St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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**Let us pray** with Pope Francis that a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Middle East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

**Bereavement Support Group -** coffee morning meeting 10.30am **Tuesday 19th November** in the Parish Centre.

**Baptism Meetings -** Parents who have asked for the Sacrament of Baptism for their children are reminded of the two meetings on Saturday 23rd & 30th November at 11.15 in the Church.

**THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - National Youth Sunday 24th November 2019**

Celebrated on the Feast of Christ the King, National Youth Sunday is a unique opportunity torecognise and celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church inEngland and Wales today. **“For him you have worth; you are not insignificant. You are important to him, for you are the work of his hands” (Christus Vivit, 115).**

**Christ is Alive (Unpacking the Synod) -** Southwark Catholic Youth Service (SCYS), **Saturday 30th November, Amigo Hall at 10.30 - 4.30pm.** A day for Leaders or those interested in developing work with young peoplein our School and Parishes, reflecting and exploring PopeFrancis Apostolic Exhortation alongside practical ways to engage with young people.

For further details please email scys@rcaos.org.uk.

**Parish Day of Reconciliation -** including the parents and children in preparation to receive Holy Communion, Sunday 8th December at 3pm. Visiting priests to concelebrated God’s forgiveness and healing.

**Foodbank - Knights of St Columba & St Vincent de Paul** **-** are working together in order to support Medway foodbank. Please consider the list of requirements from the foodbank at rear of Church. Our Parish collection weekend is 14th & 15th December. Thank you in anticipation.

**St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School -** Applications to reception class for September 2020 are available and have to be submitted by 15th Jan 2020

**UCM Carol Concert -** 7.45pm, Saturday 7th December, St Augustine’s Church, Parkwood.

For tickets £6 contact Janet Nastaly 371897, Barbara Mudd 233293 or Alma Payne 362896.

**CAFOD World Gifts Catalogues –** please feel free to take a catalogue from the rear of Church and support CAFOD via World Gifts.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Blessing of the Graves -** Woodlands Cemetery,GillinghamSunday 24th November at 2pm.

**St Thomas’ School Christmas Bazaar** **-** Saturday 23rd November at 11am to 2pm.

**Christmas Fayre -** The Friars Aylesford at 10-4pm on 23rd & 24th November, Mass at 4.15pm.

**UCM Carol Concert -** St Augustine’s Church at 7.45pm on Saturday 7th December.

**Parish Service of Reconciliation -** at St. Thomas’ Church on Sunday 8th December at 3pm

**International Carol Service -** St Thomas’ ChurchonSunday 15th December at 12.30pm.

**Collections –** 9th & 10th Main Collection amounted to: £1006.13 incl. S/O’s

2nd Collection for the Archbishop’s Fund amounted to £108.81.Thank you for your generosity.

**November 2019**

**Saturday St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop**

16 Sat10.00 Fr Jim Kirby RIP

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

**33rd Sunday** 18.00 People of the Parish Remembrance Mass

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

17 Sun10.30 John Downing RIP (Rosemary Walsh) .

 18.00 People of the Parish Remembrance Mass

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18 Mon **The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles**

 10.00 Elizabeth Fernandez RIP (Noel Fernandez)

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19 Tues - **Feria** 10.00 Eucharistic Service

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20 Wed - **Feria** 10.00 Eucharistic Service

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21 Thur **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**School Mass** 09.15 CT Donnelly RIP

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22 Fri **St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**

10.00 Audrey Fernandez RIP (Noel Fernandez)

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**Next Saturday St Clement I, Pope & Martyr**

23 Sat10.00 Josie Crean (Tom & Mayra Crean)

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

**33rd Sunday** 18.00 Bob Keywood RIP (A. Keywood)

 **2nd Collection for the Catholic Youth Work**

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**Next Sunday OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

24 Sun10.30 David Jones (Susan Jones)

 **14.00 Blessing of the Graves at Woodlands Cemetery** .

 18.00 People of the Parish Remembrance Mass

 **2nd Collection for the Catholic Youth Work**

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