St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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**Parish Secretary**: *Emma will be away from the office from 17th May to 21st May*

**‘For The World of Finance’ Pope Francis** prayer intention for May 2021, calls for regulators to limit speculation in financial markets and protect ordinary people.

**This Sunday’s 2nd Collection** is for World communications Day which supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN) the media office of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales. **Next Sunday’s 2nd Collection** is for The Catholic Trust for England and Wales which Support the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Bishops Conference.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Last weekend 21 children celebrated the sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation for the first time. We were assisted by Fr Sean and Fr Pawel. This year has made all of us reflect on how we do things so I am grateful to our catechists who are helping families with ‘classes on zoom’ I hope we can return to meeting as family where parents, children, catechist and their Priest can talk about Gods love for us and our response to God’s love.

**Sacrament of Baptism** - This year we will use the ‘with you always’ family catechetical programme. We will begin with a meeting for all the parents who have requested Baptism for their children. More about this in coming weeks.

**Pope Francis** invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to pray for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6pm Rome time. The link for the full shrine list can be found on our website.

**Pray in May** - we invite you to join us in prayer to celebrate and bless Mary’s Meals. Please visit <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay> for further details and a prayer card.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** - Our 2021 Pentecost Challenge is launched, with a focus on helping Christian families keep their children in Christian schools. Please support our Appeal by visiting our website [www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/pentecost](http://www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/pentecost)

**Live Streamed Mass Links** are available on our website [www.rcrainham.co.uk](http://www.rcrainham.co.uk)

**As coronavirus** brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD’s Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/Give).  Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

**MISSIO RED BOXES 2020 -** Please could all Red Box holders bring them to church for counting as soon as possible.  Thank you once again for your continued support

As we slowly emerge from lockdown please remember to observe current **Government guidelines at all times** when in Church.

**Collections –** 1st & 2nd May’s main collection amounted to £1035.14 including S/O’s.

**MAY 21**

Saturday **Feria**

15 Sat **18.00** Rae Mitchell RIP (J&R O’Neill)

 **2nd Collection for World Communications Day**

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Sunday **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – World Communications Day**

16 Sun **10.30** John Lewis RIP (A Lewis)

 **18.00** People of the Parish

 **2nd Collection for World Communications Day**

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17 Mon **Feria** **10.00** Philomena Mary Belsey RIP (John Tapley)

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18 Tue **St John 1, Pope and Martyr**

 **10.00** Mary Burt RIP, UCM Diocesan President (UCM)

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19 Wed  **St Dunstan, Bishop**

 **10.00** Eucharistic Service

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20 Thur  **St Barnardine of Sienna, Priest**

 **10.00** Yvonne Iles Welfare

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21 Fri **St Christopher of Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs**

 **10.00** Fr Joseph Flynn RIP (Mr & Mrs Turk)

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Next Saturday **St Rita of Cascia**

22 Sat **18.00** Peggy Hill RIP (B Dennehy)

**2nd Collection for Catholic Trust for England and Wales (CaTEW)**

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Next Sunday **PENTECOST SUNDAY – Day of Prayer for the Church**

23 Sun **10.30** Yvonne Iles

 **18.00** People of the Parish

**2nd Collection for Catholic Trust for England and Wales (CaTEW)**

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