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**THE EASTER DAYS**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)**  
**Vocations Sunday**  
**22nd April 2018**

**THE EASTER DAYS** Keeping close to the Risen Lord in prayer, love and joy in the days between now and the Ascension on 10th May when the Risen Lord walks with us, as He did with the Apostles, in a special way. Please take the special Easter Prayer Sheets and Vigil Candles to help you at home in this - also the Easter Water to bless your houses (bottles for this are on sale in the porch or you can bring your own bottle next weekend).

**THIS WEEKEND** We continue Easter and also celebrate 'Vocations Sunday' with prayers for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and also a collection during the Notices for 'Ecclesiastical Education' which helps to meet the cost of training students to the Priesthood and Permanent Diaconate - also ongoing formation of the Clergy. Copies of 'The Evangelist' (our Seminary magazine) are available free in the porch - also posters, prayer cards and 'discernment' books.

**NEXT WEEKEND** We continue the Easter Days and also have the joy of the first weekend of our First Communion - please pray for the children and their parents and families as they take this new stage and step in their Faith and Parish Journey - with thanks to them and a special thank you to our Catechists. Also next weekend, following the Feast of St. George on Monday, there is a collection during the Notices for our Cathedral of St. George in Southwark - the Mother Church of our Diocese - to help meet the cost of the upkeep of the Cathedral.

**ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CENTRE ANNIVERSARY** on Thursday - special anniversary tea with Pre-School - see over under Fundraising.

**MASSES & SERVICES**

<b>SATURDAY</b> (Easter)	21	5pm	Christopher Law RIP (Birthday)
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)</b> <b>Vocations Sunday</b>	22	10am 5.30pm	(Children's Liturgy) Maria Dias Da Costa RIP (recent) Paula Sedley-Burke RIP (1st Anniversary)
<b>MONDAY</b> (St. George)	23	9.30am	St. George's Day Mass in <b>SCHOOL</b> - St. George's House, England and our English Parishioners
<b>TUESDAY</b> (Easter)	24	9.30am	The Parishioners
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> (St. Mark)	25	9.30am	Holy Souls
<b>THURSDAY</b> (Easter)	26	9.30am	Communion Service
<b>FRIDAY</b> (Easter)	27	9.30am	The Parishioners
<b>SATURDAY</b> (Easter)	28	5pm	(First Communion Mass) Sunil de Silva RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)</b>	29	10am 5.30pm	(First Communion Mass) Ellen Caughlin RIP Niamh Nolan RIP (anniv.)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 4.30 to 4.45pm**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Baby Giorgio Gangemi; Joan Wegrzyn; Jenny Craddock; Nicholas Powell; Terry Barton; Betty Ward; Max Bryer; Sue Foley; Meg and Tony Brewer; Moira Stevens; James Hay; Libby Batchelor; Brendin O'Doherty; Sarah Content; Russell Negus; Edward O'Brien; Marie-Louise Wise; Betty Callaghan; Frank Hall; Catherine Finn; Sally Atmore; John Styles; Sheila Blackburn; Tony Blackburn; Emily; Maureen Hook; Terry Barton; our housebound and all at Maidstone Hospital, Hospice and local Nursing Homes. Please pray, too, for all affected by cutbacks, illnesses and other challenges in our country and world.

**RECENTLY DEAD:** Joe Dennis; Susan Walkling; Fr. Michael Murphy; Kevin Osborne; Colin Mansfield; Della Copas; Mark Hamill; Edgar Borthwick. Please keep in your prayers all who have died in conflict throughout the world especially the innocent civilians.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Maurice Fissenden; Matthew Lewis; Nancy (Anne) Menzies; Andre (Bob) Moleta; Margaret Paul; Constance Muxlow; Danielle Blackburn; Moira Martin; Roy Herrington; John (Jack) McCormack; Paula Sedley-Burke; Ursula Atkins; Irene Lovell; Lily Rudenko; Leo Fanning; Shirley Wake; Joseph Massucci; Michael Sullivan; Richard Buehrten; Ethel McIntyre; Brian Bell.

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY 22</b>	10am	Children's Liturgy in the St. Thomas of Canterbury Centre
<b>MONDAY 23</b>		(Fr. Peter visits Year 5 at School)
<b>TUESDAY 24</b>	1.30-3pm	Baby & Toddler Group meet in the St. Thomas of Canterbury Centre
<b>WEDNESDAY 25</b>	7.45 for 8pm	Children's Liturgy Organisers meet in the Priest's House
<b>THURSDAY 26</b>	2pm	Anniversary Tea with Pre-School in the St. Thomas of Canterbury Centre
<b>FRIDAY 27</b>	7-9pm	Youth Group meet in the <b>SCHOOL</b>
<b>SUNDAY 29</b>	10am	No Children's Liturgy - First Communion Mass

**THANK YOU** for your Offerings which amounted to £338.80 (Standing Orders average £303 per week).

**GIFT AID FOR SECOND COLLECTIONS** If a collection is not for the Parish it can only be GIFT-AIDED if there is a pre-printed envelope, either in your box or one from the Charity itself eg. CAFOD / Apostleship of the Sea. Parish second collections eg. Flowers / Welfare / Sponsored walk can be GIFT-AIDED if you use one of your spare envelopes or one of the white envelopes at the back of the Church. In either case please mark the envelope with the intent of the donation. If it is not marked your donation may go to the wrong organisation.

## FUNDRAISING

**£710.00 total raised in March through donations and events. Overall total raised is £76,311.38**  
**Amount still owed on loan is £8,688.62**

**A final push is needed to raise the remaining balance of the loan which needs to be repaid by**  
**November 2018**

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**ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CENTRE** On Thursday 26th April we will be celebrating the 4th Anniversary of the opening of the Centre with an open afternoon from 2-3pm. Please come and join the Pre-School for refreshments, cake and a raffle. All proceeds will be given to the Building Fund .

Donations of cakes will be much appreciated.

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**NEEDLEWORK AND KNITTING GROUP** meet on **Wednesday 9th May 2018** from 7.30 - 9.30 pm in the Church porch. A £2 contribution towards the Building Fund is requested at each meeting. All welcome or call Chris on 01732 841522

**FIRST COMMUNION PRAYER CARDS** Would parishioners please return these **this weekend**.

**DONATE8 - HELP NEEDED WITH IRONING** Location: The Priest's House. Suitable for: person or team of helpers (friends to help you?). Time: no more than one hour a week at a time to suit you or take home and return. Perfect for those dropping off or picking up children from the schools. Please consider helping; then fill in a card and post in the red box in the church porch!

**GDPR - NEW DATA PROTECTION ACT** Please see page three of this Newsletter.

**SAVE THE DATE** The Parish / School Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 16th June from 11am to 2pm.

**MOTHER TERESA GROUP** There was £113.00 left in the Mother Teresa bank account and Jenny and Dee have now given this to the charity 'Spadework' to help with their training programme for young adults with learning difficulties.

**MARCH FOR LIFE UK** LifeFest18 will take place on Saturday 5th May in central London, 9.30am-1pm. LifeFest in Connaught Rooms, Covent Garden. 1.30pm procession / march. 2.30-4pm Rally in Parliament Square with speeches. Please make every effort to attend this event. A full itinerary is available at [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk) or see the poster on the notice board for more information.

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS** For safeguarding reasons all children under 10 must be escorted to the toilet during Mass. Could we also remind parishioners that the doors inside Church must be accessible at all times and that prams or other items must not block them. Thank you.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Fiona's Group - week beginning 23rd April.

**FLOWER ARRANGERS - *Would all Flower Arrangers meet in Church at 10AM ON SATURDAY 28th April for First Communion Flowers. Greenery will be required.***

**NOTICES** Including Southwark Vocations; Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady; Catholic History Walks; Please see the Notice Board for more details.

## GDPR - NEW DATA PROTECTION ACT

As you may all be aware there is some new data protection legislation coming into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, which is going to impact on all of us. One of the responsibilities we will now have to undertake is to know who has access to the vast amount of personal information we hold in the Parish. I know that a great number of you currently volunteer for the Parish or may have done so in the past and may have some personal information at your home in a file and / or on a PC or laptop. Please could you let either myself or the Parish Secretary know if this applies to you so that I can let you know what actions you will need to take going forward. The Archbishop is encouraging all of us to help implement these changes and I thank you in advance for your co-operation.