St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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

**Recently Deceased: Mary Gallagher and Marie Moustache.**  Please remember them in your prayers, may they rest in peace, Amen.

**Marriage Care -**There will be a display table at the back of the church this weekend advertising the work of Marriage Care.  Please feel free to help yourself to leaflets or speak

to one of our members if we can be of any help.  We are also always on the lookout for enthusiastic volunteers.

**The Annual pre Lent Pilgrimage** walk from Rainham to Aylesford will take place on Saturday 22nd February leaving St Thomas Church after 10am Mass. The walk is mainly on footpaths.

**Stations of the Cross Lent 2020** - Will be said Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent starting Friday 28th February, ending Wednesday 8th April. If anyone would like to say one please add your name to the list on the board at the back of Church, any queries ring Jill O’Neill 362533.

**The Passage** is a Christian Charity working with homeless people. Please support a St David’s Day concert in aid of The Passage at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster on Friday 28th February at 7.00pm. The concert features the London Welsh Male Voice Choir with guest soloists Claire Jones (harp) and Aled Wyn Davies (tenor) and Guto Harri (Compère).

Full details to book are on the website [www.passage.org.uk](http://www.passage.org.uk/) or telephone 020 75921856

**Thank you -** from Darland House for your generous donation of gifts, they were very much appreciated by the residents.

**Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine** **Ireland** celebrating the feast of St. Patrick16th March 2020. There are still a few places available, for further detail please poster at rear of Church or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:patricia@gotrouvaille.com).

**Invitation to attend The Becket 2020 Anniversary Service at Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday 5th July 2020.** There are 9 invitations available to attend this ecumenical service led by the Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop of Westminster, with Fr Tom to represent our Church. If you would like to attend please add your name to the list at the rear of church. If there are more people wishing to go than invitation, names will be drawn from a hat.

**“The God Who Speaks” - Year of the Word 2020.**  Copies of prayer for the year at rear of Church please take one.

**NOTICE BOARD AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**World Day of Prayer** - Churches Together 6th March 2pm at Twydall Evangelical Church

**Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine** **Ireland** **-** celebrating the feast of St. Patrick16th March 2020.

**“Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ” -** 20th-22nd March 2020 at Aylesford Priory

**Building a better Marriage -** Saturday 4thApril 2020 Ashford.

**“The God Who Speaks” Year of the Word 2020 -** Aylesford Priory Saturday 27th June 2020

**Collections** 8th & 9th February’s main collection amounted to: £1086.47 incl. S/O’s

2nd Collection for Racial Justice Sunday amounted to: £108.22. Thank you for you generosity.

**February 2020**

**Saturday Our Lady**

15 Sat10.00 People of the Parish

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

**Vigil Mass** 18.00 Cecilia Teresa Balderson RIP

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**Sunday SIXTH SUNDAY**

16 Sun10.30 Tina Dewit (Back Family)

18.00 Fr Michael Adams (Eileen & Denise Mills)

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17 Mon  **Feria**

10.00 Mary Mehale RIP (Ann Lewis)

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18 Tue **Feria**

10.00 James McNama

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19 Wed **Feria**

10.00 Maximilian Bado (Deacon Arthur)

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20 Thur **Feria**

10.00 Peter Keating RIP (Owen O’Neill)

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21 Fri **St Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

10.00 Special Intention (AB)

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**Next Saturday The Chair of St Peter the Apostle**

22 Sat10.00 Margaret Hanley (M Fleming)

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

**Vigil Mass** 18.00 Marie Casey RIP (C&M Mickleburgh)

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**Next Sunday SEVENTH SUNDAY - Day for the Unemployed**

23 Sun10.30 Ron Eaton (Long Family)

18.00 People of the Parish

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