

# MASS INTENTIONS

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

## 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 Andradi-Brown family
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

## Monday 26<sup>th</sup> **Feria**

8:00am	Brandon Gough RIP (Anniversary)
(6:00pm)	Holy Souls

## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> **Feria**

9:30am	Private Intention
(6:00pm)	Holy Souls

## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> **Feria**

8:00am	Holy Souls
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Holy Souls

## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> **S CATHERINE of SIENA, V D, Patron of Europe**

10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Archie Payne RIP (Birthday)
12:00pm	Holy Souls

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> **Feria**

8:00am	Good intentions of the donor
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls

## Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May **S Joseph the Worker**

9:30am	Joseph Ronald Sherrat RIP
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## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May **FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

6:00pm	Holy Souls
8:00am	Holy Souls
9:15am	People of the Parish
11:15am	James McBrien (Birthday)
6:00pm	Sarah McGlavin RIP
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Marie Authers RIP (3rd Anniversary)
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	UCM Intention
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls

**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: FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

*Acts of the Apostles 4: 8-12, 17-19; Psalm 117; 1 John 3: 1-2; John 10: 11-18*

**25<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**First Reading:** arraigned before the Sanhedrin, the supreme court of the Jews, Peter courageously and dauntlessly proclaims that the name of Jesus Christ is the only name by which we can be saved.

**Psalm:** "the stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone" - so our Lord, rejected by His people but raised up by God to become our saviour. In the Temple of the Lord we each sing our praises and thanksgivings to God who has so loved us.

**Second Reading:** we shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is.

**Gospel:** Jesus describes Himself as the good (or model) shepherd, because He is willing to die to protect the sheep (unlike a hired man) and because He knows His sheep intimately.

In laying down His life and rising again at His resurrection the Son is obeying the command or will of the Father.

*Fr David*

## **Notices**

### **World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**

Today - Good Shepherd Sunday - is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. As members of the Church we are encouraged to work and pray earnestly for an increase in priestly and religious vocations. Please

- \* pray that we be blessed with more priests, and pray for your priests;
- \* encourage someone you know to consider a calling to the priesthood;
- \* donate to the Priests Training Fund.

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.

### **Baptisms**

Congratulations to Harry and Matthew Yoell, recently Baptized in St Thomas's .

### **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to Ben Doyle and Aiden Vos, receiving first Holy Communion today at the 11:15am Mass.

### **Toddler Group - reopening**

The Parents & Toddler group on Tuesdays has reopened. 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.

### **Holy Matrimony**

The Wedding of Stefano Capozzi and Samira Souki is on Saturday at 1:00pm in St Thomas's.

### **Baptisms and Weddings**

These can now take place (with anti COVID measures) For Baptism of infants complete the green application form (available in the Entrance of each church) and return it to the Presbytery. For Weddings 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.**

### **Let us Dream: Easter reflections**

The Spirituality Committee of the Bishops' Conference has produced a series of reflections based on the Holy Father's book *Let us Dream* for individual and parish use. You can download it from the Society of St Gregory website: <https://www.ssg.org.uk/>.

### **Please pray**

- \* for more vocations to the Sacred Priesthood and Religious life;
- \* for Stefano and Samira, embarking on married life together;
- \* for Niall Hickey, a Catenian parishioner who has recently 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.*