St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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**Recently Deceased:** Bukola Sowun, Margaret McDonagh and Mamma Regina Tabe. Please remember their family and friends in your prayers, may they rest in peace, Amen.

**Wednesday 29th June is a Holyday of Obligation the Feast of St Peter and St Paul.** There will be a collection forPeter’s Pence the name for the financial help offered by the faithful to the Holy Father in support of his apostolic and charitable mission in favour of the universal Church and the entire world. Each donation, small or large, also has a powerful symbolic value - it is a concrete sign of communion with the Holy Father. We will be joined in Church at 10am Mass by staff & pupils of St Thomas of Canterbury school.

***“In old age they will still bear fruit”*** (Psalms 92:15) – The theme Pope Francis has chosen for this year’s second World Day for Grandparents & Elderly, to be held on 24 July 22. Below is a prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly and please visit our website to read His Holiness Pope Francis message for Grandparents & the Elderly

*I give thanks to you, Lord, For the blessing of a long life*

*For, to those who take refuge in You, Grant always to bear fruit.*

*Forgive, O Lord, Resignation and disillusionment, But forsake me not When my strength declines.*

*Teach me to look with hope To the future you give me, To the mission you entrust to me And to sing your praises without end.*

*Make me a tender craftsman Of Your revolution, To guard with love my grandchildren And all the little ones who seek shelter in You.*

*Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis And grant Thy Church To deliver the world from loneliness. Direct our steps in the way of peace. Amen.*

**Sea Sunday** falls on 9th/10th July this year. On this weekend we are encourage to pray and where possible provide financial contributions via the second collection at all Masses to support the work of Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) which is vital for the future of Stella Maris and its important ministry to seafarers.

**March for Life** - 3rd September 22. This year marks the sad milestone of 10 million abortions in the UK since the 1967 Abortion Act. It is important we give witness to the infinite dignity of human life. Bishop Sherrington will celebrate11.00am Mass at St. George’s Cathedral, then a LifeFest22 family-friendly festival at the Emmanuel Centre and March at 2pm to Parliament Sq. Visit for full details - <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>

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**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage,** July 9th, St George’s Cathedral.

**June & July 2022**

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| 25 Saturday  Vigil Mass | **18.00** | **The immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin**  **Confessions 5.15 – 5.45pm**  Isabel O’Neill (Owen O’Neill) |
| 26 Sunday | **10.30**  **18.00** | **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY**  Chris Tomlin RIP (T. Durham)  People of the Parish |
| 27 Monday | **10.00** | **St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  Eucharistic Service |
| 28 Tuesday | **10.00** | **St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr**  Eucharistic Service |
| 29 Wednesday  **Collection** | **10.00**  **19.30** | **ST PETER & ST PAUL, Apostles - Holyday of Obligation**  Grace & James Mole RIP (M Brooks)  James McNama RIP (Sue McNama)  **Peter’s Pence** |
| 30 Thursday | **10.00** | **The First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church**  Tanya (Irene & Toney Russell) |
| 1 Friday | **10.00** | **St Oliver Plunket, Bishop and Martyr**  Mary Mooney RIP (Tony Mooney) |
| 2 Saturday  Vigil Mass  **2nd Collection** | **18.00** | **The Blessed Virgin Mary**  **Confessions 5.15 – 5.45pm**  Eileen & John Magee RIP (Elaine Cottiss)  **For Church Flowers** |
| 3 Sunday  **2nd Collection** | **10.30**  **18.00** | **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY**  Bernard, Luckie & Family  Les King (Eileen & Denise Mills)  **For Church Flowers** |

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