St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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# Pope’s prayer intention for July: Social friendship. In his message, Pope Francis urges “that in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship”, against polarization and populism. Full text on website.

**Recently Deceased: Deacon John Newman, Joseph Keohane and George Showkum.** Please remember their family and friends in your prayers, may they rest in peace, Amen.

**Next Sunday is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.** On this special day we pray for Mary, Mother of all the living, to keep grandparents and the elderly constantly in her care. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has given us a prayer that holds up grandparents and the elderly as a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.

***Lord Jesus,*** *you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them as they grow older.
May they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.*

***Lord Jesus,*** *help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen*

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

**Fr Sean has returned,** thank you for your co-operation that allowed Masses to be celebrated without too much disruption.

**Moving the Tabernacle -** Our request for consideration to be given to moving the tabernacle to a more central position is being looked into by the Art & Architecture Committee.

**Bishop John Sherrington**, Lead Bishop for Life Issues at the Bishops’ Conference, thanks the thousands of people who contacted their MP to register their opposition to an amendment that could have led to abortion on demand in England and Wales. The controversial amendment was withdrawn on Monday, 5th July.

**Summertime 2021** - **Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th August** for altar servers aged 10 - 15 years contact Fr Stephen Boyle Tel: 01322 220075 Email: dartford@rcaos.org.uk for more info.

**Faith & Reason: A Catholic Integration** - A short, residential course **(5–8 August)** for further information visit [https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/](https://rcsouthwark.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a40ab1a35eac7236d856fe882&id=9de38061fc&e=e48fafa5ba)

**Collections –** 3rd & 4th July’s main collection amounted to £1087.90 including S/O’s

**JULY 2021**

Saturday **The Blessed Virgin Mary**

17 Sat **Confessions 17.15 - 17.45**

 **18.00** Peggy Hill RIP (Bernie Denney)

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Sunday **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY**

18 Sun **10.30** Mary Mooney RIP (M Shackleford)

 **18.00** People of the Parish

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19 Mon **- Feria 10.00** Bridie Curran RIP (C&M Mickleburgh)

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20 Tue **St Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr**

 **10.00** Peggy Rose RIP (T Durham, P White & D Back)

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21 Wed  **St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

 **10.00** Eucharistic Service

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22 Thur **St Mary Magdalene, Feast**

 **10.00** Mary Mooney RIP (J&J Viotto)

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23 Fri **St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe**

 **10.00** Vera Scott (Emma & Mike)

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Next Saturday **St Sharbel Makhluf, Priest**

24 Sat **Confessions 17.15 - 17.45**

 **18.00** Patricia Holland (Sadie O’Grady)

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Next Sunday **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY**

25 Sun **10.30** Thanksgiving Amodu Family (Emmanuel Amodu)

 **18.00** People of the Parish

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