jun: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Mt 9:36-10:8

8.00am: Eleza Babu - blessings

9.30am: Ruben Ramirez - RIP

with Children's liturgy during Mass

11.00am: Annie Bennett - RIP

6.00pm: People of the Parish

Monday 15th Jun: Feria

Mt 5: 38-42

12 noon: Requiem Mass for Danny Rikh

Tuesday 16th Jun: St Richard of Chichester

Mt 5: 43-48

12 noon: Requiem Mass for Christina Diane Fenn

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

Wednesday 17th Jun: Feria

Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

10.30 - 11.30am: *Reconciliation*

12 noon: William Edwards - RIP

Refreshments in the Hall after Mass

7- 8pm *Prayer and Pub*

Thursday 18th Jun: Feria

Mt 6: 7-15

7.30am: Holy Souls

12 noon: John Hennelly - RIP

Scripture Group in Upper Room after Mass (byo lunch)

Friday 19th Jun: St John Rigby

Mt 6: 19-23

10 - 11.30: *Baby and Toddlers Group in the Hall*

12 noon: Jerry - RIP

Adoration after Mass

Saturday 20th Jun: St Alban

Mt 6: 24-34

10.30 - 11.30am: *Reconciliation and Adoration*

12 noon: Margaret Waweru - health and wellbeing

4.30 - 5.30pm: *Reconciliation*

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

7pm: *HCPT Fundraising Quiz in the Hall*

6.00pm (Vigil): Hannah Scott - RIP

Sunday 21st Jun: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Mt 10: 26-33

8.00am: People of the Parish

9.30am: Thanksgiving - Vibal Family

with Children's liturgy during Mass

11.00am: Douglas Ward - RIP

1.30pm: *Wedding of Josh and Laura*

4.00pm: Polish Community Mass

6.00pm: Pearl and Ravenna Wilson - RIP

2nd Col.:
Day for Life

NEXT SUNDAY 28TH JUNE: NO MASSES IN ST THOMAS'

ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday Mass at 10am

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10.00am: People of the Parish

Sunday 21st Jun: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Mt 10: 26-33

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, Heather Dandison, Richard Sexton, Therese Punnett, Andrew Burton, 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, David Lewis, John Mathew, Jean Matthews, Tom Hill, Geraldine Ross, Anne Robinson, Antoinette Wilde, Mary Connolly, Jenny Todd, Anne, David Man-Cheung, Margaret Berry, Alan Everson, Carol Cotton, Fermina Ortega, Alice Mathai, Elizabeth Delaney, Chris Smith, Paula Smith, David Evans, Gerry Buckles, Kathy Starnes, Patti Earl, Alexander Oligo, Peter Bruff, Rhona Rollings and Baby Raphael

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

St Thomas': Margaret O'Flaherty, Kevin Nuttal, Dorothy Saul, Patricia Martin, Miriam Methin, Owen Hodgeson, Winston de Hoedt, Joshua John Taylor, Anne Thirkell, Angela Nichols, Ashton Harrington, Audrey Martin, Diane Fenn, Elodoro Evangelio, Danny Rikh and Pauline Ventress

St Dunstan's: Marion Nash, Lorna Hazelwood, Irene Foster, Sr Marian McCouaig and Martina Morrissey

Please pray for those whose 1st anniversaries are in June 2026:

Theresa Penman

ST THOMAS' SECOND AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: **13/14 June 2026:** St Vincent de Paul Society

Next Weekend: **20/21 June 2026:** Day for Life



St Thomas' Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised; our next preparation meeting will be on **Saturday, 4th July** 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 a recent letter from Archbishop John Wilson, he announced the appointment of a new vocations team for the Diocese. Their remit is to help men genuinely discern whether God is calling them to the ordained priesthood and create an environment where that call can be heard clearly and responded to freely. He wrote, "We are blessed to have seen an increase in vocations in the Archdiocese in recent years. I have just accepted two seminarians for Valladolid this coming September, which will bring the number of students for the priesthood (*in our diocese of Southwark*) to ten, with others discerning for next year."

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus saw the crowds who were following him and he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples,

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

All of us, through our baptism, share in the one priesthood of Christ. Jesus is the sole mediator between the human family and God. As we read in the letter to the Hebrews, Jesus redeemed us by appearing "at the end of the ages to take away sins once and for all by his sacrifice." (Hebrews 9:26). We can therefore all be labourers in the harvest by offering God lives sanctified by doing everything for love of Him and one another.

The ordained or ministerial priesthood, a ministry of word, sacrament, and charity, is unique and indispensable, willed by Christ, does not supplant the priesthood of all believers. As the Second Vatican Council has stated: "Though they differ from one another in essence and not only in decree, the common priesthood of the faithful and the ministerial or hierarchical priesthood are nonetheless interrelated. Each of them in its own special way is a participation in the one priesthood of Christ."

