St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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**Remembrance Sunday** - when we remember all those who died fighting for our country in the two world wars and in subsequent conflicts.

**Funerals:** **Mark Reilly,** Funeral Mass at St Thomas’ on Monday 12th November at 10.00am. Please remember his family and friends in your prayers. May he rest in peace, Amen**.**

**The Holy Father’s Prayer intentions -** during November join with the Holy Father in praying “That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict”

**Parish Mass of Remembrance** for all those who have died in the past year. We will entrust them to Almighty God and light a candle in their memory at all Masses next weekend.

**Newman Circle meeting** - at 7.30pm Sunday 11th November, at 28 Georgian Way.  Any queries please contact Marie Casey on 389095.

**Confirmation 2019 –**Application forms are at the back of the church for anyone in **year 8 and above**, to join the parish programme of preparation for Confirmation in 2019.

**‘Vocal Chords’** our Youth Band - will be performing at St. Margaret’s this Saturday evening in a concert to mark the end of the First World War. See poster at rear of Church.

**One Big Family –**Youth club is teaming with Medway Youth Trust and their NCS programme to gain awareness of the local homeless and fundraise for new beds for the night shelters run by One Big Family. Please see our sponsor form on the notice board at the back of the church.

**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.

**Come and hear our rebuilt organ!**James Norrey, Assistant Sub-Organist at Rochester Cathedral, will showcase our organ at 7.30 pm on Friday 23rd November.  The recital will last about an hour and entrance is free. Tea and coffee afterwards in the Parish Centre.

**UCM -**Please note that our next meeting, which will be our birthday party, is on the 21st November, starting with Mass at 7.30pm in St Thomas’ Church and followed by our party in the Parish Centre afterwards.  Please contact Rae with regard to food and also bring a raffle prize.  **There will be no meeting on the 7th November**.  Any queries ring Alma on 362896.

**Safeguarding -** All Parish events must have the approval of the Parish Priest. An application for approval must be submitted with a list of event leaders, participants, risk assessment and in the case of children a letter of parental consent. We must create a culture of greater awareness

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Blessing of the Graves -** Woodlands CemeterySunday 25th November at 2pm.

**St Thomas’ School Christmas Bazaar** **-** Saturday 1st December at 11am, usual attractions!

**UCM Carol Concert -** St Augustine’s Church at 7.45pm on Saturday 8th December.

**Parish Service of Reconciliation -** at St. Thomas’ Church on Sunday 9th December at 3pm

**International Carol Service -** St Thomas’ ChurchonSunday 16th December at 12.30pm.

**Parish Lunch** - Sunday 30th December in the Parish Centre at 12.30pm

**Collections –** 3rd & 4th November main collection amounted to £1127.76 incl. S/O’s.

**November 2018**

**Saturday St Leo the Great, Pope**

10 Sat10.00 Lena Delmar RIP (J&J Viotto)

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

18.00 Carmel Quinn RIP

**2nd Collection Archbishops’ Administration Fund**

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**Sunday THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY - Remembrance Day**

11 Sun10.30 For Those Who Paid The Ultimate Sacrifice In

The Two World Wars so That We Might Live In Peace

18.00 People of the Parish

**2nd Collection Archbishops’ Administration Fund**

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12 Mon **– St Josaphat** 10.00 Funeral Mass for Mark Reilly

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13 Tue **- St Frances Xavier Cabrini**

10.00 Peter & Hazel O’Brien RIP

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14 Wed **- Feria** 10.00 Eucharistic Service

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15 Thur  **- St Albert the Great**

**School Mass** 09.15 Olga Scott RIP

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16 Fri **- St Edmund** 10.00 David Durham (T Durham)

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**Next Saturday St Hilda**

17 Sat10.00 People of Parish Remembrance Mass

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

18.00 Deceased Clergy of the Parish

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**Next Sunday THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY – World Day of the Poor**

18 Sun10.30 Elizabeth Fernandez (Noel Fernandez)

18.00 People of Parish Remembrance Mass

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