

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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>Otford</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

Monday 19th *Feria*

8:00am	Fr William M ^c Carthy RIP (Anniversary)
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Tuesday 20th *Feria*

9:30am	Owen Colaco RIP & comfort of his family
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Wednesday 21st *Feria*

8:00am	Holy Souls
10:00am <i>Otford</i>	Bryan Barrow RIP & his family

Thursday 22nd *S MARY MAGDALENE*

10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Severina Cacao RIP (1 st Anniversary)
12:00noon	Joseph Caruana - healing

Friday 23rd *S BRIDGET, Rel, Patron of Europe*

8:00am	Di Latter Morel
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Simon Brooks - Wellbeing

Saturday 24th *of Our Lady*

9:30am	Holy Souls
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Sunday 25th July *SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (Year B)*

6:00pm (Sat)	Holy Souls
8:00am (Latin)	People of the Parish
9:15am	Geoffrey Bruce Sylvester RIP
11:15am	John Farren RIP
6:00pm	Holy Souls
9:30am <i>Otford</i>	Mary Kelly (Anniversary)
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	In thanksgiving for Priests & People of St Joseph's
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	All who go to confession

Latin Antiphons (for 8:00am Mass)

Entrance: Ecce Deus adiuvat me, et Dominus susceptor est animae meae. Voluntarie sacrificabo tibi, et confitebor nomini tuo, Domine, quoniam bonum est.

Communion: Memoriam fecit mirabilium suorum misericors et miserator Dominus; escam dedit timentibus se.

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

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

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations to

Thomas Seddon and Camille Yvon

Married last Saturday

Parish Safeguarding Officers & Reps

Ken Baines has agreed to be the Parish Safeguarding Officer. The parish reps for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults are:

Sevenoaks Parish Safeguarding Officer:
Ken Baines (phone 0776 6171972 or email sevenoaksg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk).

Most Holy Trinity, Otford Safeguarding Rep (and Deputy Parish SO): Sally Kelly.

St Joseph's, Borough Green Safeguarding Rep: Margaret Briggs.

St Bernadette's, West Kingsdown Safeguarding Rep: Theresa Hood.

St Thomas of Canterbury, Sevenoaks Safeguarding Rep: vacant.

If you think a child or adult is in immediate danger dial 999 and ask for the police. You can always contact the Archdiocese of Southwark Safeguarding Office on 020 7261 1606 or safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk.

For an urgent but not emergency matter contact Ken Baines as above.

For advice or to raise a non-urgent concern contact the relevant rep listed above.

Note that we still need a rep for St Thomas's; can YOU volunteer to do this?

By law all Children's Liturgy of the Word, Confirmation and First Holy Communion catechists, Toddlers Group leaders, Ministers of Holy Communion who visit the sick or housebound, and SVP members must be DBS checked before they can undertake their role.

Please pray

- for Pope Francis, John our Bishop, and his assistant Bishops;

- for Tom and Camille, recently Married;

- for God's help in ending the pandemic.

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

Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Psalm 22; Ephesians 2: 13-18; Mark 6: 30-34

First Reading: Jeremiah's prophecy of good shepherds and a wise king came true, Christians would say, in the coming of Jesus Christ.

Psalm: perhaps the most well-known of the psalms is a song of confidence in the Good Shepherd, who is, of course, Jesus Christ.

Second Reading: the Jewish law created a barrier which separated Jews and Gentiles. But now Jesus Christ has reconciled the two, and both Jews and Gentiles can now worship God together.

Gospel: this is a transition, between the Mission of the Twelve and the beheading of John the Baptist, and the Feeding of the Five Thousand which follows. We might note especially Our Lord's compassion: compassion for the twelve apostles, who need rest, and compassion for the large crowd, who need teaching.

Fr David

Notices

Supply priest

We welcome Fr Michael Ezenwamadu, CSSp, who is celebrating the 9:15am Mass today.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Joseph Drenda, receiving his first Holy Communion today at Most Holy Trinity.

Bereavement support

Anyone who has been bereaved, whether recently or a while ago, is invited to come to the Parish Room (enter by the door marked 14) from 10:30am onwards until noon on Monday 21st June, for a cup of tea and a sympathetic reception.

Fr Peter

will be away for a break this week, returning on 26th July.

Next Sunday: annual Mission Appeal

Fr Tom Ryan and Fr Pat O'Beirne, priests of the Order of St Columban, will be speaking at Masses next weekend and making the annual Mission appeal. The Second Collection will be for the Columban Fathers.

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: resumes on Wednesdays 12:00 noon - 1:00pm.

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 runs on Monday evenings on Zoom; the next session starting at 8:00pm is on Monday (Why Christ?) and the last session is 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.

Sevenoaks Food Bank

Carrying on with our special effort to help the less fortunate during the summer, I would be very grateful if St Thomas's parishioners could provide Sevenoaks Foodbank with tins of meat, vegetable and pulses next weekend (24th/25th July). Shampoo and conditioner, shaving products and cleaning products are also very much appreciated and we are very short of biscuits, instant soup and breakfast spreads (chocolate spread and peanut butter). Any donation can be left in the basket at the entrance of the church or in the box in front of my garage (Glebe House, Shoreham lane, Riverhead TN13 3BS). Thank you for your generosity.

Isabelle Mercer

Borough Green Food Bank

Please place the usual items in the box in the Narthex to St Joseph's.

Otford 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 Otford, 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.otfordpc.org.uk/traffic-management.

Another extract from a church Newsletter

"The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus."