

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 7th February *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6:00pm (Sat)	Christopher La Trobe RIP
8:00am	Holy Souls
9:15am	People of the Parish
11:15am	Holy Souls
6:00pm	Fr George Webster
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Edmund Thomas Watts RIP
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	A parents' good health
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Viktor Johnson RIP

Monday 8th Feria

8:00am	Wellbeing of Vicky Lepore
(6:00pm)	Dec'd Priests of the Parish)

Tuesday 9th Feria

9:30am	Yvonne Haggarty Rip (Anniversary)
(6:00pm)	God's help against the pandemic)

Wednesday 10th *S Scholastica, V*

8:00am	Canon John Bailey RIP (2 nd Anniversary)
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Parishioners currently isolating

Thursday 11th Feria

10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Fr Paul Okora
12:00noon	Mary Landy Temple RIP

Friday 12th Feria

8:00am	Health and safe pregnancy
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Canon John's Bailey RIP (2 nd Anniversary)

Saturday 13th *of Our Lady*

9:30am	Beryl Pluck RIP
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Sunday 14th February *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6:00pm (Sat)	Fr David Gibbons
8:00am	Dora & Eugene Binken RIP
9:15am	Holy Souls
11:15am	People of the Parish
6:00pm	Holy Souls
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Holy Souls
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Vivienne Andrews RIP
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Stephanie & Peter Catherwood RIP

Please remember the sick who have been commended to our prayers, especially:

Paul Brigham, Sue Chamberlain, Michael Gerald Cleere, Elaine Cuthbertson, Ann Steven, Sr Rosemary McCaffrey fmsa, Jill Wilson, Rosemary Remnant, Ana Pilar Santos, Bernard Summerville, Richard Murphy, Maureen Perry, Lilian Spragg, Aidan Baker, Patricia Holmes, Brian Craig-McFeely, Deidre Thomas and all in old peoples' homes.

At this time

Dear Lord,
At this time of pandemic,
Let us foster respect and solidarity
with others, especially those who are
weak or poor.

Let us remain calm and ignore
unsubstantiated rumours.

Let us take advantage of living
together as a family.

Let us attend to moments of prayer.

Let us cultivate responsibility,
patience and hope. Amen.

*Prayer adapted from a radio message
from Rodolfo Valenzuela Núñez,
Bishop of La Verapaz, Guatemala*

We cry out to you

God of all,
we cry out to you for help.

In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Protect us, Lord, and be with us
especially those of us most vulnerable
during this coronavirus crisis.

Move us to reach out in love
to our neighbours near and far.

So that the humble may be exalted,
the hungry filled with good things.

Grant us the courage

not to rush back to our old ways,
but to rebuild our world together,
creating foundations of justice,
with equality and peace for all.

Amen.

Prayer: Catherine Gorman/CAFOD

We stand together

We pray for all who are suffering
and bereaved.

At this time of
sorrow, incomprehension and
tragedy, we stand together.

In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy
and healing for the sick

and for health and strength for all who
care for them. Amen.

*Prayer: Adapted from a message from
Sister Bridget Tighe of Caritas
Jerusalem*

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Today's Mass Readings: Fifth Sunday of the Year

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39

First Reading: Job complains of hard labour, sleepless nights, illness, and the shortness of his hopeless life. This could almost have been written in the present pandemic lockdown!

For Job, all of life is a fever. In today's *Gospel* Jesus heals Simon Peter's mother-in-law of the fever.

Psalm: a hymn of praise to God, who brings back exiles, heals the broken-hearted, and raise the lowly.

Second Reading: St Paul's calling was to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, even if he doesn't get paid for doing it. His reward is simply to win converts. Although a Jew, he is prepared to live as a gentile among the gentiles in order to convert people to Christ.

Gospel: Jesus proclaims the kingdom of God by teaching, preaching, and healing various people of various conditions.

That Simon's mother-in-law "*began to wait on them*" might seem like casual sexism. In fact, she is portrayed by Mark as a good example of a disciple, showing the discipleship of service.

Fr David

Notices

Day of Prayer for victims of trafficking

Monday - the optional memoria of S Josephine Bakhita - is a day of prayer for victims of human trafficking and those who work to combat it (including our very own Fr Mark).

World Day for the Sick

This is on Thursday, the optional memoria of Our Lady of Lourdes. This is especially resonant at this time of pandemic. For Pope Francis' Message visit http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/papa-francesco_20201220_giornata-malato.html.

Canon John Bailey RIP

Friday sees the second anniversary of Canon John's death. At one level it doesn't seem 5 minutes since he died; at another level it seems an age away. *Requiescat in pace.*

Ash Wednesday (17th Feb) - Advance Notice

Mass will be at the following times. The imposition of ashes - under a ruling from Rome - will consist of the continental style of sprinkling of ashes on the head, rather than our traditional cross of ash on the forehead. This is to maintain anti COVID safety.

St Thomas's: 8:00am, 8:00pm.

Holy Trinity: 10:00am.

St Bernadette's: 11:00am

St Joseph's: 6:00pm.

Confessions

The priests can hear Confessions as long as precautions are taken, and this may well mean outside. You can approach the priest if there is plenty of time before Mass but more likely after Mass. Alternatively, contact either me or Fr Paul to make an appointment.

New Diocesan Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion

The Archbishop has created this new Commission, to be chaired by Fr Victor Darlington, Father David's successor as

Parish Priest of Camberwell. Visit the diocesan website for further information.

Standing Orders and online donations

If you do not do so, please consider making your donations to the parish by Standing Order. You can download the form from the website or receive a form by ringing the Parish Office.

Bank Account details for Standing Orders and bank transfers:

Bank: NatWest
A/c name: RCAS ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS
Sort Code: 60 19 02
A/c No: 25782002

Mass Intentions

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- use a Mass Intention envelope, put your donation inside, and hand it to a priest or pop it through the Presbytery letterbox, or
- use any envelope in the same way, or
- email Magda at sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk, or
- ring her on a Wednesday morning.

See above for the bank account details if you want to make a donation by bank transfer; please put 'Mass Int' in the reference. If using an envelope please give your name or Gift Aid number if you have signed a Gift Aid form, so we can reclaim the tax.

Please pray

- ◇ for victims of human trafficking and those who combat it;
- ◇ for the Sick, especially in our parish;
- ◇ for Erina Smith, Canon John Bailey and all who have died.

St Roch, pray for us.

St Joseph, pray for us.

St Thomas of Canterbury, pray for us.

St Bernadette, pray for us.

St Edith of Kemsing, pray for us.