

# MASS INTENTIONS

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

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March **PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD**

6:00pm (Sat)	Fr Richard Diala, CM RIP
8:00am	People of the Parish
9:15am	Children preparing for First Confession
11:15am	George Rizza RIP
6:00pm	God's help against the pandemic
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Matylda Wiacek (birthday)
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Holy Souls
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Private Intention

## Monday 29<sup>th</sup> **Monday of Holy Week**

8:00am	Peter & Allie Black RIP
(6:00pm)	Penitents

## Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday of Holy Week**

9:30am	Good Intention of donor's family
(6:00pm)	Holy Souls

## Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> **Wednesday of Holy Week**

8:00am	Lilian & Cyril Pluck RIP
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Penitents

### The SACRED TRIDUUM

## Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April **HOLY THURSDAY**

8:00pm	People of the Parish
8:00pm <i>Oxford</i>	Parish Extra Ministers of Holy Communion

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> **FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD**

3:00pm	
3:00pm <i>Oxford</i>	
3:00pm <i>Borough Green</i>	
3:00pm <i>West Kingsdown</i>	

## Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> **HOLY SATURDAY/The HOLY NIGHT of EASTER**

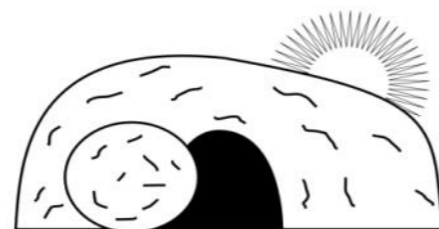
8:00pm <i>Oxford</i>	Parish Altar Servers
9:00pm	Founders & Benefactors of the Parish

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> **EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD**

8:00am	Kenneth D'Souza RIP
9:15am	People of the Parish
11:15am	George Rizza RIP
6:00pm	Parish musicians
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Dawid & Magda Wiacek (Birthday)
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Benjamin Shaw RIP
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Harry Goldsmith RIP

### Please pray

- ♦ for the Archbishop and the priests of the Archdiocese;
- ♦ for the Christian communities in the Holy Land;
- ♦ for self-discipline in our prayer and fasting this week;
- ♦ for the sick and housebound.



## NEXT SUNDAY (EASTER SUNDAY)

**Holy Mass** at the usual Sunday times at all four churches.

**Anti COVID changes:** no sprinkling of water at the Renewal of Baptism Promises.

### Easter Offering

Along with the Christmas Offering this is your way of paying Fr David and Fr Paul. You can put your donation in the box/plate at the entrance, use the contactless device at St Thomas's, put an envelope through the Presbytery letterbox, or make an online transfer (put Easter Offering as the reference) to RCAS ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS, Sort Code 60-19-02, A/c No 25782002. Thank you in advance.

### OTHER NOTICES

#### Confirmation 2021

**Attention all those currently in Year 7 or above:** registration for this year's Confirmation Programme is now open. Register on line at [www.sevrccparish.org.uk](http://www.sevrccparish.org.uk) where there is an outline of important dates. This is a proposed programme, and the dates may need to be altered due to the coronavirus. Once registered, we can keep you informed of any changes by email. **Closing date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

#### Anti COVID precautions

- Sanitise hands on access and egress
- maintain a safe distance at all times between you and others outside your household
- wear face coverings unless exempt
- dress warmly (the churches will be well ventilated!).

# PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS

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## Today's Mass Readings: **PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD**

Mark 11: 1-10; Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2: 6-9; Mark 15: 1-39

28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Gospel (at the Blessing of Palms):** as we are in Year B, we hear *Mark's* account of Christ's entry into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey.

**First Reading:** in what is known as one of *Isaiah's* Songs of the Suffering Servant, the sufferer's innocence and unflinching resolve are emphasised.

**Psalm:** based on Jesus' own quotation of this psalm on the cross (as we hear in the Passion reading) the church interprets this as a prophecy of the Messiah's passion.

**Second Reading:** in a beautifully poetic passage, St Paul explains Christ's incarnation and crucifixion.

**Passion:** in *Mark's* account, we hear of the arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, His 'trial' before the High Priest and before Pontius Pilate, Peter's denial, Christ's scourging and crucifixion, and His death.

**Anti COVID changes:** the Procession or Solemn Entrance are not held. The shorter form of the Passion is read; please do NOT join in the crowd parts (as you normally would). Only the priest or deacon will read the Passion; in it all kneel and pause a moment after the verse "*But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last*".

*Fr David*

### Second Collection

For our parish **SVP**. This annual collection enables us, through SVP, to help poor people, especially those who are homeless or unemployed because of the pandemic. You can donate in the box/plate after Mass, via the contactless device in St Thomas's (touch Second Collection), or by bank transfer to St Vincent de Paul, Sort code 60-60-04, A/c No 46076484.

### HOLY WEEK

#### Confessions

The priests can hear Confessions as long as COVID 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 me or Fr Paul to make an appointment.

#### Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Holy Mass at the usual times: Monday 8:00am, Tuesday 9:30am, Wednesday 8:00am at St Thomas's, and Wednesday 10:00am at Holy Trinity. In addition Fr Paul will say a private Mass on the Monday and Tuesday (this is to avoid the complications of concelebrating during the pandemic). All Masses and Liturgies at St Thomas's this week will be livestreamed via the parish website.

#### HOLY THURSDAY

**Mass of the Lord's Supper** at 8:00pm at both St Thomas's and Holy Trinity. A small section of the Traditional Choir will sing at the Mass at St Thomas's.

**Anti COVID changes:** no Washing of the Feet or Transfer to the Altar of Repose, and there is to be no Watch afterwards, for reasons of safety.

### GOOD FRIDAY

A day of fasting and abstinence. The **Good Friday Liturgy** at all four churches is at 3:00pm. We are grateful to Fr Bryan Wells (Oxford) and Mgr Matthew Dickens (Borough Green) for assisting us. The Music Group have recorded music for the Liturgy at St Thomas's. The Second Collection will be for the Holy Places (for the upkeep of the holy sites of veneration and pilgrimage and Catholic schools in the Holy Land).

**Anti COVID changes:** please sit and come forward for Holy Communion as directed by the stewards. If you arrive late at St Thomas's you may be directed to an alternative entrance. Only the priest/deacon will read the Passion; do not join in the crowd parts. Only the celebrant will venerate the Cross, followed by a period of silent adoration. You are advised to go to Borough Green if you are concerned about overcrowding.

Online Way of the Cross: go to the Daily Mass link on the Parish website (<http://www.sevrccparish.org.uk>) and click on 'Videos' on the YouTube page.

### HOLY SATURDAY

The traditional Blessing of Food (*Święconka*) will be held at 11:30am in St Thomas's, but there can be no refreshments afterwards.

The **Easter Liturgy (Vigil)** will be at Holy Trinity at 8:00pm and St Thomas's at 9:00pm only.

**Anti COVID changes:** we are instructed to omit the fire and procession. The Candle will already be in place and lit; no people's candles. The Liturgy of the Word will be as short as permitted, and at the Renewal of Baptismal Promises there may be no sprinkling of water.