

# MASS INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AT ST THOMAS'S CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>The BAPTISM of the LORD</b>
6:00pm (Sat)	Holy Souls
8:00am	Marie Mernock RIP (Birthday)
9:15am	Canon Frank O'Sullivan RIP
11:15am	Marie Fitzgerald RIP (Anniversary)
6:00pm	People of the Parish
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Margaret Mary Healey RIP
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Terry Hughes RIP
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Good estate of Carmel Richards
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Feria</b> [Ordinary Time Week 1]	
8:00am	Wellbeing of Victoria Lepore & for successful operation
(6:00pm)	Mary & Harry Parr RIP)
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feria</b>	
9:30am	Holy Souls
(6:00pm)	Holy Souls)
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feria</b>	
8:00am	Holy Souls
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Holy Souls
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Feria</b>	
10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	For all those affected by the pandemic
12:00noon	Holy Souls
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feria</b>	
8:00am	Holy Souls
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	UCM [Renewal of vows]
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of Our Lady</b>	
9:30am	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
6:00pm (Sat)	Fumihide Joseph Shoji RIP, wellbeing of Keiko Shoji & great-grandson Haruki
8:00am	Joseph & Josephine Brown RIP
9:15am	Elizabeth Byrne from her husband John
11:15am	People of the Parish
6:00pm	Barry Griffiths RIP
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Fr Mike Gwinnell RIP
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Good estate of the Folland Family
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Canon Fran O'Sullivan

## Movable Feasts 2021

Traditionally these are advertised at Epiphanytide. Put them in your diary, wall calendar etc, so you don't accidentally miss them. Even if you are not able to attend Holy Mass on these days you can still observe them as Holy Days at home.

Ash Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup> February
Palm Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> March
Good Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Easter Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> April
Ascension Day	13 <sup>th</sup> May
Pentecost	23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Trinity Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> May
Corpus Christi	6 <sup>th</sup> June
Christ the King	21 <sup>st</sup> November
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	28 <sup>th</sup> November

## Other important

### Calendar dates

S Bernadette's Consecration anniv	1 <sup>st</sup> February
S Joseph, Patron of the Church	19 <sup>th</sup> March
S Bernadette, Rel	16 <sup>th</sup> April
S George, Patron of England	23 <sup>rd</sup> April
Holy Trinity Consecration anniv	31 <sup>st</sup> May
SS Peter & Paul, Apostles	29 <sup>th</sup> June
Assumption of the BVM	15 <sup>th</sup> August
St Thomas's Consecration anniv	16 <sup>th</sup> September
S Edith of Kemsing	18 <sup>th</sup> September
S Bernadette's Consecration anniv	21 <sup>st</sup> October
All Saints	31 <sup>st</sup> October
All Souls' Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> November
The Nativity (Christmas Day)	25 <sup>th</sup> December

# PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS

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## Today's Mass Readings: The BAPTISM of the LORD

Isaiah 24: 55: 1-11; Isaiah 12: 2-6; 1 John 5: 1-9; Mark 1: 7-11

**First Reading:** at first sight this looks like a water seller calling all and sundry to come. However, the more one reads the passage, the clearer it becomes that it is the community of faith which is invited to follow the word of God so as to achieve salvation. This theme is developed in the **Responsorial Psalm**, which is also from *Isaiah*.

**Second Reading:** belief in Jesus as the Christ is the mark of the one born of God. One of the witnesses - one of the confirmations - to this is His Baptism (along with the Holy Spirit and Christ's death).

**Gospel:** at the beginning of His public ministry Jesus is Baptized by John in the river Jordan, and - most importantly for *Mark* - receives a clear seal of approval from God the Father. The Holy Spirit is also present, and this is one of the few occasions in scripture when all three Persons of the Trinity are together.

Note to readers: these are the Year B Ad Libitum Readings.

Fr David

## Notices

### COVID Restrictions

Under the recently announced restrictions you may leave home to attend Mass, as places of worship are allowed to remain open, but do not mingle with people outside your household bubble.

Some parishes have had to close, at least for a while, either because the priests have COVID or are having to isolate or because of a lack of stewards. At the moment we are able to continue with the normal Sunday and weekday Masses, and Fr David is most grateful to the various stewards in the four churches for enabling this.

**DO NOT** come to Mass if you have COVID or COVID symptoms, or if you are shielding, quarantining, or isolating. Masses at St Thomas's will continue to be livestreamed via the parish website.

Please sanitise hands on access and egress, and maintain a 2 metre distance at all times between you and another person who is outside your household. Face coverings must be worn unless exempt; this is now law.

The churches will be well ventilated (so dress warmly!).

Please keep up the fervent prayers for God's help during the pandemic and a swift end to the spread of the coronavirus.

### White Flower Appeal 2021

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop home abortion; this is one of the most dangerous threats to unborn children and their mothers in decades.

Postcards and White Flower stickers are available at the Entrance of the churches. Please put your donation in the Second Collection (at the Entrance), via the contactless machine in St Thomas's, or online at [www.spuc.org.uk/donate](http://www.spuc.org.uk/donate).

### Ordinary Time

The season of Christmas ends today. Tomorrow we move to Ordinary Time before Lent: the Readings at Mass are from the First Week in Ordinary Time, cycle 1. The daily Offices are taken from Week 1 in the *Divine Office*. Thanks are due to those who decorated the churches and cribs for Christmas.

### Fr Mark Odion, MSP

This is Fr Mark's last Sunday with us for a while, as his Superior has asked him to look after a parish in the Birmingham Archdiocese temporarily. We hope this will only be a for a short time: *you can go but be back soon!*

### Parish Office

Magda, the Parish Secretary, will for the time being only be in the Office on Wednesday mornings, 9:30am - 12:30pm, for all routine matters such as Mass Intention bookings, collecting First Holy Communion books, etc and enquiries.

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St Roch, pray for us.  
St Joseph, pray for us.  
St Thomas of Canterbury, pray for us.  
St Bernadette, pray for us.