

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 27th June THIRTEENTH SUNDAY (Year B)

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

Monday 28th S Irenaeus, B M

8:00am	Betty Rodger RIP
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Tuesday 29th SS PETER & PAUL, App

8:00am (Latin)	Fr David Gibbons
9:30am	Julie Boddington RIP
8:00pm	Gerry Henry
10:00am Otford	Sarah Boyle - Healing
11:00am West Kingsdown	People of the Parish
6:30pm Borough Green	Holy Souls

Wednesday 30th FERIA

8:00am	Sean Brett RIP
10:00am Otford	Holy Souls

Thursday 1st July FERIA

10:00am Borough Green	Holy Souls
12:00noon	Fr Paul and his new Parish; and in thanks giving for his presence and priestly prayer; his kindness and his care

Friday 2nd FERIA

8:00am	Fr Paul Okora
10:00am West Kingsdown	Mr & Mrs Doyle

Saturday 3rd S THOMAS, Ap

9:30am	All Priests
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Sunday 4th July FOURTEENTH SUNDAY (Year B)

6:00pm	Teresa Kelly RIP
8:00am	People of the Parish
9:15am	Fr Peter Littleton
11:15am	Pat Read RIP
6:00pm	Pasqualina Capozzi
9:30am Otford	Betty Rodger RIP
9:30am Borough Green	UCM Intention
11:00am West Kingsdown	Holy Souls

Latin Antiphons (for 8:00am Mass)

Entrance: Omnes gentes, plaudite manibus, iubilare Deo in voce exultationis.

Communion: Benedic, anima mea, Domino, et ea quae intra me sunt nomini sancto eius.

Thank you

Just to say a big thank you to Fr David and all Parishioners of Sevenoaks Parish for the life we have shared this past four and half years. Thank you for the care, love and support shown me during my stay with you. It was indeed a great privilege to serve in Sevenoaks Parish. Sevenoaks remains a special parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark. I sincerely thank God for giving me the opportunity to serve the Parish. As a human being, I may have made mistakes during my stay with you; therefore, I ask for your forgiveness. You shall forever be in my thoughts and prayers as I equally request that you pray for me as I prepare for my new apostolate. I will miss you. Remain blessed.

Fr Paul

Sevenoaks Food Bank

Thank you very much for your generous donations last weekend: on top of providing for people in need, it has also been the opportunity for some Confirmation applicants to do some volunteering work. I would like to thank Isobel, Amar and Akhil for their kind help and I am very grateful for all the gifts that we received for the Food Bank.

Isabelle Mercer

Summertime 2021: 3rd - 6th August

This annual activity is back, for boy and girl Altar Servers aged 10- 15 in the Southwark Archdiocese. The venue is the Oratory School, Reading. Activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport, Thorpe Park and swimming. A coach is being provided to attend, from St. Anselm's Dartford. Cost £165 covers: all board and lodging, Thorpe Park, swimming. Summertime will open with Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. For more details contact Fr Stephen Boyle, Chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen, tel: 01322 220075, email: dartford@rcaos.org.uk.

Please pray

- that a suitable person or people will volunteer to be a Safeguarding Officer and to run the Toddlers Group;
- for Fr Paul as he moves to his new parish and for Fr Peter who is joining us;
- for God's help in ending the pandemic.

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

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2: 23-24; Psalm 29; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5: 21-43

First Reading: this reading, chosen to accompany the *Gospel*, teaches that God wills life and indeed did "make man imperishable", but death comes from the devil.

The **Psalm** is a thanksgiving for recovery from sickness.

Second Reading: St Paul is exhorting the Corinthian church to give generously to his fund for the poor Christians in Jerusalem. He quotes *Exodus* 16:18, when the manna gathered by the Israelites in the wilderness was more than enough for everyone: this foreshadows the love of Christ in His members, which supplies the needs of each without deficiency or excess.

Gospel: the interwoven stories (so typical of *Mark*) of the raising of Jairus' daughter and the healing of a woman with a haemorrhage. Jesus demonstrates his authority over incurable illness and even death. His Lordship knows no bounds.

Fr David

Notices

Supply priests

Fr Bryan Wells and Fr Paschal Omono will again be assisting by offering some of the Masses on Sunday. This is Fr Paschal's last day with us.

Second Collection

Today is the 'Peter Pence' collection, 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. If you make a bank transfer please put 'Peter Pence' as the reference.

First Holy Communions

Congratulations to Laura Palmer and Shea O'Hagan, who will make their first Holy Communions at the 11:15am Mass.

Tuesday Holyday

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

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

Most Holy Trinity, Otford: 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.

Wednesday's St Bernadette's Adoration

Due to too many people on holiday there will be no Adoration for the next two Wednesdays at St. Bernadette's. Normal service will resume on Wednesday 14th July.

Next Sunday Second collection

The second collection next weekend will be for Fr Paul, as a thankyou for his 4½ years of ministry and service in this parish.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St Thomas's: Mondays after Holy Mass - 9:30am.

Most Holy Trinity, Otford: Thursdays 7:30pm - 8:30pm, Fridays 11:00am - 12:00 noon.

St Bernadette's, West Kingsdown: Wednesdays 12:00 noon - 1:00pm.

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First Holy Communion gifts

In the Parish Office we have a selection of gifts suitable for family members, godparents etc to give to first communicants, including rosaries, children's prayer books and Bibles, and jewellery items. Simply contact Magda in the Parish Office and arrange to call in.

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. 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.

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

The Pilgrims: a group for retired parishioners

Please join us for Mass on Friday 2nd July at 10:00am at St Thomas's. This is an opportunity to pray for all those affected by the pandemic through stress, sadness, isolation or bereavement. It is also a moment of thanksgiving as we come together. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the porch or the garden depending on the weather. All parishioners are welcome.

Parents & Toddlers - Volunteers needed

The Parents and Toddlers Group is now looking for volunteers to take over the running of the group from September as the current leaders' children will move on to preschool. These could be parents or any member of the parish community who would like to volunteer and get to know the younger families. Many other playgroups in Sevenoaks are run by retired parishioners and both parents and volunteers benefit from this approach. For more information, please contact: Sophie Wootton Borruso on 07850 100881 or Catherine Bennett on 07712 702211.