

# MASS INTENTIONS

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

## SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (B)

6:00pm (Sat)	All Priests
8:00am (Latin)	Canon John Morris RIP
9:15am	Wendy Pau & family
11:15am	Edwina Playfair RIP
6:00pm	People of the Parish
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Fr David
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Margaret Vinson RIP
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	A swift end to the pandemic

## Monday 13<sup>th</sup> S John Chrysostom, B D

8:00am	Good intentions - Donor's family
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## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS

9:30am	Welfare of Desmond McKibbin & family
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## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00am	G D'Souza RIP & L. Rodrigues RIP
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Mary Ralph - good health

## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> CONSECRATION ANNIVERSARY (St THOMAS'S)

10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	People of Haiti
12:00noon	People of Kemsing

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Feria

8:00am	Barry Griffiths RIP
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	People of England - forgiveness & healing

## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> S Edith of Kemsing, V

9:30am	Prince Harry & his family
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## SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY (B)

6:00pm (Sat)	All refugees
8:00am (Latin)	Rachel Pilkington RIP
9:15am	Safe trip for Elizabeth & Karry
11:15am	Vincent Potter
6:00pm	Fr Christopher O'Brien RIP
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Good intentions - Donor's family
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	People of the Parish
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	A swift end to the pandemic

### PLEASE PRAY

- for students and teachers in our Catholic Schools and Colleges, especially in St Thomas' School;
- for Luke and Natasha, recently Married;
- for God's help in ending the pandemic.

### LATIN ANTIPHONS

**Entrance:** Da pacem, Domine, sustinentibus te, ut prophetae tui fideles inveniantur; exaudi preces servi tui, et plebis tuae Israel.

**Communion:** Calix benedictionis, cui benedicimus, communicatio Sanguinis Christi est; et panis, quem frangimus, participatio Corporis

### Altar Servers Rally

The Guild of St Stephen is holding its annual Altar Servers Rally on 18<sup>th</sup> Sep. at The Friars, Aylesford. Servers who wish to attend and obtain their medals by enrolling in the Guild please see Fr David for the details.

### Governors recruitment

The Archdiocesan Education Commission is looking to build up its list of people able to offer time, expertise, and commitment to support schools and colleges in the diocese as Foundation Governors. These are fulfilling roles though not without challenges. The Commission is looking for people with finance and accounting, legal and HR, premises and health & safety experience.

Further information: Role-of-Foundation-Governor.pdf (rcaoseducation.org.uk). To register your interest click <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/could-you-become-a-governor/>.

### SVP calls for a million gestures of kindness

SVP is launching an awareness campaign to address the trail of poverty and loneliness left in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. Its Chief Executive Elizabeth Palmer concludes: "Awareness Month highlights the transformative effect of a small gesture and the cumulative effect they can have on a community. It offers a glimpse into the service offered by SVP members who feel the pull to befriend, support, feed, clothe and make a home for anyone who, through the randomness of fate, is in need. Now is the time for everyone to make one of those seemingly small gestures of kindness and build a better future for everyone."

For further information on the SVP's Awareness Month campaign or to donate, please visit <https://www.svp.org.uk/help-svp> or call 020 7703 3030.

### Foodbank

A enormous thank you to everyone who so generously donated items to the Foodbank. We are so grateful to be able to rely on your kindness and generosity.

*Isabelle Mercer*

# PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS

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## Today's Mass Readings: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (B)

*Isaiah 50: 5-9; Psalm 114; James 2: 14-18; Mark 8: 27-35*

**First Reading:** traditionally we understand these words to apply to Jesus and His passion. But we can also take them as applying to individual Christian disciples who suffer and to suffering Christian communities (such as those suffering severe persecution in many parts of the Middle East today; visit [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org) for the latest news).

**Psalm:** a simple prayer of thanks to God after escape from death by sickness, accident, or malice.

**Second Reading:** faith must be accompanied by good works, especially for the poor who lack clothes and food.

**Gospel:** this episode at Caesarea Philippi is the half-way point in *Mark*; up to now we have heard about Jesus' ministry in Galilee; from now on He will turn towards Jerusalem. It addresses two questions. First, who is Jesus? He is the Christ, the Anointed One destined to suffer, die, and rise again. Secondly, who are we? We are Christians, disciples of Jesus Christ, who must also die to self and take up our cross to follow Him.

*Fr David*

## NOTICES

### Supply priests

Welcome to Fr David Howell, celebrating the Saturday evening and 8:00am and 9:15am Masses at St Thomas's, Fr Bryan Wells at Oxford, and Fr Lixon Cyriac, OFM Cap at Borough Green and West Kingsdown.

### Collections

For COVID safety we are not passing the plate/bag round for the First Collection for the parish; please put your donation in the box/plate by the Entrance.

Today is Education Day. The Second Collection is for the Catholic Education Service. Again please place donations in the designated box/plate by the Entrance.

At St Thomas's you can also use the card reader to donate to the First or Second Collections, using your bank card or phone.

### First Holy Communions

Congratulations to Theodore Grobel, at the 11:15am Mass in St Thomas's, and Kayden Condell, at St Bernadette's, who receive their First Holy Communion today.

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

A new evening session of Adoration especially for those at work during the day, on Tuesdays from 6:00pm - 7:00pm, starting this Tuesday.

### Thursday: Consecration anniversary

The Solemnity of the anniversary of the Consecration of St Thomas's (in 1935) is observed on Thursday. Refreshments afterwards in the garden if nice or in the Parish Room if wet.

### Toddlers Group

This group - for toddlers and their mums/dads - meets on Thursday, 9:15am - 11:15am. Contact Mary Strinati (07890 229794) if you are interested.

### Who are You?

An opportunity to learn about and discuss the rich and liberating teaching on love, relationships, sex and gender, gifted to the Church by Pope John Paul, for parents and teenagers aged 16 and above. Second meeting this week on Thursday; contact Andrew La Trobe ([andrew.latrobe@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.latrobe@gmail.com))

[david.latrobe9@gmail.com](mailto:david.latrobe9@gmail.com)) or David La Trobe ([david.latrobe9@gmail.com](mailto:david.latrobe9@gmail.com)).

### Memorial of St Edith of Kemsing

The observance of our local saint falls on Saturday; Holy Mass at 9:30am in St Thomas's.

### Saturday: Women's Day of Prayer

10:00am - 4:00pm at Most Holy Trinity. Cost £15. Contact Catherine Rodger as soon as possible to attend: [c.rodger@btinternet.com](mailto:c.rodger@btinternet.com) or 01732 458852.

### Next Sunday: St Edith Devotions

3:30pm at St Edith's Well in Kemsing, with Vespers at 4:00pm in St Mary's Church, and tea or something stronger in The Bell at 5:00pm.

A group will make a pilgrimage from St Thomas's, meeting at 10:15am for a 10:30am start, leaving Most Holy Trinity at 1:30pm, to arrive in time for the Devotions in Kemsing. This second part of the pilgrimage would be suitable for younger children. Contact Gina Hartnett ([gina.hartnett@hotmail.com](mailto:gina.hartnett@hotmail.com)) for a copy of the walking directions.

### Next Sunday: Second Collection & Mass Count

Next Sunday is Home Mission Sunday, and the Second Collection will be for the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization.

The annual Mass Count begins next Sunday: please count everyone at Mass, including babies and the priest.

### RCIA Course

Starts on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:andrew.latrobe@gmail.com); 07775 738485) to enquire or to register for the course.

### Another extract from a church Newsletter

"At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice".