

CHURCH OF SAINT THEODORE OF CANTERBURY

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16 June 2019: The Most Holy Trinity

Calendar

Thursday	St Alban, protomartyr
Friday	St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious
Saturday	Ss John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs

Masses this week (note change to Monday)

Saturday (for Sunday)	6.30 pm
Sunday	8.30 am and 10.30 am
Monday	6.30 pm
Tuesday	9.30 am
Wednesday	9.30 am followed by Rosary
Friday	6.30 pm

Confession is available before Saturday-evening Mass, and upon request. Baptism is administered (by appointment) on Saturdays at midday.

Day for Life this weekend

This year's theme is domestic abuse. There is Catholic teaching on domestic abuse in Canon Law (Can. 1153, §1 and §2): "If either of the spouses causes grave mental or physical danger to the other spouse or to the offspring or otherwise renders common life too difficult, that spouse gives the other a legitimate cause for leaving, either by decree of the local ordinary or even on his or her own authority if there is danger in delay.

"In all cases, when the cause for the separation ceases, conjugal living must be restored unless ecclesiastical authority has established otherwise."

We acknowledge that men, women and children suffer domestic abuse at the hands of husbands, wives, parents and other family members. Violence of this kind should never be tolerated or justified. It is an offence against the dignity of the human person.

The Church is recognising the hurt done to those who have experienced domestic abuse. Pope Francis writes: 'Unacceptable customs still need to be eliminated. I think particularly of the shameful ill-treatment to which women are sometimes subjected, domestic violence and various forms of enslavement which, rather than a show of masculine power, are craven acts of cowardice. The verbal, physical, and sexual violence that women endure in some

marriages contradicts the very nature of the conjugal union.' (*Amoris Laetitia* 54)

The most effective way in which Catholics will be able to help men, women and children who are victims of domestic violence is by giving their support to existing groups and projects and by assisting in the spread of awareness and information.

Domestic abuse is often a hidden problem, and our aim is for anyone experiencing domestic abuse to feel able to have confidence to seek help within the Church setting. There will be a retiring collection and there are a few leaflets.

St Theodore's Women's Fellowship Meeting

"Thursday 27th June 7.30 pm. We are having a Bingo Evening to which you are all invited. Come along with your family and friends for a fun evening of Bingo. Eyes down for a full house."

Cleaning team seeks volunteer

The church cleaning team are seeking a new volunteer. They write: "We work in pairs and the rota is issued every 11 weeks. It takes just over an hour to clean the church and all materials are supplied. You get allocated one week in which you can choose the day and time to clean. The work is not hard and the reward is a beautiful looking church!" Please email christianenaylor@tiscali.co.uk

Finance committee meeting next month

This will take place at 8 pm on Monday 1 July.

Duties for next weekend (22-23 June)

Reading	6.30	D McCarthy
	8.30	B Hannigan
	10.30	A Young
Communion	6.30	M McCrossan
	8.30	A-M Obertelli
	10.30	M Frisby, C Breslin and W Plummer
Counting	M Frisby and M Hartzenberg	
Tea & coffee	Chris Breslin	
Flowers	S��verine Foot	
Cleaning	Mr and Mrs Cole	
Catechesis	Marie Foley, Suzanne Dsa and Angela Laffan	