St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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**Parish Secretary**: Emma will be away from the office from 2nd July until 17th July 2019.

**Newsletters** **–** have been printed in advance for the period the Parish Secretary is away. Collections details for this period will be detailed on return.

**Pope’s Prayer Intention for July 2019 -** During this month we pray that those who administer justice may work with integrity and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

**Thank you**to everyone for praying and supporting our young people through their Confirmation Programme, especially their family, friends, sponsors, prayer partners and catechists. Monsignor Matthew Dickens confirmed 14 of our young people last week and a gentleman from St. Augustine’s. Please continue to pray that they will grow in their faith and relationship with God.

**The Sharing of the Faith Group (RCIA)** is for those who are interested in learning about the Faith or seeking to become part of the Catholic Church, as well as Adult Catholics who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, the programme will begin in September. Please contact Deacon Jim on 01634 306558 or speak to Fr Tom for more details.

**Next Week is Sea Sunday,** when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously, envelopes available at the rear of Church.

**‘POP UP’ Charity Shop (Jumble Sale) -** Saturday 13th July in the Parish Centre, 2.30-4.30pm being held by Cynthia Johnson to raise money for an after-school club for vulnerable children in Ukraine. Donations of clothes, toys, books, DVDs/CDs and bric-a-brac wanted. Please call Medway 370506 or 07963 940294 to arrange collection.

**Newman Circle Meeting** **-** 7.30pm on Sunday 14th July at 492 City Way, Rochester.

**The Passage Annual Garden Party** in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Friday 19 July, from 6.00 to 8.00pm, to support the excellent work The Passage does for homeless people in Central London. Please see poster at rear of church.

**100 Club April 2019 Winners -** Congratulations to 1st Prize - Toni Hemingway, 2nd Prize - Mary Mickleburgh and 3rd prize - Joan Micallef.

**Looking for accommodation** – single room to rent in Rainham, please ring Maria Breag for details on 01634 376921

**Altar Servers Summer Break, Tuesday 6th – Friday 9th August at Woldingham, Surrey.**

This is an excellent few days for boy and girl servers aged 10-15. Meeting in a holiday atmosphere activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport, Chessington World of Adventures, Laser Elite and swimming. For further details go to www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, Tel: 01322 220075, email:stanselm01@googlemail.com. **Cost £145**.

**SVP -** September awareness month will be with us soon.  We will be running our usual 250 awareness draw and this year on Sept. 15th we will be having our "Big Walk".  Please support us, we have more requests for help this year than ever before.  See our entry in the latest Parish magazine.

**July 2019**

**Saturday Our Lady**

6 Sat **NO MORNING MASS**

**Confessions** **17.30 – 17.45**

**14th Sunday** 18.00 Tony White (Pat White)

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**Sunday FOURTEENTH SUNDAY**

7 Sun10.30 Crumlish Family (Christina Crumlish)

18.00 People of the Parish

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8 Mon - **Feria** 10.00 Dave Jones (Susan Jones)

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9 Tues  **St Augustine Zhao Rong**

10.00 Deceased Members of the Bigwood Family (MB)

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10 Wed - **Feria** 10.00 Eucharistic Service

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11 Thur **St Benedict**

**School Mass 9.15** A Special Intention (MB)

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12 Fri **- Feria** 10.00 Peggie Rose (F&P Green)

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**Next Saturday Our Lady**

13 Sat 10.00 Tony Roberts (J&J Viotto)

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

**15th Sunday** 18.00 Peter Byrne RIP (Mike Ryan)

**2nd Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea**

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**Next Sunday FIFTEENTH SUNDAY - Sea Sunday**

14 Sun10.30 Amanda Fryer (Brigid Brassill)

18.00 People of the Parish

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