

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER TWENTY-FOURTH 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

Monday 20th SS Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Paul Chõng Ha-sang, & Companion Martyrs

8:00am	Well-being of Vicky Lepore & all the family
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Tuesday 21st S MATTHEW, Ap, Ev

9:30am	Michael M ^c Brien RIP & those who loved him
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Wednesday 22nd Feria

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

Thursday 23rd S Pius of Pietrelcina, Pr

10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Lilian & Ray Palmer
12:00noon	Holy Souls

Friday 24th Our Lady of Walsingham

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

Saturday 25th of Our Lady

9:30am	Holy Souls
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SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY (B)

6:00pm (Sat)	Good health of Marie Mascarenhas
8:00am (Latin)	Holy Souls
9:15am	Anne Callaghan
11:15am	Holy Souls
6:00pm	Holy Souls
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	People of the Parish
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Holy Souls
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls

PLEASE PRAY

- for the mission of the Church in England & Wales;
- for God's help in ending the pandemic;
- for Rachel Pilkington and all who have recently died.

LATIN ANTIPHONS

Entrance: Salus populi ego sum, dicit Dominus. De quacumque tribulatione clamaverint ad me, exaudium eos, et ero illorum Dominus in perpetuum.

Communion: Ego sum pastor bonus, dicit Dominus; et cognosco oves meas, et cognoscunt me meae.

Next Sunday:

Confirmands 'Awayday'

The Confirmation candidates and their parents are reminded of their 'Awayday' next Sunday at The Friars, Aylesford, ending with Mass there at 4:00pm.

St Gregory's Catholic School, Tunbridge Wells Open Mornings & Evening

For entry in September 2022. Open mornings (tours between 8:55am - 12:00 noon) Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd September, Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th, Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st October. Open evening (tours between 4:30 and 7:30pm) Thursday 23rd September. Tours must be booked in advance, via the website: www.sgschool.org.uk.

To obtain Fr David's signature on the Supplementary Form please email him to make an appointment. Please note that one criterion used is whether or not the family has registered in this parish.

Gardening tools needed at St Joseph's

If you have any in good condition which you no longer use, please may we have them? Garden fork/spade, hand fork/trowel, Dutch hoe, secateurs or loppers, hose or watering can. Please telephone Margaret on 01732 885295 and she will collect them. Many thanks.

St Thomas's Church Cleaning

Could you spare just one hour a month to help clean our church? No experience required and full training will be given on the job. We are in urgent need of at least four additional volunteers! Kindly contact me for further information: 07917032024 or email: jamesmcscharry@hotmail.com

Another extract from a church Newsletter

"Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones".

Please remember the sick who have been commended to our prayers, especially: Deidre Thomas, Ann Steven, Antonia Mroziuk, and Lilian Spragg.

PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS

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

Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20; Psalm 53; James 3: 16 - 4:3; Mark 9: 30-37

First Reading: a description of the ungodly and how they attack believers. This resonates very strongly nowadays with frequent attacks in the mass media and elsewhere on Christians and others who have religious beliefs.

Psalm: a prayer for help from God when assailed by attacks from the ungodly.

Second Reading: disunity and disharmony stems from failure to pray properly. How does our parish measure up in this respect?

Gospel: after the Transfiguration we hear the second prediction of Christ's passion at Capernaum (the first was in last week's Gospel, at Caesarea Philippi) and Christ's teaching on discipleship. 'He sat down' indicates formal teaching by a rabbi. He takes a child: this is an acted parable. Remember that children had a low status in Jesus' time; the point is that the disciple should be humble, like the lowliest person.

Fr David

NOTICES

Home Mission Sunday

The Bishops invite us to pray today for the mission of the Church in England & Wales. The Second Collection is for the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization.

Supply priest

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

First national Mass count

Stewards please count everyone at Mass and email the figures to Fr David.

First Holy Communion

Nicholas Shorter receives his first Holy Communion today at St Joseph's.

St Edith Devotions

Today (Sunday):

- 3:30pm Devotions at St Edith's Well in Kemsing
- 4:00pm Vespers in St Mary's Church (we have been asked to wear face coverings in the church, except for cantors and those who are exempt)
- 5:00pm refreshments available at The Bell.

Those walking to Kemsing will leave St Thomas's at 10:30am and leave Most Holy Trinity at 1:30pm.

Monday: Bereavement Group

A cup of tea and a sympathetic shoulder are available in the Parish Room on Monday, 10:30am to 12:00 noon. Anyone who has been bereaved is welcome to come.

Monday: St Thomas' School Mass

Mass for the beginning of term at 9:30am on Monday, in St Thomas's.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St Thomas's

On Mondays after 8:00am Mass, until 9:30am and on Tuesdays, 6:00pm - 7:00pm.

RCIA Course

Starts on Monday at 8:00pm in the Parish Centre. This is a

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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; 07775 738485) to enquire or to register for the course. If you know someone who may be interested, invite them and come with them to the first session.

Most Holy Trinity local committee

Meets on Wednesday after the 10:00am Mass. Please speak to Barry Authers (chair) or any member to have items placed on the Agenda.

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.

Parish Finance Committee

meets on Thursday evening.

Who are You?

Final meeting this week on Thursday; contact Andrew La Trobe (andrew.latrobe@gmail.com) or David La Trobe (david.latrobe9@gmail.com) for info. Parents and teenagers aged 16 - 18 are welcome to attend, even if you haven't attended previously.

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Shaun Reaney and Claire Zahra is in St Thomas's on Saturday, at 1:30pm.

Next Sunday: SVP Collection

The Second Collection will be for the Parish SVP. This parish group relies totally on voluntary donations to carry out our work with the needy, the old, the sick and the housebound of the parish, of our local area and further afield (eg we support 3 villages in India and several Indian students and the SVP baby feeding centres in Sudan).

Kathie