

# MASS INTENTIONS

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

## SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> August NINETEENTH SUNDAY (Year B)

6:00pm (Sat)	Christopher La Trobe RIP
8:00am (Latin)	Sick & housebound parishioners
9:15am	In memory of John Mitchell
11:15am	Margaret Blundell RIP
6:00pm	A swift end of the pandemic
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Matthew Scott RIP (Anniversary)
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	People of the Parish
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Fr Peter

## Monday 9<sup>th</sup> S TERESA BENEDICTA of the CROSS, V M

8:00am	Deacon Neil Philipson & family
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## Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> S LAWRENCE, Deacon M

9:30am	Magda (Parish secretary)
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## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> S Claire, V

8:00am	Holy Souls
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Sick & housebound
2:30pm	Funeral Mass - <i>Bożenna Bryl Requiem</i>

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Feria

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

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feria

8:00am	Gerald Mullan RIP
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> S Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Pr M

9:30am	Holy Souls
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## SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> August The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:00pm (Sat)	Holy Souls
8:00am (Latin)	Hubert Jamitzky RIP
9:15am	People of the Parish
11:15am	Maria & Stan Kowalczyk RIP (Wedding Anniversary)
6:00pm	Edward Marchal RIP
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	James Healey RIP
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Mary Varley
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls

### RCIA Course

The RCIA course will start in September. This 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](mailto:andrew.latrobe@gmail.com); 07775 738485) to enquire or to register for the course.

### St Thomas' Catholic Primary School - governance

The Academy Committee is looking to recruit a Foundation Academy Committee member (who must be a practising Catholic) to support the school by monitoring and reviewing its progress and attainment. The role includes playing an active part in discussions at Academy Committee meetings (currently 4 evenings a year), as well as conducting monitoring visits to the school. We welcome those wanting to get involved in the community and learn new skills. Previous school governance experience is not essential and further training or familiarisation is available as necessary.

For further information please contact Catherine Ingram at [chair@saintthomas.co.uk](mailto:chair@saintthomas.co.uk) or visit the school's website <https://www.saintthomas.co.uk/governance/>.

### St Thomas' Catholic Primary School - situation vacant

St Thomas' School require an Office Administrator to run the day to day clerical and administrative functions of the school, under the management and guidance of the Senior Leadership Team. The work is varied and includes managing attendance and general administrative duties, such as filing, data entry, organisation of school trips, managing post, telephone enquiries, emails as well as liaising with parents/carers.

Previous experience in admin is essential; school office experience would be an advantage. To apply please contact KENT TEACH.

# PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS

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## Today's Mass Readings: NINETEENTH SUNDAY (Year B)

*1 Kings* 19: 4-8; *Psalms* 33; *Ephesians* 4: 30 - 5: 2; *John* 6: 41-51

**First Reading:** Elijah the prophet - who is escaping his enemies by going to God's holy Mount Horeb, or Sinai - is sustained in his 40 day journey by a messenger from God, who gives him food and water. Likewise God sustains us in our earthly pilgrimage with the nourishment of Christ's body and blood.

The **Psalm** is one of thanksgiving to God for answering the humble man's prayers. But notice the puzzling verse "*Taste and see that the Lord is good*", a phrase which really only makes sense when used in the Eucharist.

**Second Reading:** a classic piece of Pauline writing: a Christian disciple must put off vices and put on virtues, almost like a change of clothes. It is also typical of Paul that he draws out the practical consequences of his theological teaching.

The **Gospel** continues the series of readings from the 'Bread of Life discourse' in *John* chapter 6. In Jewish teaching manna often referred to divine word or instruction, so when Jesus says "*I am the bread of life*" he could mean that He is the revelation of God and God's teaching. However, as the discourse goes on Christ speaks of 'the bread of life' as "*my flesh*", and it becomes increasingly apparent that He is referring to the eucharistic bread.

Notice how closely the wording in the last verse is to *Matthew's* account of the institution of the Eucharist (Mt 26: 26-28): "*Take, eat; this is my body; ... drink ... this is my blood*". *Fr David*

## Notices

### Supply priest

Welcome to Fr Bryan Wells, offering the Mass at Most Holy Trinity today.

### Parish Office

Magda and her family will be away during August, and so the Parish Office will be closed, reopening on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August. The office email ([sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk)) will be monitored by the priests, but you may not receive as speedy a reply as normal. Please continue to book Mass Intentions in the usual way, and contact the Presbytery for things like Baptism certificates.

### Bożenna Bryl RIP

Funeral Mass at St Thomas's on Wednesday at 2:30pm.

### First Holy Communion

Anja Klimczak will receive her first Holy Communion at the 12:00 midday Mass on Thursday at St Thomas's.

### Next Sunday: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This great feast falls next Sunday, replacing the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year. Those who read at Mass and those who choose hymns and sing the psalm please note.

### Congratulations

- to Rhys Griffiths and Owen Ingram, who received Holy Communion for the first time last weekend;
- to Tedros Akoto-Boamah, Baptized last weekend;
- to Andrew Wilkinson, who following two years' study has received the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis.

### St Thomas' Repository

is now open for business again, for the usual items: cards, rosaries, etc. Please take care at the counter and maintain COVID precautions.

## 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### Ride & Stride - Most Holy Trinity

Charles Sexton and Barry Authers are participating in the Ride and Stride in aid of Kent Churches on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September, representing the Most Holy Trinity, Oxford. They will be appealing for sponsors after the 9:30 Mass at Oxford from 8<sup>th</sup> August until 5<sup>th</sup> September. Volunteers to welcome participants to the Church on the day are also needed and volunteers can sign up after these Masses too.

### Mass for St Oscar Romero

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 12:00 noon at St George's Cathedral. You can watch the livestream at <http://www.romerotruster.org.uk/> or at: <https://youtu.be/5rznZwyiab8>. The Principal Celebrant will be Rt Rev'd Nicholas Hudson, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster.

### Pilgrimage for the Sick at Aylesford Priory

Next Sunday (15<sup>th</sup>). Benediction with Blessing of the Sick at 3:00pm. All are welcome.

### The Pilgrims Coffee

On Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am Mass followed by coffee and cakes in the front garden or in the parish room. Please come and enjoy conversation and companionship!

### Pilgrims on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am Mass at St Joseph's Borough Green, followed by a talk about the new church with hospitality from the community there, and then on the lovely garden at Great Comp for the afternoon. Transport by minibus. More details to follow.

### Another extract from a church Newsletter

"Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation."

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

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

### Latin Antiphons (for 8:00am Mass)

**Entrance:** Respice, Domine, in testamentum tuum, et animas pauperum tuorum ne derelinquas in finem. Exsurge, Domine, et iudica causam tuam, et ne obliviscaris voces quarentium te.

**Communion:** Lauda, Ierusalem, Dominum, qui adipe frumenti satiat te.