

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 11th July *FIFTEENTH SUNDAY (Year B)*

6:00pm (Sat)	Izabella RIP & comfort of her family
8:00am (Latin)	Thomas Mernoch RIP (Birthday)
9:15am	Fr Peter, as he starts his ministry in our Parish
11:15am	Fr Paul in his new Apostolate
6:00pm	Fr Peter
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Mary Scott RIP (anniversary)
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	People of the Parish
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls

Monday 12th *Feria*

8:00am	Joseph & Josephine Brown RIP
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Tuesday 13th *Feria*

9:30am	Good intentions of donor's family
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Wednesday 14th *Feria*

8:00am	Holy Souls
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Barry & Marie (RIP) Authers and family

Thursday 15th *S Bonaventure, BD*

10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Top Beadle RIP
12:00noon	Wellbeing of Cronin family

Friday 16th *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

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

Saturday 17th *of Our Lady*

9:30am	Barry Griffiths
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Sunday 18th July *SIXTEENTH SUNDAY (Year B)*

6:00pm (Sat)	Betina King RIP
8:00am (Latin)	All who go to confession
9:15am	People of the Parish
11:15am	Dec'd relatives of the Andradi-Brown family
6:00pm	Holy Souls
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Maria Kowalczyk RIP (7 th Anniversary)
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Hong Ling Chang-Kit RIP
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls

Latin Antiphons (for 8:00am Mass)

Entrance: Ego autem cum iustitia apparebo in conspectu tuo; satiabor dum manifestabitur gloria tua.

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, Ann Steven, Antonia Mroziuk and Lilian Spragg.

Baptism

Welcome to

Elias Murphy
who was baptized at St Thomas', Sevenoaks last Saturday &

Amelia Spratt
who was baptized at St Thomas', Sevenoaks last Sunday.

Departed

Please pray for the soul of

Anita Edith Elizabeth Stockmann RIP
who has recently departed.

Patience in Sickness

Lord Jesus Christ, by your patience in suffering you hallowed earthly pain and gave us the example of obedience to your Father's will. Be near me in my time of weakness and pain; sustain me by your grace, that my strength and courage may not fail; heal me according to your will; and help me always to believe that what happens to me here is of little account if you hold me in eternal life, my Lord and my God. Amen.

— *Book of Common Prayer Chapel Edition*

The Pilgrims

The thoughtful and prayerful Pilgrim Mass (2nd July) was well attended. For a few it was the first time they were able to meet in the Church since last year. We were blessed by the warm and sunny weather which allowed us to gather outside after Mass and enjoy our time together with conversation, coffee and cake.

There will be another coffee morning for the Pilgrims after the usual 9.30am Mass on Tuesday 17th August.

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

Amos 7: 12-15; Psalm 84; Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6: 7-13

11th July 2021

First Reading: despite not being a member of the order of prophets and being merely a shepherd and sycamore tree cultivator, Amos is nonetheless called by God to prophesy. In the Old Testament a prophet is not someone who foretells the future, but rather someone who 'forthtells' a message directly from God.

Psalm: in his mercy God has forgiven us before; now we ask him to forgive us again.

Second Reading: today we hear the first in a series of readings from the *Letter to the Ephesians*, in a beautiful and typically Jewish passage about the Blessing of God.

Gospel: the Twelve are sent out in pairs: they are to travel light, preach repentance, cast out devils, and anoint sick people. As a starting point for reflection, what prevents us nowadays from 'travelling light'? What baggage encumbers the church in its mission? Are we more concerned for maintenance than mission? How, in 2021, do we witness to the simplicity and trust in Christ shown by the Twelve?

Fr David

Notices

Sea Sunday

On this day we pray for seafarers and support Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic charity that provides welcome and practical help, through its chaplains and volunteers, for seafarers (most of whom are Catholics) in this country and around the world. For a talk from Bishop Paul Mason and a video explaining what Stella Maris does visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday.

The second collection is for Stella Maris, or you can donate at the website or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

11:15am Mass

The Traditional Choir provides the music today.

St Thomas' School Masses

The Year 6 Leavers' Mass and the School End of Term Masses take place on Monday and Friday respectively. They will take place in the School to abide by the current COVID regulations, which unfortunately means that parents will not be able to attend.

Rev'd Matthew Donnelly

The Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Matthew Donnelly - who recently completed a Diaconal placement in this parish - takes place on Saturday in St George's Cathedral. Please pray for him and for more vocations to the priesthood.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

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

St Thomas' School Executive Head

The KCSP Trust has announced that following the current Executive Principal's promotion to the role of CEO of KCSP, and after national advertisement, they have appointed Mrs Katharine Sexton, currently Headteacher of St Michael's Catholic Primary (Chatham) as the new Executive Principal for

the cluster of academies (Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, and Tunbridge Wells Primaries).

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Sexton to our school when she commences her new role in January 2022.

The Why? Course

Catholic answers to the big questions: Why God? Why Christ? Why the Church? Each session lasts one hour (inclusive of a 25 minute video), designed for those wishing to explore the Catholic faith, or just learn more about Catholicism. The course will run over three consecutive Monday evenings on Zoom, with each session starting at 8:00pm, beginning on Monday 12th July (Why God?), continuing 19th July (Why Christ?) and finishing on 26th July (Why the Church?).

This short course will be followed by the RCIA course starting in September, which is a programme designed for adults (in our Parish we use the *Evangelium* course) who wish to be Baptized in the Catholic Church or (if already Baptized) Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

Contact Andrew La Trobe (andrew.latrobe@gmail.com; 07775 738485) if you have any questions or to receive the Zoom meeting details for any of *The Why?* Zoom meetings.

Oxford Traffic Calming roadworks

Commencing 26th July there will be a series of roadworks to install the new traffic calming measures in the High Street and elsewhere in Oxford, including a road closure of High Street scheduled for 9th to 20th August. Pedestrian access will always be maintained, but when the road is closed Most Holy Trinity will only be accessible by car from the west. Further information and detailed drawings are available on the Parish Council website at: www.oxfordpc.org.uk/traffic-management.

Another extract from a church Newsletter

"Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children".