St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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**Fr. Tom** will be away from Monday 12th August to Wednesday 21st August. We welcome **Fr John Bosco** to our Parish who will be supplying for Fr Tom in his absence. If you require a priest in an emergency please call either Fr Michael (01634 377396) or Fr Sean (01634 852979) as Fr Bosco is new to the area and does not drive.

**Our Church Roof – a rear section took flight in Saturday’s high winds, resulting in Masses being cancelled and traffic mayhem. Every effort is being made to get the roof watertight and repaired as soon as possible. The organ is directly below the section in question and has been professionally wrapped to protect it from the elements. Please be advised cancelled mass intentions have been re-allocated to the first available date.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - the Church car park (bar Sunday’s) is unavailable until further notice due to use by contractor’s repairing Church roof. Please park considerately in adjacent roads.**

**Pope's Prayer Intention for August 2019** **- In August we pray that families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."**

**The Sharing of the Faith Group (RCIA)** is for those who are interested in learning about the Faith or seeking to become part of the Catholic Church, as well as Adult Catholics who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, the programme will begin in September. Please contact Deacon Jim on 01634 306558 or speak to Fr Tom for more details.

**Medway Young Catholic Adults** aims to provide Catholics in their 20s and 30s with the opportunity to meet new people, pray, and a make difference to the Church in our area. Join us at English Martyrs Catholic Church, Strood, Friday 6th September for Holy Mass at 7pm followed by dinner and drinks.

**Diary Dates:** Knights of Saint Columba Council 151. **1st September**, Provincial Council Meeting at St Thomas’ Hall, **14th September**, Centenary Celebrations at Aylesford; **21st & 22nd September** food bank collection all Masses (TBC).

**SVP, September Awareness Month.** We will be having our "Big Walk" on Sunday Sept 15th after morning Mass and each weekend we will be selling squares for our "Awareness 250 Draw".  During the month please remember and pray for those who need our help.

**Annual Diocesan Day for Catechists -** Saturday 28th September 2019 at St George’s Cathedral, starting at 10.30am and ending with Mass at 4pm. This is an in-service training day for all catechists in the diocese (including those involved in Children’s Liturgy of the Word and the RCIA process), and a day of support for them in their ministry. The Archbishop asks all Catechists to attend if at all possible. Full details and the days’ programme is at rear of church

**Justice and Peace in Creation** - **Save the Date:  Autumn Assembly**  
The Southwark Justice and Peace Autumn Assembly will take place on **Saturday 12th October 2019** at The Hermitage, West Malling, Kent.  The guest speaker will be Fr Mark Odion of the Santa Marta Group. Further details to follow: please save the date!

**Noticeboards** - at the rear of Church provide full details of up-coming events

**Collections -**None due to church closure.

**August 2019**

**Saturday Our Lady**

17 Sat 10.00 Joseph Greene (J&A Pearce)

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

**20th Sunday** 18.00 Ann Andrews (Months Mind)

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**Sunday TWENTIETH SUNDAY**

18 Sun10.30 Anthony Fernandez (Noel Fernandez)

18.00 People of the Parish

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19 Mon **St John Eudes, Priest**

10.00 Tony Connolly (Ronnie Riseborough)

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20 Tues **St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church**

10.00 Stephen Link

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21 Wed  **St Pius X, Pope**

10.00 Peggy Hill (Alan & Josie Boxall)

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22 Thur **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

10.00Audrey Fernandez (Noel Fernandez)

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23 Fri **St Rose of Lima**

10.00 Cacilia Henthorn (Alan & Josie Boxall)

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**Next Saturday St Bartholomew, Apostle**

24 Sat 10.00 Brown/Bicknell Family & Friends RIP (Ann Brown)

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

**21st Sunday** 18.00 Pat Beehan (Jim & Yvonne Durkan)

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**Next Sunday TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY**

25 Sun10.30 Tino & Olivia Coleman RIP (Mrs Coleman

18.00 People of the Parish

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