St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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

**First Holy Communion -** this Sunday, 26 children will receive their first Holy Communion during the 10.30 mass. Please remember to pray for the children and their families as this is one of the most important days of their lives.

**Padre Pio Prayer Meeting** will take place this Sunday after the 6pm Mass.

**Quiz Night** **-** 7pm, Saturday 12th May in Parish Centre. All funds go towards assisting 6 young people to travel & work in Ahotokorum this summer. Contact Sarah for tickets: 07947 762267.

**World Communications Sunday** takes place on Sunday 13th May 2017. It's a day when we pray for those who work in the media and have a second collection after Mass to support the Church's important work in this area. Pope Francis, in his message for communications day, focuses on 'Fake News and Journalism for Peace'. Prayer cards available at rear of church.

**Pentecost Youth Mass** **-** Sunday 20th May at 6pm.

**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.

**RED MISSIO BOXES** Please could all Red MISSIO Boxes be brought to church for counting as soon as possible. Any queries please contact Mary Mickleburgh on 07961 583625. Thank you for your continued support.

**100 Club April Winners -** Congratulations to: 1st prize Janet Nastaly £25.00, 2nd prize David High £20.00 and 3rd prize Bernard Dunn £10.00.

**Collections -** 28th & 29th April main collection amounted to £1021.71 incl. S/O’s.

2nd Collection for St George’s Cathedral £186.94, thank you for your generosity.

**May 2018**

**Saturday OUR LADY**

5 Sat10.00 Denis Barrett (J&J Viotto)

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

18.00 Stella Lewey (Lewey Family)

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**Sunday SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

6 Sun10.30 People of the Parish

18.00 Michael DeMarco (Morning Mass People)

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7 **Mon – Feria** 10.00 Gillian Smith (Peggy Hill)

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8 **Tue – Feria** 10.00 Thank you to the Parish of Rainham on behalf of

Donnelly & Fleming Family

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9 **Wed – Feria** 9.30 Rosary

10.00 Eucharistic Service

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10 **Thur THE ASCENTION OF THE LORD**

**Holy Day of Obligation** 10.00John & Luisa Viotto RIP (J&J Viotto)

School Mass 14.00 Fr David Maskell RIP

19.30 Lily Baldry RIP (Back Family)

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11 **Fri – Feria** 10.00 Mary Crutterden RIP (M Shackleford)

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**Next Saturday OUR LADY**

12 Sat 9.30 Rosary

10.00 Patty & Bill Tuffin RIP (Fox Family)

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

18.00 June Carle

**2nd Collection for World Communications Day**

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**Next Sunday SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

13 Sun10.30 Murielle Domingue RIP (J&J Domingue)

18.00 Oliva & Tino Coleman RIP (Rosa Coleman)

**2nd Collection for World Communications Day**

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