

Pictures from the recent Rally with Prayers in Trafalgar Square for Peace in Ukraine. The second picture shows Rt Rev'd Kenneth Nowakowski, Ukrainian Eparch in Great Britain, the Papal Nuncio, and other senior Church leaders.



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**WOOLLEN GLOVES**  
**ARMY BOOTS**  
**MILITARY HELMETS**  
**MEDICAL DRESSINGS**  
**MEN'S THERMAL UNDERWEAR**  
**MEN'S THERMAL CLOTHING**  
**WARM FLEECES**  
**FLASHLIGHTS AND BATTERIES**  
**THERMOS FLASKS**  
**THERMAL BLANKETS**  
**WARM SLEEPING BAGS**  
**SLEEPING MATS WITH FOIL COVER**  
**LIGHTERS**  
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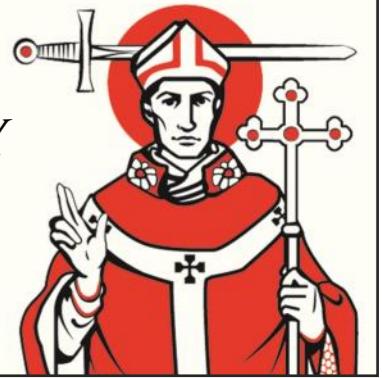
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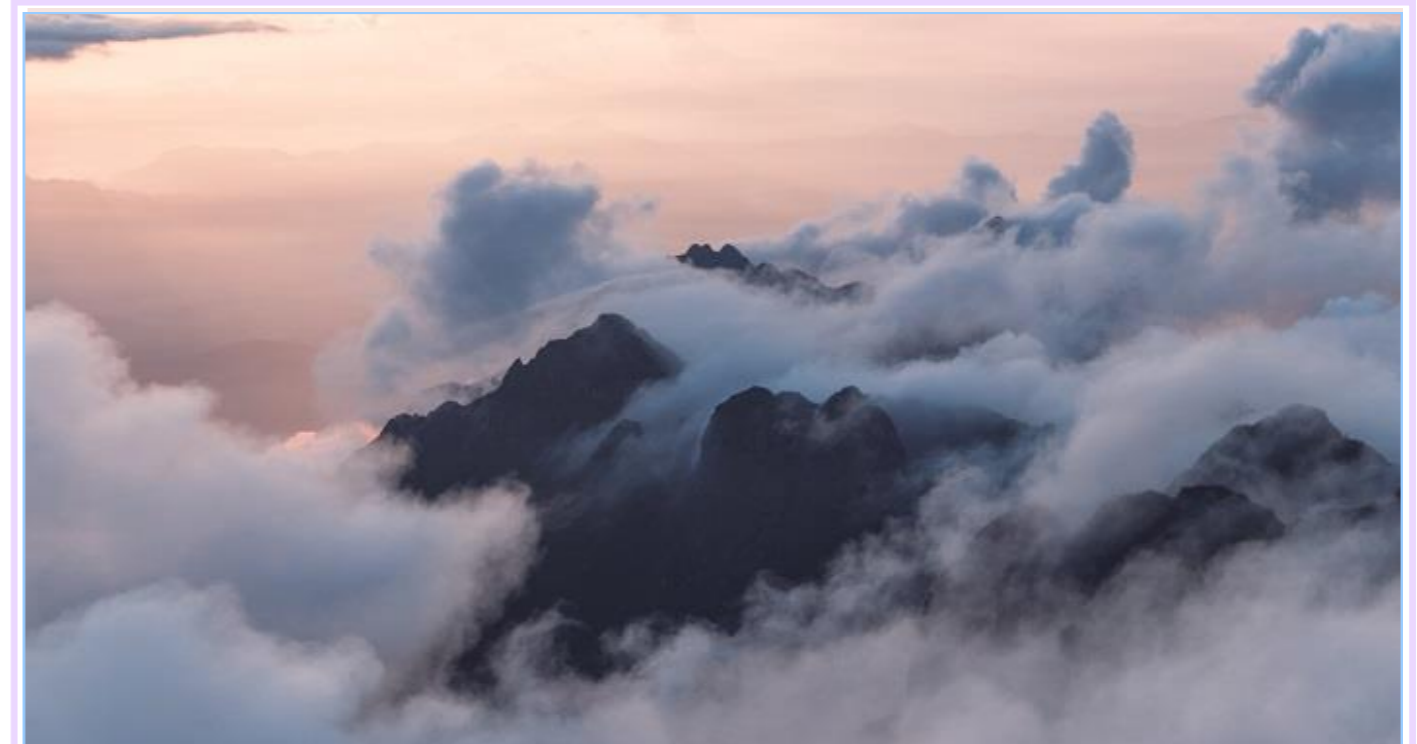
PARISH OF  
**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY**  
SEVENOAKS

