St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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**Prayers** Please keep Deacon Alan Boxall in your prayers and continue to remember all the sick and housebound of our parish in your prayers.

**Face Covering –** In line with Government guidelines, the Archbishop has strongly recommended that people attending mass should wear a face covering/mask. Please note this is not mandatory but is strongly recommended - Deacon Arthur.

**Sunday Mass Obligation** It is important to reaffirm that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

**Track and Trace** The details of those attending Mass will be kept securely for 21 days and then destroyed. Contact details need to be completed for each visit by every individual or household group. To assist us in meeting this requirement it would be helpful if people could bring this information with them on a slip of paper.

**Seating** With social distancing measures in place the Church is able to seat 50 people. Capacity is increased when household groups sit together.

**Holy Communion** Holy Communion will be distributed after the blessing, at the end of Mass. It will be distributed in silence and only on the hand. Please wait to be directed to communion by the stewards, once you have received communion please leave the Church via the front door for people facing the alter sitting on the left hand side of Church, those sitting on the right hand side will exit by the rear door.

**Offerings & Collection** We are being encouraged by the Diocese to pay our offerings by Bankers Order or BACS, forms are available at all masses.  If you have any queries please contact Chis Iles on chrisiles311@gmail.com or by phone on 01634 373840. Baskets will be available at the end of Mass at the back of Church for offering envelopes and cash.

**Toilet Facilities** We are sorry but toilet facilities are not available at the present time.

**Mass Offering** envelopes have been made available at the rear of church. Please place in the Parish Office letterbox at No 63 London Rd once completed.

**Calling all art lovers** - Aid to the Church in Need invites you to be a part of an exciting art competition, linking to their annual **#RedWednesday** campaign; the theme for this competition is “Release Me”. Artists are free to interpret this at their will. The competition is open to all with three categories to cater to all ages. Closing date is 31st October. Find out more **visit** <https://acnuk.org/event/redwednesday-art-competition/>

**The Young Vincentians Team SVP -** have launch a new Young Vincentians Instagram account this month which they hope will capture more fully the voice of the young providing accompaniment to them in their spiritual journey; in their acts of charity carried out within their local communities and further afield [www.instagram.com/svpyoungvincentians](http://www.instagram.com/svpyoungvincentians). Further support for the vulnerable and in need can be found throughout the summer period via:

- Mini Vinnies: <https://www.svp.org.uk/mini-vinnies>

- Youth SVP: <https://www.svp.org.uk/youth-svp>

- B-Attitude: <https://www.svp.org.uk/b-attitude>

**Missing -** Please see poster at rear of Church for a missing child last seen in the London area.

**Collections** 18th & 19th July main collection amounted to: £1248.43 incl. S/O’s

**AUGUST 2020**

**Saturday St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

1 Sat18.00 Francis Doherty *(Jean Christain Simon)*

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**Sunday EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY**

2 Sun10.30 Peggy Rose (*Tony Hemingway)*

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3 Mon **Feria**

10.00 Frances Power *(J&R O’Neill)*

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4 Tue **St John Vianney, Priest**

 10.00 Audrey Fernandez *(Noel Fernandez)*

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5 Wed **Feria**

10.00 **Eucharistic Service**

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6 Thur **Transfiguration of The Lord**

10.00 Maureen Flannery RIP *(Anne Lewis)*

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7 Fri **St Sixtus II, Pope**

10.00 Brendan McNama RIP

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**Next Saturday St Dominic, Priest**

8 Sat18.00 People of the Parish

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