St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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**Funerals:** **John Carrick** Funeral Mass will take place at St Thomas’ on Wednesday 16th January at 1:00pm followed by committal at Woodlands Cemetery at 2:30pm. **Frank Doherty** Funeral Mass will take place at St Thomas’ on Monday 21st January at 10:00am followed by committal at Woodlands Cemetery at 11:30am. **Tom Bertuello** Funeral Service will take place at Medway Crematorium on Thursday 31st January at 3:30pm**. Bill Devine** Funeral Mass will take place at St Thomas on Tuesday 5th February at 10:00am followed by Cremation.

Please remember their family and friends in your prayers. May they rest in peace, Amen**.**

**Newman Circle** **-** 7.30pm on Sunday 13th January at 492 City Way, Rochester.  Any queries contact Marie Casey on 389095.

**Peace Sunday** **20th January*.***The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Donation envelopes are available at the rear of Church for collection next week.

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**– the church observes eight days prayer for Christian Unity from 18th until 25th January 2019.

**Thank you -** Please see letter from Darland House at rear of Church thanking you for your generous donation of gifts.

**White Flower Appeal 2019** - There will be a collection outside Church at all Masses on the weekend of 26/27 January for SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children).

**Thank you** **from Missio’s APF and Mill Hill** **-** for your donation of £763.76. As a Red Box holder or an Annual Member you are a missionary, helping spread God’s word and share God’s love for all his people. Thank you for your time, your gifts and your prayers for our brothers and sisters across the world. As a member of the APF-Mill Hill family you will be held in prayer at Mass each day by the Mill Hill Community and at Missio’s chapel in London. Find out more about what your gift contributes to at missio.org.uk.

**Baptism -** Dates for the next 2 meetings for parents who wish to have their children baptised: Saturday **12th & 19th January**. The meetings will be in the church at 11.30 am.

**100 Club December Winners -** Congratulations to: 1st Prize - Cynthia Johnson £25.00, 2nd Prize - Ann Devine £20.00 and 3rd Prize - John Wilkins £10.00

**Used stamps -** please place used stamps in the box at the back of the church.

**Christmas Collection -** £3,279.20. Once again thank you very much for your kindness and generosity. Fr Tom.

**Collections –** 29th & 30th December’s main collection amounted to £1083.17 incl. S/O’s.

5th and 6th January’s main collection amounted to £1042.86 incl. S/O’s.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**The Annual Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** - 23rd August to 30th August 2019.

**January 2019**

**Saturday St Aelred of Rievaulx**

12 Sat10.00 Annie Mullarkey RIP (Anne Lewis)

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

**The Baptism of the Lord** 18.00 Len Ross RIP (Jim & Yvonne Durkan)

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**Sunday THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

13 Sun10.30 Peggie Rose (E & D Mills)

 18.00 People of the Parish

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14 Mon **– Feria** 10.00 Stuart & Ann Turk (AT)

 18.00 Bridget Ward (Months Mind)

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15 Tue **– Feria** 10.00 Rod & Jill O’Neill (J&J Viotto)

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16 Wed **– Feria**  10.00 Eucharistic Service

 13.00 Funeral Mass for John Carrick

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17 Thur **– St Anthony School Mass**

 09.15 Deceased members of Shackleford & Vaughan

 Families (M Shackleford)

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18 Fri **- Feria** 10.00 Peter Arujah (Noel Fernandez)

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**Next Saturday Our Lady**

19 Sat10.00 Teresa Clarke (Noel Fernandez)

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

**Second Sunday** 18.00 Frank Doherty RIP (Pat White)

 **2nd Pax Christi for Peace Sunday**

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**Next Sunday SECOND SUNDAY**

20 Sun10.30 Fr M Adams

 18.00 People of the Parish

 **2nd Pax Christi for Peace Sunday**

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