

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 29th 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)
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	John Brown RIP Wedding)

Monday 30th SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, MM

12:00noon	Deceased relatives Andradi Brown families
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Tuesday 31st Feria

9:30am	Good Intentions - donor's family
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Wednesday 1st Feria

8:00am	Private Intention
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Holy Souls

Thursday 2nd Feria

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

Friday 3rd S GREGORY the GREAT, P D

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

Saturday 4th of Our Lady

9:30am	Holy Souls
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SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (B)

6:00pm (Sat)	Patricia Holmes RIP
8:00am (Latin)	A swift end to the pandemic
9:15am	Timothy & Cleta Andradi
11:15am	Holy Souls
6:00pm	Mgr Jim McGettrick RIP
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Fr Peter and his work in our parish
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	UCM
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY

- for Deidre Thomas, Ann Steven, Antonia Mroziuk, Lilian Spragg and all who are ill or in old peoples' homes;
- for peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan;
- for Giancarlo Pau, Rosemary Gibson, & Peggy La Trobe who have died.

LATIN ANTIPHONS

Entrance: Miserere mihi, Domine, quoniam ad te clamavi tota die; quia tu, Domine, suavis ac mitis es, et copiosus in misericordia omnibus invocantibus te.

Communion: Quam magna multitudo dulcedinis tuae, Domine, quam abscondisti timentibus te.

St Edith Devotions

Our annual Devotions will be on Sunday 19th 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!

RCIA Course

The RCIA course will start on Monday 20th September at 8:00pm in the Parish Centre. This is a programme designed for adults 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 or 07775 738485) to enquire or to register.

A video interview with David Cooper - who attended the RCIA course a few years ago - can be seen on the parish website videos page.

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 14th 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).

Annual Mission Appeal

The Mission Appeal in July for the Columban Fathers came to £1,538.71. One of the priests, Fr Pat O'Beirne, has emailed to express their thanks: "It truly was very generous, especially given these difficult times when every parish is way down on their takings".

Another church Newsletter typo

"Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days".

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Ellis Hughie Sisk Turner
Theodore Richard Sisk Turner

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Today's Mass Readings: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY (B) SUNDAY 29th AUGUST 2021

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8; *Psalms* 14; *James* 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27; *Mark* 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

First Reading: Moses gives the People of God the laws and customs he has received from God, and which give life and entry to the promised land. It is only by keeping the commandments of the Lord our God that we can truly have life and can enter the promised land of heaven.

Psalm: who can enter the presence of God? The person who, in short, keeps God's commandments. Notice how closely the precepts the psalmist lists are based on the Ten Commandments.

Second Reading: today we begin a series of readings from the Letter of St James. The message here matches that of the other readings: accept and submit to the word of God; only thus can you 'save your souls'.

Gospel: Jesus sparks controversy by criticising Jewish dietary traditions. He is not criticising *the commandment of God* but *human traditions*, that is the large and burdensome body of regulations which had arisen and which actually obscured the true purpose of God's laws. There follows a list of twelve vices which 'make a man unclean'.

Fr David

NOTICES

Supply priest

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

Baptism

Nora Elias is to be Baptized at the 9:15am Mass today.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Maks Rogowski, Sebastian Hunt, Oran Daulby and Dominic Meeds, making their first Holy Communion today at the 11:15am Mass.

Bank Holiday Monday

Holy Mass in St Thomas's at 12:00 noon. It will be preceded by an hour of Adoration from 11:00am.

Parish Office

The Parish Office reopens on Tuesday. The Office is open Monday to Friday mornings, 9:30am to 12:30pm.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Sophia Mion and Annabella Jackaman, making their first Holy Communion at the 10:00am Mass at Oxford on Wednesday.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

This is on Wednesday, and begins the 'Season of Creation' which runs until 4th October. The theme this year is "A home for all? Renewing the oikos [household] of God". You could pray the joyful mysteries of the Rosary for the care of creation, either as a family or individually, or pray a Novena to St Francis.

See <https://seasonofcreation.org/> for more ideas and information.

Confessions

We are resuming the previous Confession times on Saturdays in St Thomas's, viz 10:00am - 10:30am and 5:15pm - 5:45pm, but in the side Chapel not the Reconciliation Chapel, as it is bigger and better ventilated and hence more COVID safe.

You can continue to make an appointment for Confession by emailing me or Fr Peter. At the Chapels of Ease you can approach the priest before Mass - if there is plenty of time - or after Mass.

The Pilgrims Outing Thursday 9th 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 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 Thursday 9th 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.

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. The meetings are open to parents and teenagers aged 16 and above, and the format will involve the presentation of video content followed by moderated discussions. The first meeting will be at 8:00pm in the Parish Centre at St Thomas's on 9th September, followed by 16th and 23rd September. Questions to Andrew La Trobe (andrew.latrobe@gmail.com) or David La Trobe (david.latrobe9@gmail.com).