St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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# Pope’s June prayer intention: ‘The beauty of Marriage’ - Pope Francis invites everyone to pray for those preparing for marriage, which is “a vocation born from the heart.” Full text on our website

**Recently Deceased: Edward Boorman.** Please remember his family and friends in your prayers, may he rest in peace, Amen.

**This Weekend we** **Welcome** 13 families who have requested baptism for their children. At all Masses the parents will introduce their children and all of us will renew our baptismal Vows.

**This Sunday** is the day in the Church’s life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. There will be a second collection that will support the life related activities of the Church.

**Catholic Universe -** Following the decision to cease trading, Cardinal Nichols commented:

“This week sees the last edition of the Catholic Universe and the Catholic Times supplement. Universe Catholic Media Ltd has stopped trading with immediate effect. I receive this news with great sadness. It is a historic moment which comes as a ‘sign of the times’. The Universe has served the Catholic community devotedly since 1860. But now no more. “The current publishing market is difficult and the board, management and staff of Universe Media Group have made strenuous efforts to continue their operations. I thank, with all of my heart, Clive Leach, the owner, Joe Kelly and all the staff for their unstinting service and commitment to the Catholic community in this country and beyond. For many years they have strived with every sinew to keep reporting and commenting on the Catholic Church, in full support of our mission to spread the Gospel and bear witness to our faith.  I know that they have explored every avenue in trying to steer this operation through these most difficult times and circumstances. Again, on behalf of so many, I thank them for this valiant effort and commend them for their work. “The role of communication and journalism in reporting and commenting on the life of the Catholic Church, from the perspective of our faith, is a great challenge. My hope and prayer is that professional and enthusiastic Catholics will continue in this task, exploring and developing new forms of communication and new ways of telling the story of our faith in action here in our lands.“

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

**The Shrine of St Augustine** is seeking to appoint a practicing Catholic with effect from September 2021 for an initial period of 2 years.  An interest in heritage alongside administrative experience would be an advantage.  Salary: £15,000 pa

Applicants should send their CV to [office@augustineshrine.co.uk](mailto:office@augustineshrine.co.uk)

**Cancelled – unfortunately due to restrictions not being fully lifted Aylesford Priory Summer Fayre on the 27th of June has had to be cancelled.**

**Marriage and Family Life Kent** - An **online** ‘Building a Better Marriage’ opportunity on **July 10th 2021** from 9am -1pm.   Further information email Carole Batty at[mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

**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 –** 29th & 30th May’s main collection amounted to £922.14 including S/O’s and

**JUNE 2021**

Saturday **The Blessed Virgin Mary**

19 Sat **Confessions 17.15 - 17.45**

**18.00** Alan Boxall

**2nd Collection for Day for Life**

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Sunday **TWELFTH SUNDAY – Day of Prayer for Human Life**

20 Sun **10.30** Isabel O’Neill RIP (Owen O’Neill)

**18.00** People of the Parish

**2nd Collection for Day for Life**

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21 Mon **St Aloysius Gonzaga**

**10.00** Shackleford & Vaughan Deceased Family (Majella)

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22 Tue **Ss John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs**

**10.00** Eucharistic Service

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23 Wed  **St Etheldreda**

**10.00** Eucharistic Service

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24 Thur **THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**10.00** Magee & Cottiss Families

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25 Fri- **Feria 10.00** Chris Tomlin RIP (T Durham)

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Next Saturday **The Blessed Virgin Mary**

26 Sat **Confessions 17.15 - 17.45**

**18.00** Rae Mitchell (UCM Members)

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Next Sunday **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY**

27 Sun **10.30** 40th Wedding Anniversary Jill & Rod O’Neill

**18.00** People of the Parish

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