St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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**Funerals: Tony Connolly** Funeral Mass will take place at St Thomas’ on Friday 24th May at 10am followed by interment in Woodlands Cemetery. **Ivan Newman** Funeral Service will take place at the Garden of England Crematorium Bobbing on Tuesday 28th May at 1pm. Please remember their family and friends in your prayers. May they rest in peace, Amen**.**

**Eucharistic Service -** up to and including the 12th June 2019, Wednesday Eucharistic Service will be held on Tuesday mornings and 10am Mass celebrated on Wednesdays.

**An Evening with Matt Maher -** International Christian music artist, songwriter and worship leader **at St. George's Cathedral** Friday 31st May. Contact Sarah on 07947 762267 who is organising a parish group or book online [**www.tickettailor.com/events/cathedraltour**](https://scys.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=04f530069424358fa0627f6fc&id=616095a256&e=0ed594e9e6)

**Coffee, Cake & Ghana!**On Sunday 2nd June after the 10.30am mass and during the coffee morning in the Parish Centre, there will be a presentation on the trip to Ahotokurom that our young people took last summer. Please come along to find out what they learnt about the projects that we support there.

**Quiz Night in Parish Centre -**Saturday 8th June at 7pm. £5 entry, BYO drinks & nibbles. All proceeds help towards funding one of our young people to work in Ghana this summer. For more details call Sarah on 07947 762267.

**Churches Together Pentecost Service -** at St Margaret’s Church on 9th June at 6.30.
Anyone interested in joining the music group/singers/musicians please contact Lindsay
07906534608

**Consecration Anniversary -** Our church of St. Thomas of Canterbury was consecrated on **11th June 1970**.

**Diocesan Youth Day 22nd June** **-** A great opportunity to meet other young people, in the beautiful grounds of Aylesford Priory exploring some of the themes from the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation. The day finishes with a BBQ and Mass. Open to young people school years 7-11. Booking in advance contact Sarah on 07947 762267 who is organising a parish group or email **scys@rcaos.org.uk**

**Liturgy Meeting -** A review of services over Holy Week and Easter season also First Holy Communion Mass. Date to be fixed.

**NOTICE BOARD AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

World Youth Day - Friday 7th to Sunday 9th June 2019 at Alton Towers

**You Can Help Your Marriage -** residential weekend on 7th - 9th June2019**.**

Diocesan Youth Day - 10am-6.30pm Saturday22nd June at Aylesford Priory

Annual Marriage Mass - 3pm Saturday July 13th2019, at St George’s Cathedral

The Annual Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - 23rd August to 30th August 2019.

Pilgrimage to the **HOLY LAND** - 29th September to 7th October 2019

**Collections -** 11th & 12th May main collection amounted to £1077.61 incl. S/O’s.

Second collections for Ecclesiastical Education £164.56. Thank you for your generosity.

**May 2019**

**Saturday St John l**

18 Sat9.30 Rosary

 10.00 Joseph Mead RIP (Marleen Brooks)

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

**5th Sunday** 18.00 People of the Parish

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**Sunday FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

19 Sun10.30 Murielle Domingue RIP (Jean & Jacques Domingue)

 18.00 Dorothy Morris (A&J Boxall)

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20 Mon **St Bernardine of Sienna**

 10.00 Agnes Leonard RIP (Bodycomb Family)

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21 Tues  **St Christopher of Magallanes**

10.00 Eucharistic Service

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22 Wed **St Rita of Cascia**

9.30 Rosary

 10.00 Audrey Fernandez (Noel Fernandez)

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23 Thur **- Feria** 10.00 Olivia and Tino Coleman (Mrs Coleman)

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24 Fri **- Feria** 10.00 Funeral Mass for Tony Connolly

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**Next Saturday St Bede the Venerable**

25 Sat9.30 Rosary

 10.00 Mr & Mrs George Wedding Anniversary (Mrs George)

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

**6th Sunday** 18.00 Ann & Ken Williams (Marie)

 **Collection of Dry Goods for Cyrenians**

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**Next Sunday SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

26 Sun10.30 Margaret Hanley RIP (A&J Payne)

 18.00 People of the Parish

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