

# MASS INTENTIONS

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

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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

## Monday 19<sup>th</sup> **Feria**

8:00am	Timothy & Clea Andradi RIP
(6:00pm)	Holy Souls

## Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> **Feria**

9:30am	David & Angela Brunning (50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
(6:00pm)	Holy Souls

## Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> **S Anselm, BD**

8:00am	Tony Smith RIP (Birthday)
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	People suffering from cancer

## Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> **Feria**

10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Holy Souls
12:00pm	Joseph & Josephine Brown RIP

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> **S GEORGE, M, Patron of England**

8:00am	In thanksgiving - Frank & Sally Haggarty (20 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls

## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> **Feria**

9:30am	Fr Joe Andradi
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## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April **FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

6:00pm	Gerry Molloy RIP
8:00am	People of the Parish
9:15am	Dec'd relatives of the families Andradi-Brown
11:15am	Mary Cardwell RIP (Anniversary)
6:00pm	Margaret Fallow
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Safe and healthy pregnancy of Dimi
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Holy Souls
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Members of parish committees

**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, 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*

# PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS

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## **Today's Mass Readings: THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER**

*Acts of the Apostles 3: 13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2: 1-5; Luke 24: 35-48*

**First Reading:** Peter preaches that the People of God "must repent and turn to God". 'Repent' might just mean to change one's mind, but 'turn to God' means to change one's life.

**Psalm:** peace, good sleep, and safety come only from God, when we remember to pray to him. To be at peace with oneself is to be at peace with God.

**Second Reading:** best of all is not to sin, but if we do sin Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes our sins, and those of the whole world, away, And, if we do not keep God's commandments, we cannot say we know God.

**Gospel:** the closing scene of *Luke's* Gospel contains two significant points. First, as Christ's resurrection appearances make clear, Jesus has risen in a *new* body, one which belongs in both heaven and earth; it is a transformed, risen body, not simply the old body resuscitated.

Secondly, Christ explains that the role of the Church is to preach "repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all the nations". Just as after His Baptism Christ first preached the Gospel of repentance, so too after His resurrection it is repentance and forgiveness which are emphasised as the main component of the Church's preaching.

*Fr David*

## **Notices**

### **Friday: St George, Martyr**

Friday is the Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England and Patron of our Cathedral Church in Southwark. Holy Mass at the usual times at St Thomas's and at St Bernadette's.

### **Next Sunday: Second Collection**

Next Sunday is a World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The Second Collection will be for the Priests Training Fund. In Southwark we are blessed to have 7 men in formation to the Sacred Priesthood. It costs £30,000 a year for 6 years to sponsor each seminarian.

### **Parish Office**

The Parish Office is now back to normal: Magda will be in the Office from Mondays to Fridays, 9:30am - 12:30pm, to deal with all routine matters, enquiries, booking of Mass Intentions, collection of First Holy Communion materials, etc.

### **Toddler Group - reopening**

After a very long break and according to the latest changes in government regulations, we hope to reopen the Parents & Toddler group on Tuesday, 9:30 - 11:00am. Numbers are limited by the regulations and the maximum safe number under the risk assessment, so please contact Sophie Wootton Borruso 07850 100881 or Catherine Bennett 07712 702211 to attend.

### **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 is now 15.

### **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](http://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: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

### **Polish Church: 'A Joint Commitment to Healing & Collaboration'**

Following the incident at the Polish Church in the Balham High Road on Good Friday, see the diocesan website (<http://rcsouthwark.co.uk/indexold.html>) for a report on the Archbishop's visit and subsequent statements, and the Bishops' Conference Flickr page (<https://www.flickr.com/photos/catholicism/albums/72157718903179963>) for pictures.

### **Please pray**

- in thanksgiving for Christ's saving acts;
- for the nation and people of England (*especially on Friday*);
- for a swift end to the pandemic.

*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.*

