St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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**Funerals:** **Mark Reilly,** Funeral Mass at St Thomas’ on Monday 12th November at 10.00am. Please remember his family and friends in your prayers. May he rest in peace, Amen**.**

**Sunday 21st October 2018 – Today is World Mission Sunday.** World Mission Sunday is your chance to support missionaries and our Church in proclaiming the Gospel of hope to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope’s official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Today, your prayers and donations will help build a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

**Liturgy -**Following the meeting in St Thomas’ Church with the lady from Strood, we look forward to forming a Liturgy Committee to deal with church ceremonies and worship. We will be holding a meeting for this purpose in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday 30th October.

**Memorial Mass, Saturday 3th November at 10:00am.** Mass will be celebrated for relatives and friends who have gone before us. We especially welcome families of children who have died. At the end of mass we process to the children’s memorial garden to pray. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre afterwards.

**Come and hear our rebuilt organ!**James Norrey, Assistant Sub-Organist at Rochester Cathedral, has agreed to come and showcase our organ at 7.30 pm on Friday 23rd November.  The recital will last about an hour and entrance is free.  More details later!

**Beating Isolation Together –** Friendly Fish & Chip Friday held every last Friday of the month. For further information please see poster or take a leaflet from the rear of Church.

**An Evening of Musical Memories -** 7.30pm on Saturday 3rd November at St. Margaret’s Church, Rainham for the Alzheimer’s Society, entrance is free. Leaflets at rear of Church.

**St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School** is looking for a Foundation Governor to join their Governing Board. Foundation Governors are committed to supporting education in a Catholic context and help the School to deliver outstanding spiritual, moral and learning outcomes for children and young people. For further information or any questions please contact Clive Mailing, Chair of Governors, 01634 364134 or clive\_mailing@blueyonder.co.uk.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**St Thomas’ School Christmas Bazaar** - Saturday 1st December at 11am, usual attractions!

**Parish Service of Reconciliation -** at St. Thomas’ on Sunday 9th December at 3pm

**International Carol Service -** at St Thomas’onSunday 16th December at 12.30pm.

**Tea/Coffee & Biscuits**- in Parish Centre after 10.30am Mass every Sunday, all welcome

**Collections** – 13th & 14th October main collection amounted to £1194.23 incl. S/O’s.

2nd Collection for CAFOD amounted to £484.57. Thank you for your generosity.

**October 2018**

**Saturday Our Lady**

20 Sat9.30 Rosary

10.00 People of the Parish

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

**3rd National Mass Count** 18.00 Michael Kiernan RIP

 **2nd Collection for Missio**

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**Sunday TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY – World Mission Day**

21 Sun10.30 Owen O’Neill & Family (People of the Parish)

 18.00 Audrey Fernandez (Noel Fernandez)

 **2nd Collection for Missio**

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22 Mon **- St John Paul II** 10.00 David & Elaine Keating (Theresa Cottam)

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23 Tue **- St John of Capistrano**

10.00 Timo & Olivia Coleman RIP (Mrs Coleman & Family)

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24 Wed **- St Anthony Mary Claret**

9.30 Rosary

 10.00 Eucharistic Service

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25 Thur **- Feria** 10.00 Joseph Greene

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26 Fri **- Ss Chad & Cedd** 10.00 Rene Thompson RIP (Owen O’Neill)

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**Next Saturday Our Lady**

27 Sat9.30 Rosary

10.00 Ann O’Loughlin (A Lewis)

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

**4th National Mass Count** 18.00 Yvonne & Jim Durkan

 **Collection of Dry Goods for Cyrenians**

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**Next Sunday THIRTIETH SUNDAY**

28 Sun10.30 Mrs Rita McSweeney (Finucane Family)

 18.00 People of the Parish

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