

# MASS INTENTIONS

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

## SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY (B)

6:00pm (Sat)	Holy Souls
8:00am (Latin)	Recently departed parishioners
9:15am	A swift end to the pandemic
11:15am	Edward Marchal RIP
6:00pm	Rita Lewis RIP
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Lawrence Joseph Murphy RIP
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	The Bereaved
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	People of the Parish

## Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feria

8:00am	Donor's Intention
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## Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> S BARTHOLOMEW, Ap

9:30am	John Mitchell RIP
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## Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feria

8:00am	Donor's Intention
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Fr Charles Briggs RIP

## Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Feria

10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Johnson Ayoung-Chee RIP
12:00noon	Ruth Salt RIP

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> S Monica

8:00am	Joan Grant RIP
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Maureen Kilcoyne RIP

## Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> S Pius X, P

9:30am	Tommy Jansen-Vennik
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## SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY (B)

6:00pm (Sat)	Peggy La Trobe RIP
8:00am (Latin)	Fr Peter Farmer RIP
9:15am	People of the Parish
11:15am	A swift end to the pandemic
6:00pm	Spread of the Gospel
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Richard Knight RIP (Anniversary)
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Chantal & Martin Tomlinson (Golden Wedding)
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	John Brown RIP

### PLEASE PRAY

- for Deidre Thomas, Ann Steven, Antonia Mroziuk, Lilian Spragg and all who are ill or in old peoples' homes;
- for the wise and swift appointment of an Auxiliary Bishop for Kent;
- In the Pope's August Intention for the Church.

### LATIN ANTIPHONS TODAY

**Entrance:** Inclina, Domine, aurem tuam ad me, et exaudi me. Saluum fac servum tuum, Deus meus, sperantem in te. Miserere mihi, Domine, quoniam ad te clamavi tota die.

**Communion:** De fructu operum tuorum, Domine, satiabitur terra, ut educas panem de terra, et vinum laetifiet cor hominis.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St Thomas's

We are starting an evening session of Adoration especially for those at work during the day, on a Tuesday from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. This will start on 14<sup>th</sup> September, appropriately the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Adoration continues on Mondays after Mass, 8:30am - 9:30pm (except for Bank Holiday Mondays, when it will be from 11:00am - 12:00 noon, before the Mass).

### Men's and Women's Days of Prayer

The Women's Day of Prayer will be on 18<sup>th</sup> September, and the Men's Day of Prayer on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Both will be 10:00am - 4:00pm at Most Holy Trinity, Oxford - as last year - with registration and tea/coffee from 9:30am. Bring your own Lunch and bottle of water. Cost: £15. Both days will be led by Fr Bryan Wells, well known as a regular supply priest in the parish.

For more information contact Catherine Rodger (01732 458852 or c.rodger@btinternet.com). To attend send £15 (cash or a cheque payable to 'St Thomas' Church, Sevenoaks') in an envelope marked Parish Day of Prayer to the Parish Office, by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Do consider inviting someone to come with you who may not have attended before. These Days were very well received last year.

### Fr Paul

telephoned to say thank you very much to parishioners for the generous leaving collection and also to say that he is settling in well in his new parish of Norbiton.

### Another church Newsletter typo

"Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get".

### RECENTLY BAPTIZED

George Eric Richard Roots

### RECENTLY MARRIED

Spencer Garrett &  
Claire Pinington

# PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS

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## Today's Mass Readings: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY (B) SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2021

*Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18; Psalm 33; Ephesians 5: 21-32; John 6: 60-69*

**First Reading:** during a Covenant ceremony in Shechem the Israelites renew their commitment to God and affirm their loyalty to the one true God.

The **Psalm** is a call to praise and thank God for destroying the wicked and listening to the just and rescuing them from their distress.

**Second Reading:** in a passage very popular in Wedding ceremonies St Paul describes the mutual discipleship of husband and wife, and compares it to the relationship to Christ and His Church. The husband should model himself on Christ as lover and saviour, not as lord and master.

In the **Gospel** we hear reactions to Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life. Many of His disciples could not believe and stopped following Him; sadly this is true today: how many will stop coming to Mass to worship God as a result of the pandemic? Simon Peter, by contrast, speaks for the Twelve - and us - in affirming belief in Jesus Christ. He is the "Holy One of God", an Old Testament phrase referring to men consecrated to God, like Samson and Aaron.

*Fr David*

### Notices

#### Supply priest

Welcome to Fr Bryan Wells, offering the 9:15am Mass at St Thomas's today.

#### First Holy Communions

Xavier Sammuller, at the 11:15am Mass, and Freddie Gillen-Simpson, at West Kingsdown, make their first Holy Communion today.

#### Parish Office

As Magda is away the Parish Office is closed, reopening on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August. The office email (sevenoaks@caos.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.

#### Sevenoaks Food Bank

Next weekend will be the last Food Bank special appeal for the Summer when donations are always sparse. We are short of tuna, tinned tomatoes, ketchup, tins of spaghetti and macaroni cheese. Toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner and shaving products are always highly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

*Isabelle Mercer*

#### The Pilgrims Outing 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 to the lovely garden at Great Comp for the afternoon.

Transport will be by minibus, so places will be limited; details and sign up list in St Thomas's Entrance.

#### Toddlers Group

This group - for toddlers and their mums/dads - will change to a Thursday morning, starting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, in the Parish Room. It will start at 9:15am and run until 11:15am. Contact Mary Strinati (07890 229794) if you are interested.

#### 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; 07775 738485) to enquire or to register for the course.

#### Who are You?

An opportunity in the Parish to learn about and discuss the rich and liberating teaching on love, relationships, sex and gender, gifted to the Church by Pope John Paul II (see introduction at <https://youtu.be/xaEiQEGGXfE>). The meetings are open to parents and teenagers aged 16 and above, and the format will involve the presentation of video content to the parent & teenager group, followed by three separate moderated discussions groups for parents, daughters and sons in attendance. The first meeting will be held at 8:00pm in the Parish Centre at St Thomas's on 9<sup>th</sup> September, followed by 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Questions to either Andrew La Trobe (andrew.latrobe@gmail.com) or David La Trobe (david.latrobe9@gmail.com).

#### St Edith Devotions

Our annual Devotions will be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September this year, starting at 3:30pm at St Edith's Well in Kemsing. Put the date in your diary so you don't miss it!