St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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

**Funeral: Anthony Walker** Committal at Bobbing Crematorium, Wednesday 23rd October at 2pm. Please remember his family and friends in your prayers. May he rest in peace, Amen**.**

**The Third National Mass Count** takes place this weekend at all Masses.

**Pope Francis** has called the whole Church to observe an Extraordinary Month of Mission this **October**, asking us all to reflect upon bringing the Gospel to those who have not yet heard it and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Veronika & Livia Palcovicova** have both been awarded the Archconfraternity silver medal for Ten years’ service. As both are at university the awards will be made at a later date. Anyone who wishes to become an Altar server should contact Tony Roberts at Mass or 361549.

**SVP -** Sincere thanks to all who supported our Sept. awareness activities.  With the walk and the draw, together with donations we raised £530.  Congratulations to John, Owen and Abel who were winners in the draw.  Next meeting Tuesday 8th October at 7.00pm.

**Medway Young Catholic Adults** - The next meeting of the Medway Young Catholic Adults will be on Sunday 27th October at English Martyr's Strood (ME2 4JA), beginning at 1:30pm with lunch, followed by faith formation. The group is open, as the name suggests, to all Catholic young adults in the area.

**Beginning Experience Weekend** **-** A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from 18th to 20th October 2019 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For more information please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or email[johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk)

**Return of the Carmelites** - Mass will be celebrated at Aylesford Priory on 31st October, marking the 70th Anniversary of the Return of the Carmelites.  Archbishop John Wilson will be the Celebrant.  All are welcome to attend.

Tickets are now available for the **Christmas Carol Concert** at Rochester Cathedral on Friday 6th December 2019 at19.30pm from the Cathedrals website or in person from their shop.

**Notice Board and Dates for your Diary**

**Annual Day of Renewal** -Saturday 5th October, St George's Cathedral 9.45am to 4.45pm..

Southwark Justice & Peace Autumn Assembly **12th October,** The Hermitage, Kent.

70th Anniversary of the Return of the Carmelites at Aylesford Priory on 31st October

**Collections –** 28th & 29th September amounted to: £1120.47. Main Collection £ incl. S/O’s

**October 2019**

**Saturday Our Lady**

9.30 Rosary

5 Sat 10.00 People of the Parish

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

**27th Sunday** 18.00 The Atkins Family

**2nd CAFOD Family Fast Day**

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6 Sun10.30 Cacilia Henthorn RIP (Alma & John Payne)

18.00 Arthur Champ (KSC 151)

**2nd CAFOD Family Fast Day**

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7 Mon **Our Lady of the Rosary**

10.00 Frank Hamill RIP (J&J Viotto)

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8 Tues **Feria**

10.00 James McEvans RIP (Marleen Brooks)

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9 Wed **St Denis, Bishop**

9.30 Rosary

10.00 Eucharistic Service

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10 Thur **St Paulinus of York, Bishop**

**School Mass** 09.15 Herbert Brooks RIP (Marleen Brooks)

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11 Fri **St John XXIII, Pope**

10.00 Gibson Joseph Erifevieme RIP (Francis Erifevieme)

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**Next Saturday St Wilfrid, Bishop**

9.30 Rosary

12 Sat 10.00 People of the Parish

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

**28th Sunday** 18.00 Angela Riley RIP

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**Next Sunday TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependants**

13 Sun10.30 Ellen Stringer (Florance Classey)

18.00 Simon Fogarty RIP (C Baron)

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