

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 11th April **SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER**

6:00pm	Yvonne Haggarty RIP (Birthday)
8:00am	Edward & Marguerite Maxwell RIP
9:15am	Well-being and protection of Justin Edwards
11:15am	People of the Parish
6:00pm	Laura & Laerte Ravelli RIP
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Comfort and well-being of Isabell
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Parish Sacristans, welcomers & stewards
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Marius McDermott RIP

Monday 12th **Feria**

12:00noon (6:00pm)	Intention of the Colaco family Priests of Southwark)
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Tuesday 13th **Feria**

9:30am (6:00pm)	Well-being of Vicky Lepore Fr Joseph Phillips RIP)
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Wednesday 14th **Feria**

8:00am 10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Conrad RIP (Anniversary) Fr Rufus Pound - in thanksgiving
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Thursday 15th **Feria**

10:00am <i>Borough Green</i> 12:00pm	Bob Serin RIP Dr Daniel White RIP
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Friday 16th **S Bernadette, Rel**

8:00am 10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	The People of Sevenoaks Toni Craig RIP
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Saturday 17th **Feria**

9:30am	Barry Griffiths RIP
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Sunday 18th April **THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER**

6:00pm	Parish Catechists
8:00am	G D'Souza RIP
9:15am	June Rip & Andy Hicks (Wedding Anniversary)
11:15am	Ken Moore
6:00pm	People of the Parish
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Parish Mass Readers
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Holy Souls
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls

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

Paul Bringham, Sue Chamberlain, Michael Gerald Cleere, Elaine Cuthbertson, Ann Steven, Sr Rosemary McCaffrey fmsa, Jill Wilson, Ana Pilar Santos, Richard Murphy, Maureen Perry, Lilian Spragg, Aidan Baker, Patricia Holmes, Brian Craig-McFeely, Deidre Thomas, Izabela Szafranska 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: SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER

Acts of the Apostles 4: 32-35; Psalm 117; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 20: 19-31

First Reading: the earliest Christians soon got down to the practical implications of being the new People of God. Witness to Christ and His resurrection was supremely important, but also they had a strong sense of responsibility for each other, and so they had a real desire to share and to support one another.

Psalm: the response, "give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end", which is verse 1 of the psalm, pretty much sums up what our response to the resurrection of Christ should be.

Second Reading: right belief in Jesus as the Christ, like love, is the mark of the one born of God.

Gospel: we get so distracted by the doubting of Thomas that we can easily miss the main significance of this episode, namely Christ sending the Twelve (actually only Eleven at the time) out on their apostolic mission, and giving them the gift of the Holy Spirit, in particular to forgive (or retain) sins. The apostles will, of course, receive the fulness of the Spirit at Pentecost.

Fr David

Notices

Divine Mercy Sunday

You are invited to join in the Divine Mercy Prayers today, which you can find on the parish website (<http://www.sevrcparish.org.uk/>).

Parish Office

With the easing of restrictions on Monday, the Parish Office will revert to normal opening hours. Magda will be in the Office from Mondays to Fridays, 9:30am - 12:30pm, to deal with all routine matters, enquiries, etc.

St Bernadette

Friday is St Bernadette's feast day. We can't hold social celebrations at the moment, but we can celebrate Mass: 10:00am on Friday at St Bernadette's, West Kingsdown. The community there invite you to join them for Mass.

Baptisms and Weddings

These can now take place, provided anti COVID measures are observed.

For Baptism of infants please complete the green application form (available in the Entrance of each church) and return it to the Presbytery.

For Weddings please contact Fr David; the attendance limit rises to 15 from Monday.

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.sevrcparish.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: 7th May 2021.**

Easter thanks

Thanks are due to those who cleaned and decorated the churches, flower arrangers, musicians, readers, Altar Servers and, especially at this time, the stewards who maintained the anti COVID procedures. Fr David and Fr Paul also thank you for your Easter Offering and all the cards and good wishes.

Easter Offering

You can still contribute to the Easter Offering to Fr David and Fr Paul by

- putting your donation in the box/plate at the entrance, in an envelope clearly marked 'Easter Offering',
- putting an envelope through the Presbytery letterbox,
- or making 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.

If you contribute to parish funds by Standing Order, note that this will not include the Easter Offering. Please Gift Aid if you can (the parish gets the tax refund). Thank you in advance.

Confirmations

Congratulations to Alexander Buxton-Carda and Sophie Wootton Borruso, Confirmed at Easter.

The Bible Timeline Course

Several parishioners have recommended this online course. Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this free of charge, worldwide-famous course delivered online live by Mauro Iannicelli. Eight Wednesday evening sessions at 7:00pm. Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org