

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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>	A swift end to the pandemic

Monday 14th Feria

8:00am	Gerald Mullan RIP
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Tuesday 15th Feria

9:30am	Finbarr Moran - healing
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Wednesday 16th Feria

8:00am	Bill Sherratt RIP (Birthday)
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Holy Souls

Thursday 17th Feria

10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Margaret Vinson RIP
12:00 noon	Holy Souls

Friday 18th Feria

8:00am	Keith D'Souza RIP
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls

Saturday 19th Feria

9:30am	Fr Joe Andradi
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Sunday 20th June TWELFTH SUNDAY

6:00pm	Fathers of the Parish
8:00am	People of the Parish
9:15am	Deacon Neil Philipson
11:15am	Dec'd relatives of Andradi-Brown family
6:00pm	Eileen Hunt
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Marta Wiacek (7th Birthday)
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	John Groves
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls

Latin Antiphons (for 8:00am Mass)

Entrance: Exaudi, Domine, vocem meam, qua clamavi ad te. Adiutor meus esto, ne derelinquas me, neque despicias me. Deus salutaris meus.

Communion: Pater sancte, serva eos in nomine tuo, quos dedisti mihi, ut sint unum sicut et nos, dicit Dominus.

Please remember the sick who have been commended to our prayers, especially: Deidre Thomas, Izabela Szafranska, Ian Black.

May Offertory

Your donations in May - by Standing Order, cash in the collection boxes/plates, card reading machine or Just Giving - totalled £9,792.34. Thank you.

Altar Servers wanted

- St Gregory's Catholic School

St Gregory's Catholic School would like to invite any Altar Servers who are students at St Gregory's School, or any students who are interested in becoming Altar servers, to a meeting on 21st June. The ministry of Altar Server is an important ministry and a significant part of our school celebrations of the Eucharist. The ministry is vital and as such, requires commitment, it requires a generous spirit, prayerful attitude and respect. Please contact the School Chaplain, Jane Ireland - jireland@sgschool.org.uk.

Jane Ireland

Situation vacant for a Volunteering Manager

The Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT) are currently seeking a Volunteering Manager. Through the new Faith in Action programme 'Just People', they are seeking to provide opportunities for Catholics, Christians and whole parish communities to explore and deepen their faith and sense of lived discipleship by connecting people with opportunities to serve as volunteers. Their aim is to provide practical support and accompaniment for people who are often marginalised and excluded.

The charity seeks a person of faith who has an understanding of the Church alongside a strong commitment to Catholic Social Teaching, be a good communicator with project planning and implementation experience. The successful candidate will liaise closely with volunteering and management colleagues across the London and South East region, specifically in the dioceses of Westminster, Southwark, and Arundel & Brighton.

Hours: 37.5 hours per week, Monday to Friday (weekend and evening work may be required occasionally). Salary: £28,000 per annum. Closing date for applications: 17th June; interview date: 29th June 2021. Further information visit <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/current-vacancies>.

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Today's Mass Readings: ELEVENTH SUNDAY (Year B)

Ezekiel 17: 22-25; Psalm 91; 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10; Mark 4: 12-16, 26-34

13th June 2021

First Reading: Ezekiel predicts God's restoration of Judah, using the imagery of planting a cedar tree. These Old Testament texts provide the background for Jesus' words in the Gospel.

Psalm: this psalm, which has been described as 'the song of a happy man', picks up the image of the cedar tree from the *First Reading*.

Second Reading: for the next few Sundays we hear St Paul's *Second Letter to the Corinthians*. It seems that the church in Corinth was beset by various problems, including disunity, and Paul had to write to them twice. In today's extract the contrast between our present, bodily desires and our future fulfilment in Christ is typical of St Paul.

Gospel: Jesus speaks to the crowds about the kingdom of God in parables. Parables are little stories, which reveal some aspect of God and his kingdom, and which invite us to reflect upon them and apply them to our own situation. The parables of the seed growing of itself and of the mustard seed should give us hope and encouragement in our efforts at spreading the Good News. *Fr David*

Notices

Clergy moves

The Archbishop has made some Clergy appointments. Fr Paul Okora - who has been Assistant Priest here for the last 4½ years - will move at the end of the month to be Parochial Administrator of St Pius X, Norbiton (in the Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames). We thank him for his reliability, devotion to the Mass, and his indefatigable visiting of the sick and housebound during his time with us in Sevenoaks parish, and wish him well in his new apostolate.

He will be replaced by Fr Peter Littleton, presently Assistant Priest in Tooting Bec.

Supply priests

Fr Bryan Wells will celebrate the 9:15am Mass at St Thomas's today. Fr Paschal Omono will be offering the Masses at Borough Green and West Kingsdown.

Second Collection

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

Second Collection next weekend

Next Sunday is the annual Day for Life, dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the Second Collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life related activities and Catholic charities working in this field supported by the church.

Sevenoaks Food Bank

Donations to Sevenoaks Loaves and Fishes Foodbank are always very thin during the summer months. This is the reason why I am organising special appeals with different churches in Sevenoaks. The dates set up for St Thomas's are the 19th/20th June, 24th/25th July, 28th/29th August and 9th/10th October. It will also give the opportunity to children on the Confirmation programme to do some volunteering in helping sorting out the gifts.

For next weekend, we would really appreciate cooking

ingredients and spices including salt and pepper, pulses and beans, instant pasta and soup, honey and spreads and the usual tins of meat and vegetables. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Isabelle Mercer

St Joseph's Garden work party

On Thursday 17th June and Thursday 8th July, after Mass. Please bring your own garden tools and help to make the church garden more beautiful.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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).

At *St Thomas's* Adoration will recommence on Monday mornings, after Holy Mass until 9:30am, starting on Monday 21st June. For more information contact Andrew Pembroke (ac.jpembroke@gmail.com or 01732 450197) or simply come along. We need all the prayer we can get at the moment, so don't hesitate: come and pray before Our Blessed Lord present in Eucharist.

The Pilgrims: a group for retired parishioners

It seems extraordinary that the last time we were able to meet was at our Christmas lunch in 2019. Sadly, Covid restrictions and lockdowns have prevented many of us from attending Mass in person or gathering together over the last year.

It has been a time of isolation, stress and sadness for many, but we now invite you to a dedicated Mass at St. Thomas's on Friday 2nd July at 10.00 am. This is an opportunity to remember all those who have been affected by the pandemic in any way. Mass will be followed by an informal coffee morning in the garden or porch. Any parishioner who would like to join us on this occasion is most welcome.

Contact Jackie Pembroke: 01732 450197, or ac.jpembroke@gmail.com or just turn up.