St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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

**Congratulations** **-** to Emma Allen and Joshua Mann who married in Church on Saturday 30th November. We congratulate them and wish them well in their future life together.

**Liturgy Meeting -** 7.30pm, Monday2nd **DECEMBER** to discuss Advent Season in Parish hall.

**UCM**Christmas meeting/party, 8pm Wednesday 4th December in Parish Centre. Please bring a small plate of food to share, tea/coffee & squash will be served or you can bring own drinks.

**Parish Day of Reconciliation -** including the parents and children in preparation to receive Holy Communion, Sunday 8th December at 3pm.

**Sunday 8th December is also known as Bible Sunday.** Readers may renew their commitment to the Ministry of Readers at the Mass they normally attend.

**St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School - Timetable for Applications**

**Nursery admissions:** All applications for the year will be considered in April whether for September, January or April start.

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| ***Starting date*** | ***Application by*** | ***Notification by*** | ***Acceptance by*** |
| September 2020 – April 2021 | 3rd April 2020 | 1st May 2020 | 15th May 2020 |

**Primary Admissions:** Need to be submitted online to Medway Council [https://new.medway.gov.uk/ education/school-admissions/starting-primaryschool/offers#guide-content](https://new.medway.gov.uk/%20education/school-admissions/starting-primaryschool/offers#guide-content) and a Supplementary Application Form has to be completed and returned to school by Friday 15th January 20. Open morning for prospective parents Friday 10th January 20 at 10am.

**Youth Club Christmas Party** **-** Friday 6th December, 7 to 9.30pm in the Parish Centre for school years 6 thru 9. Tickets £4 at the door. See poster at rear of Church.

**Ahotokurom -**our annual collection will take place on the 7th and 8th December. An update on the projects and people will be given during coffee morning in the Parish Centre after 10.30am mass on Sunday 8th December. Please join us for coffee and cake.

**Advent Reflection -**An invitation for you to take time out and enjoy the real meaning of Christmas this Advent. All are very welcome to join us in the church on Monday 9th December at 7.30pm so invite your family and friends.

**MISSIO RED BOXES** **-** Please could all holders of MISSIO Red Boxes bring them to church for end of year counting as soon as possible. Any queries please contact Mary Mickleburgh on 07961 583625.  Thank you for your continued support.

**International Carol Service -** Sunday 15th December at 12.30pm. We gather together to celebrate with carols from each community followed by international refreshments to celebrate friendship. Group organisers and anyone wishing to help, please call Anne Trabucchi 317125.

**Foodbank - Knights of St Columba & St Vincent de Paul** **-** are working together in order to support Medway foodbank. Please consider the list of requirements from the foodbank at rear of Church. Our Parish collection weekend is 14th & 15th December. Thank you in anticipation.

**Collections -** 23rd & 24th Main Collection amounted to: £1005.04 incl. S/O’s

2nd Collection for the Catholic Youth Work amounted to £155.47 Thank you for your generosity.

**November 2019**

**Saturday St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland**

30 Sat10.00 Colleen Matthews

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

16.00 Wedding of Emma Allen & Joshua Mann

18.00 Bridie Curran (Angela Moyes)

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**Sunday FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

1 Sun10.30 Mary Ralph RIP (Pat White).

18.00 People of the Parish

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2 Mon **- Feria** 10.00 Ann Morrissey (John Morrissey)

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3 Tues **St Francis Xavier, Priest**  - Day of prayer for Migrants

10.00 Florence Classey (J&R O’Neill)

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4 Wed **St John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

10.00 Eucharistic Service

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5 Thur **-** **Feria** 09.15 John, Alice and Family - **School Mass**

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6 Fri **St Nicholas, Bishop**

10.00 Yvonne Durkin (Delia & Theresa)

19.30 Mass Adoration and Benediction - Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller RIP

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**Next Saturday St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

7 Sat10.00 Carrie Klimek & Kenny Almond (Fox Family)

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

18.00 Mrs Hanley (M Fleming)

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**Next Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Bible Sunday**

8 Sun10.30 Joseph Brooks RIP (Marleen Brooks)

15.00 Reconciliation Service

18.00 People of the Parish

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