

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 6th June *CORPUS et SANGUIS CHRISTI (Year B)*

6:00pm	Paul Duke, Prof. John Henry - in thanksgiving
8:00am	David Collen & Family Lockyer well-being
9:15am	Christopher La Trobe RIP
11:15am	People of the Parish
6:00pm	Holy Souls
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Stan Kowalczyk RIP (2 nd Anniversary)
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Mgr Dickens for his future and new Parish
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls

Monday 7th *Feria*

8:00am	Timothy & Clea Andradi RIP
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Tuesday 8th *Feria*

9:30am	Our Priests
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Wednesday 9th *Feria*

8:00am	Tony Pluck in thanksgiving
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Our Priests

Thursday 10th *Feria*

10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Eileen Stevens
12:00 noon	Holy Souls

FRIDAY 11th *The MOST SACRED HEART of JESUS*

8:00am	Holy Souls
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls

Saturday 12th *The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:30am	Joseph & Josephine Brown RIP
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Sunday 13th June *ELEVENTH SUNDAY*

6:00pm	Volunteers in our Parish
8:00am	Deacon Matthew Donnelly
9:15am	Peace & Justice in the Holy Land
11:15am	Pippa Edwards & family
6:00pm	People of the Parish
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Magdalena & David Wiacek (10 th Wedding Anniversary)
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Margaret Vinson RIP
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls

Latin Antiphons (for 8:00am Mass)

Entrance: Cibavit eos ex adipe frumenti, et de petra melle saturavit eos.

Communion: Qui manducat meam carnem et bibit meum sanguinem, in me manet et ego in eo, dicit Dominus.

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

Deidre Thomas, Izabela Szafranska, Ian Black.

Holy Communion at home

If you used to receive Holy Communion at home or in a home, or now wish to do so, please contact Magda in the Parish Office, as within certain restrictions we can now resume this.

Confessions

We can hear Confessions either before Mass (if there is plenty of time) or after Mass, or by appointment (email Fr Paul or me), taking careful COVID precautions.

Baptisms

To have a child Baptized, obtain a green application form (from any of the four churches), fill it in, and return it to the Presbytery. Please read the information - especially about godparents - carefully.

COVID stewards

To retain public Masses we are very dependent on (and very grateful to) a small number of stewards in each church. We need some more stewards to spread the work load: **if you can do this - some Sundays, not always - please volunteer; don't wait to be asked.**

Please pray

- for God's help to end the pandemic;
- for those making their first Holy Communion at this time;
- for Reverend Matthew Donnelly, on placement, and for Fr Paschal and Fr Bryan, currently assisting us in offering Masses;
- in the Pope's Prayer June Intention for young people preparing for Marriage with the support of a Christian community.

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.

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Today's Mass Readings: CORPUS et SANGUIS CHRISTI (Year B)

Exodus 24: 3-8; Psalm 115; Hebrews 9: 11-15; Sequence (Lauda Sion); Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

First Reading: Moses, acting as mediator between God and his people, seals the Covenant by offering the blood of bullocks as communion sacrifices.

Psalm: the Psalmist can find no better response to God's goodness to us than to make a thanksgiving sacrifice, to raise 'the cup of salvation'. Incidentally, it is to make the link between the Old Testament covenant and Jesus' new commandment that Mark in today's Gospel says that Jesus 'took a cup', not 'took some wine'.

Second Reading: referring to the episode in *Exodus* - in the *First Reading* - and also to *Numbers 19*, the author of *Hebrews* portrays Christ as the mediator of the new covenant, in which our sins are forgiven through the shedding of Christ's blood.

Sequence: this is not in the printed Readings sheet, but please stand as the Reader reads the *Lauda Sion*, which may be the shorter form. This was composed by St Thomas Aquinas for the new Feast of Corpus Christi, introduced by Pope Urban IV in 1264.

Gospel: from Mark's account of the Last Supper, we hear first of the preparations for the Passover meal. This was the annual commemoration of God's deliverance of his people from bondage, but Jesus introduces new elements: first, the disciples are gathered as His true family.

The second and third new elements come in the second half of the *Gospel*: Jesus gives a new interpretation of the Passover (He is the new Passover; His blood replaces the old blood of the covenant) and He institutes the Eucharist, using the four actions found in every account in the New Testament: He took, blessed, broke, and gave.

Sadly, because of COVID restriction, we are unable to hold our customary Processions of the Blessed Sacrament today.

Fr David

Notices

Supply priests

We welcome Fr Paschal Omono, MSP who will be staying in the parish for six weeks, assisting us while completing his studies.

Fr Bryan Wells will celebrate the Mass at Oxford today.

Fr David will be officiating in his capacity as Dean at Westerham, at the Induction of the new Parish Priest today.

11:15am Mass

The Traditional Choir sings at this Mass today.

Feasts this week

Friday is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Saturday is the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Next Sunday

The Second Collection next Sunday will be for CaTEW. This is the Trust which supports the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Bishops' Conference and its agencies. It provides the Bishops with the revenue necessary for the central administration of the Church in this country.

COVID regulations

A reminder of the main points, following the recent changes:

- please sanitise hands on arrival and departure;
- use the QR code or give name and contact details for the Test & Trace;
- sit in household bubbles 1 metre apart;

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- wear face coverings (unless exempt or under 11);
- only come forward in the Communion Procession if you are receiving Holy Communion, and come forward at the end if you are receiving orally;
- no congregational singing is yet permitted.

Readers at Mass

A reminder of recent changes, as previously advised:

- DO NOT touch the microphone (speak up and speak clearly instead);
- read from the Lectionary, not from anything else;
- do not touch the Lectionary, other than to turn the page; remember that we have recommenced the Bidding Prayers at Sunday Masses.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place as follows:

Most Holy Trinity, Oxford: Thursday evenings from 7:30pm until 8:30pm, and on Fridays between 11:00am and 12:00pm. For further information please phone Barry Authers (01959 524362).

St Bernadette's, West Kingsdown: on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon until 1:00pm. For further details please contact John Gobel (01474 853676).

We hope to restart Adoration at St Thomas's (which was stopped by the restoration work and the pandemic lockdown) soon. Those who used to attend or anyone interested in attending please contact Andrew Pembroke (ac.jbpembroke@gmail.com or 01732 450197) to let him know of your availability.