Pope Leo on Friday spoke to the people of Gran Canaria, saying, "I come to these islands as a father and brother in the faith: with you I am a Christian, and for you, I am a bishop. Each of us has received various gifts and ministries for the building up of the body of Christ, ... And this is the Lord's call that resonates anew in our hearts today and confirms our vocation and mission: to build the Church together, founded on Christ, the "cornerstone" to build on what is good, to harmonise our differences and to work together for the good of all."

On this Sunday, as we hear the call of Jesus to pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest, let us pray that all of us may come to a deeper understanding of what it means for us to share in the one priesthood of Christ. We also pray that young men in our parish may respond to the call of Jesus to share in his ministerial priesthood.

ST THOMAS' PARISH MATTERS

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE 2026

For the values of sports.

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Requiem Masses will be held in St Thomas' for the late Daniel Rikh on Monday, 15 June at 12 noon; and the late Christine Diane Fenn on Tuesday, 16 June at 12 noon the late Pauline Ventress on Monday, 6 July at 12 noon

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on Monday 29th June.

Polish Community Mass: Sunday 21 June 2026 at 4.00pm

HCPT FUNDRAISING QUIZ : Quiz Night on Saturday 20th June at 7pm in the Church Hall. Entry is £5 per person. Tables are a maximum of 8 people. Please bring your own food and drinks, Nibbles, tea and coffee are provided. To reserve a table please contact Annie on 07866 515797 or anniejudge@hotmail.com

Save the Date: Mass of the Translation of St Thomas in Canterbury Cathedral on Tuesday, 7th July. Time to be confirmed

OPEN AIR MASS 28th June 2026 at 10am at St Anselm's School
We are looking for helpers to help set up for the Mass on Saturday, 27th June at 12 noon and to help clear up on Sunday after the Mass
ON THE DAY: Could parents please bring outdoor games on the day to keep children entertained. Football goal net and Badminton nets will be available.

RAFFLE DONATIONS: We are seeking donations and gifts for the Open-air Mass raffle. Please leave these at the office or shop for attention Christine Robinson.

A Day With Mary Pilgrimage to Italy (1 September to 10 September 2026)
Closing date 23 June 2026 More information at <https://www adaywithmary.org/>

Archdiocesan Pilgrimages for Young Adults
Young adults (aged 18 to 35) are invited to register interest for the **World Youth Day pilgrimage to Korea** in August 2027 at www.tinyurl.com/wyd2027

Save the date: Saturday 11th July International Mass and bring and share lunch. To get involved contact socialstthomasrc@gmail.com

Our Hall Toilets - Work starts on Monday, 15th June

We will be refurbishing all three toilets — the male, female, and accessible toilets — at the same time. The contractor, Holbrook, is planning to carry out the work as follows:

Stage 1: Leave the women's operational as a unisex toilet as everyone then uses cubicles so it is as private as possible. Then strip and refurbish the men's toilet and the accessible toilet;

Stage 2: Once the men's toilet and the accessible toilet are done they will use the men's toilet for the men and the accessible toilet for the women. Then strip and refurbish the ladies.

We appreciate this will cause some inconvenience for a short while, but we hope you understand that it will be for the greater good in the end.

Public toilets are available directly opposite the hall's main doors in Canterbury Lane, as well as in the major shops within the central shopping area.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

800th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF ST FRANCIS

In the months leading up to 4th October our parish will celebrate the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis. Pope Leo has designated 2026 as a Year of St Francis with Plenary Indulgence, under the usual conditions, see <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2026/01/16/260116c.html>. We will make a day-pilgrimage to the Franciscan Capuchin Friary at Erith near Dartford on 22nd August 2026 More information, booking forms and reservations contact HELEN NATTRASS on email helennattrass@btinternet.com or phone 07803 612556

Live retelling of the **Life of Christ** at Wintershall Estate, Bramley, Surrey on 16 - 20th June! Tickets from: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/life-of-christ/>

Contemporary Theology Group: Wednesday, June 17th 5 P.M. at St Peter's Methodist church. John Daniels will speak on: Money: where it comes from, where it's going, and why it's all about faith. Entrance £5 (free for students).

HCPT PILGRIMAGE GROUP 587: Book now to join your 'Holiday with Our lady' in Lourdes 22nd -29th August '26 staying at Hosanna House. £1400 includes flight, French airport transfer, full board accommodation and fully comprehensive insurance. To find out more contact: Roxy 07852538576 or Annie 07866515797

Flame 2027 Book, Raffle & Plant Sale — Sun 14 June, 10:30am, church hall*