St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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**Funeral: Michael Ward** Funeral Mass at St Thomas’ on Monday 30th September at 1pm followed by cremation at 2.30am. Please remember his family and friends in your prayers. May he rest in peace, Amen**.**

**SVP BIG WALK.**Join us after 10.30 Mass on Sunday.  Sign up and make a donation.  All monies go towards our work helping the needy.

**2nd Collection Home Mission -**This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support ‘Home Mission’, the spread of the Gospel in our own Country.

**Peter's Pence** -The Secretariat of State has expressed grateful thanks to the Archdiocese of Southwark for its contribution to Peter's Pence in 2018, which amounted to £26,364.89.

**Our First Holy Communion Programme 2019/20 - will begin towards then end of September. Declaration of Interest forms will be available throughout September and children must be aged 7 by 1st September 2019. The first meeting for parents and children is Saturday 28th September at 4pm. Any family living outside the Parish will need a letter of permission from their Parish Priest please. Please collect forms from one of the clergy.**

**Foodbank - Knights of St Columba and St Vincent de Paul** **-** are working together in order to support Medway foodbank. Please consider the list of shortages from the foodbank at the rear of Church. **Our Parish collection weekend is 21st and 22nd September.**

**Day with Mary at English Martyr's, Strood -** We are pleased to announce that a special day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message of Fatima, will happen in the parish of English Martyr's Strood (ME2 4JA), on Saturday 28th September.

**Annual Diocesan Day for Catechists -** Saturday 28th September 2019 at St George’s Cathedral, starting at 10.30am and ending with Mass at 4pm.

**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.

**Archbishop John Wilson** will preside at a special Mass for seafarers and their families on Tuesday 1st October, St. George’s Cathedral at 12.30 pm. All are invited to attend.

**Churches Together in Rainham** invite you to a HARVEST SUPPER at St Thomas’ RC Church Parish Centre On Saturday 5th October 2019 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 each available from Lindsay Marley 07906534608. This event will be supporting projects in Ghana.

**The First National Mass Count** takes place at all Masses next weekend.

**Collections –** 7th & 8th September amounted to: Main Collection £882.25 incl. S/O’s

2nd Collection for the Catholic Education Service £177.00, Thank you for your generosity.

**September 2019**

**Saturday The Exaltation of The Holy Cross**

14 Sat 10.00 People of the Parish

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

**24th Sunday** 18.00 Kathleen Nash

 **2nd Collection for the Support of Home Mission**

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**Sunday TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY - Home Mission Day**

15 Sun10.30 Cacilia Henthorn RIP (UCM)

 18.00 Thanksgiving St Leopold Mandec, Padre Pio, Mercy Divine

 (Sandra Hewitt)

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16 Mon **Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop**

 10.00 Tino & Olivia Coleman RIP (Mrs Coleman)

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17 Tues **St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

 10.00 Mike Long (J&R O’Neill)

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18 Wed **St Edith of Kemsing**

 10.00 Eucharistic Service

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19 Thur **St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop**

10.00Marjarie Harping RIP (M Shackleford)

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20 Fri **St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang**

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS IN CHURCH

10.00 John Barrett RIP (Anne)

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**Next Saturday St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

21 Sat 10.00 Mrs Victoria Abiola Odujobi RIP (Patricia Amodu)

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

**25th Sunday** 18.00 Evelyn Hutchinson (J&Y Durkan)

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**Next Sunday TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY – Day of Prayer for the Harvest**

22 Sun10.30 Audrey Fernandez (Noel Fernandez)

 18.00 People of the Parish

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