St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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**Parish Secretary**: Emma’s office hours this week 9 - 12pm Mon, Wed & Friday

**Funerals: Luisa Boorman** , Funeral Mass at St Thomas’ Thursday 3rd May at 12.30, followed by burial at Woodlands Cemetery. Please remember her family and friends in your prayers. May she rest in peace, Amen**.**

**General Data Protection Regulations –** As you may all be aware there is some new data protection legislation coming into force on 25th May 2018, which is going to impact on all of us. One of the responsibilities we will now have to undertake is to know who has access to the vast amount of personal information we hold in the parish. I know that a great number of you currently volunteer for the parish or may have done so in the past and may have some personal information at your home in a file and/or on a PC or laptop. Please could you let either me or the Parish Secretary know if this applies to you so that we can let you know what action you will need to take going forward. The Archbishop is encouraging all of us to help implement these changes and I thank you in advance for you co-operations.

**The Diocese of Southwark Safeguarding Team** will be holding a Training Day at St Thomas of Canterbury RC Parish on 19th May 2018 from 10:30 - 15:30. The following persons and parish groups are informed and are requested to attend: Rev Fr Tom, Rev Deacon James Coleman, Parish Safeguarding Team as Host, Leaders of confirmation Group, Communion Group, Altar Servants and Youth Groups, St Vincent De Paul, Bereavement Team, Choir, Communion/Home Visit Leaders, and any person involve with Safeguarding in the parish.

**Yvonne Illes** is home recovering from an operation, so please remember her in your prayers and pray she makes a speedy and full recovery.

**Baptism for Children -** Parents who have asked for their child to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, the next meetings with parents are on April 21st and 28th at 11.30am in the Church.

**100 Club April Draw -** will take place after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday, 29th April, 2018.

**Members of our Church** are invited to Twydall Evangelical Church Women’s Fellowship Meeting at 2.15pm on Wednesday 25th April 2018. It is in place of the Women’s World Day of Prayer Service which was cancelled in March due to bad weather.  For further details please contact Janet Nastaly - 01634 371897.

**Noticeboards** at rear of Churchwhere you can find details of all the following events:-

Divine Mercy Retreat, 28th April 11am to 4:30pm at St John Fisher Church, Rochester.

Altar Servers’ Rally 2018,Bank Holiday Monday 7th May at The Friars, Aylesford Priory

The Great Adventure Retreat, Worth Abbeyon 18-20th May for all those in year 7-9.

Sacrament of the Sick**,** Saturday 9th June at 3pm followed by afternoon tea in Parish Centre

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, St George’s Cathedral, 16th June.

Parish Quiz Night for Organ Fund, Saturday16th June at 7.30 in the Parish Centre

£1,000 to take your family to Dublin World Meeting of Families, August 21-26

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 24th-31st August (details and forms at rear of church)

Pilgrimage to The Holy Land, 26th November to 4th December 2018.

**Collection** – 14th & 15th April amounted to: £1144.27 main collection incl. S/O’s.

**April 2018**

**Saturday St Anselm**

21 Sat 10.00 June Dante (Dante Family)

**Confessions 10.30 – 11.00 &** **17.30 – 17.45**

18.00 Rita Gregory & Kevin Berry (P Berry)

**2nd Collection Ecclesiastical Education**

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**Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Vocations Sunday**

22 Sun10.30 Audrey Fernandez (Noel Fernandez)

18.00 People of the Parish

**2nd Collection Ecclesiastical Education**

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23 **Mon – St George** 10.00 Ann Carr RIP (Patricia Champ)

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24 **Tue - Feria** 10.00 Eucharistic Service

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25 **Wed – St Mark** 10.00 Eucharistic Service

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26 **Thur – Feria** (School)9.15Ian Jenner RIP (J&R O’Neill)

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27 **Fri - Feria** 10.00 Ted Lewis (Anne Lewis)

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**Saturday Feria** 10.00 Rev Fr Doug Morris RIP (A&J Boxall)

28 Sat **Confessions 10.30 – 11.00 &** **17.30 – 17.45**

18.00 Betty Hill (Parishioners of St Thomas’)

**2nd Collection St George’s Cathedral**

**Collection of Dry Goods for Cyrenians**

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**Sunday FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

29 Sun10.30 People of the Parish

18.00 Mary McDowell RIP (Andrew Fallon)

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