

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 20th June TWELFTH SUNDAY (Year B)

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>	Ian Black RIP

Monday 21st S Aloysius Gonzaga, Rel

8:00am	Marie Tanner
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Tuesday 22nd SS JOHN FISHER, B & THOMAS MORE, MM

9:30am	June Hicks RIP & Andy (Birthday Anniversary)
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Wednesday 23rd Feria

8:00am	Good intentions of the donor's family
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	All who struggle from COVID

Thursday 24th The NATIVITY of S JOHN the BAPTIST

10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Health & wellbeing of Beatrix Kähler
12:00 noon	Lily Rodrigues RIP

Friday 25th Feria

8:00am	Anne D'Souza RIP
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Patrick O'Grady

Saturday 26th of Our Lady

9:30am	Marie Fitzgerald RIP
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Sunday 27th June THIRTEENTH SUNDAY (Year B)

6:00pm	Leonard Gould RIP
8:00am	Tony Mernock RIP (Birthday)
9:15am	Wilfred Alexander RIP
11:15am	Marie Tanner
6:00pm	Betty Rodger RIP & the comfort of her all family
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Ann & Alan Campion (Wedding Anniversary)
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Good estate of Hurl's family & Richard Murphy RIP
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	People of the Parish

Latin Antiphons (for 8:00am Mass)

Entrance: Dominus fortitudo plebis suae, et protector salutarium Christi sui est. Salvum fac populum tuum, Domine, et benedic hereditati tuae, et rege eos usque in saeculum.

Communion: Ego sum pastor bonus, et animam meam pono pro ovibus meis, dicit Dominus.

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

Deidre Thomas, Izabela Szafranska, Ann Steven, Antonia Mroziuk and Lilian Spragg.

First Holy Communion gifts

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Parish Evangelization Team

We are pleased to report that David Cooper has agreed to chair this team, which will promote evangelization within the parish, in co-ordination with the Adult Formation Team led by Deacon Neil. David now needs some volunteers to help him, so if you are interested please contact Fr David or Magda.

Safeguarding Officers

We have two vacancies (which could be filled by one person):

1. a Parish Safeguarding Officer. The main responsibilities are to oversee the other Safeguarding Officers, to help process some of the DBS applications (many of which have now to be renewed as they only last three years) and to liaise with the diocesan Safeguarding Office.

2. a St Thomas's Safeguarding Officer. The main responsibility is to check from time to time that the catechists (including those in the Children's Liturgy of the Word) are observing the Safeguarding rules and following best practice.

Please don't be hesitant: if you can fulfil either or both of these roles please contact Fr David asap.

Please pray

- for God's help to end the pandemic;
- that politicians will support high quality palliative care rather than assisted suicide and that all Catholics will work to build a culture where life is cherished;
- in this year of St Joseph, patron of the dying, for those who are terminally ill and for a happy death for each of us.

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

Job 38: 1, 8-11; Psalm 106; 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17; Mark 4: 35-41

20th June 2021

First Reading: this is an extract (from chapter 38 of *Job*, not chapter 3 as it says in the Lectionary) from God's explanation to Job for his suffering. In describing his role in creating the waters, God uses the words of parental discipline: he is like a father who sets boundaries for his children.

Psalm: despite our stormy passage through life, God's love is inexhaustible.

Second Reading: Eucharistic Prayer IV is very suitable today, as the phrase '*and that we might live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and rose again for us*' is taken from this passage.

Gospel: the familiar story of Christ stilling the storm can be interpreted in many different ways. If the boat is taken as representing the Church, this story reassures us that in times of persecution and distress Jesus is ruler of nature and history and is always present with us, in the midst of our troubles. Likewise, if we have difficulties in our own personal lives we can turn to the Lord for help. This miracle (not a healing one) gives us some insight into Jesus Christ's true nature, divine as well as human.

Fr David

Notices

Supply priests

Fr Bryan Wells and Fr Paschal Omono will again be assisting by offering some of the Masses on Sunday.

Second Collection

Today 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.

Visit <https://www.dayforlife.org/> for information and resources on a spectrum of 'life' subjects such as abortion, disability, suicide, euthanasia and assisted dying, mental health and well being, the mystery of death and finding happiness in our relationship with God.

Bereavement Support

The monthly session is on Monday, from 10:30am to midday in the Parish Room (enter by the front door marked 14). In a way we have all been bereaved in the last year and sadly many have lost loved ones. You are assured of a warm, friendly welcome, a cup of coffee and biscuits, and time to talk quietly through your losses.

Feasts this week

Tuesday is the Feast of SS John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs, both of whom are depicted in the mural in the Sanctuary of St Thomas's. Saint John Fisher was martyred on this day on Tower Hill in 1535.

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Nativity of S John the Baptist.

Next Sunday Second collection

This will be the annual 'Peter Pence' collection. This is the money sent to the Holy See to enable the Pope to exercise works of mercy and charity and to fund the Apostolic curia in its service of the Universal Church.

Next Sunday at St Joseph's

The new green vestment, donated by her family in memory of

Margaret Vinson, will be blessed and used for the first time at next Sunday's Mass.

Advance Notice: Tuesday 29th June

Holy Mass on the Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul (a Holyday of Obligation, albeit that the Obligation has not yet been reinstated!):

St Thomas's, Sevenoaks: 8:00am (Latin), 9:30am, 8:00pm

Most Holy Trinity, Oxford: 10:00am

St Bernadette's, West Kingsdown: 11:00am

St Joseph's, Borough Green: 6:00pm.

The fact that the Obligation is not in force at present doesn't mean that we can forget about God or our religion. Attend Mass this day if you can, unless you are shielding, have COVID or COVID symptoms, or another good reason, for not doing so.

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 the Eucharist.

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