CHURCHES IN SEVENOAKS, OTFORD,  
BOROUGH GREEN AND WEST KINGSDOWN



Parish Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> March 2022



*Today's Mass:* **SECOND SUNDAY of LENT (Year C)**

*Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18; Psalm 26; Philippians 3: 17 - 4.1; Luke 9: 28-36*

**First Reading:** God enters into a covenant with Abram, the man of faith, a very early direct encounter of a man with God.

**Psalm:** a psalm of confident faith and trust in God.

**Second Reading:** some people make earthly things like food their God. But if we remain faithful to Christ He will transfigure our bodies into copies of His glorious body.

**Gospel:** the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain. This is, first, as *Luke* says, a prayer event; it shows visibly what happens when Jesus prays to his Father: His being becomes one with the Father as He becomes 'light from light'. (The same thing happened to Moses when he talked to God on Mt Sinai in *Exodus 34*.) Secondly, while the white garment and the voice of the Father look back to Christ's Baptism, the reference to Moses and Elijah speaking of what Christ was to accomplish in Jerusalem points forward to the cross (which will, paradoxically, be the moment of His exaltation or glorification).

*Fr David*

**EVERY FRIDAY**

**COLLECTION 5:00pm - 7:00pm**

**ST THOMAS'S CHURCH**

**MARJORIE HENNESSY ROOM**

**BEHIND THE CHURCH**

**ITEMS TO BE DELIVERED TO FRONT LINES  
IN ODESSA EVERY SATURDAY**



## ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS

### Sunday Mass times:

Saturday  
6:00pm

Sunday  
8:00am (Latin)  
9:15am (Children's Liturgy of Word)  
11:15am  
6:00pm

### Weekday Mass times:

Monday 8:00am  
Tuesday 9:30am  
Wednesday 8:00am  
Thursday 12:00noon  
Friday 8:00am  
Saturday 9:30am

### Adoration:

Monday 8:30am - 9:30am  
Tuesday 6:00pm - 7:00pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday  
10:00am - 10:30am,  
5:15pm - 5:45pm



Granville Road,  
Sevenoaks TN13 1ER

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Monday - Friday  
9:30am - 12:30pm  
Tel: 01732 454177  
sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk  
www.sevrcparish.org.uk



High Street, Otford  
TN14 5PH

## MOST HOLY TRINITY OTFORD

Mass times: Sunday 9:30am  
(with Children's Liturgy of the Word)  
Wednesday 10:00am  
Holy Days of Obligation 10:00am  
Adoration: Thursday 7:30pm - 8:30pm  
Friday 11:00am - 12:00noon

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## ST JOSEPH'S BOROUGH GREEN

Mass times: Sunday 9:30am  
(with Children's Liturgy of the Word)  
Thursday 10:00am  
Holy Days of Obligation 6:00pm

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## ST BERNADETTE'S WEST KINGSDOWN

Mass times: Sunday 11:00am  
Friday 10:00am  
Holy Days of Obligation 11:00am  
Adoration: Wed 12:00noon- 1:00pm

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## GOD LOVES HIS CHILDREN MASS ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN



I can let God's glory shine when I...

### God's Glory

Jesus shone with the glory of God. We can let God's glory shine when we live like Jesus.

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Jesus goes up a mountain with his friends. In front of their eyes, Jesus is changed. His face is different and his clothes become "brilliant as lightning". They see Jesus talking to Moses and Elijah and hear a voice from the clouds. Now the disciples really do know that Jesus is God's Son and very, very special.

### Listen to Jesus

Two other people appear together with Jesus on top of the mountain. Can you join the dots to reveal these two important people? They are called **Moses** and **Elijah**. They are from the Old Testament and were a leader and a prophet. Ask someone at home for their stories.

A voice is heard from heaven telling us to listen to Jesus. Write in the speech bubble what you think Jesus is saying and why we need to listen to him.



### You are special

Jesus' friends thought that they knew Jesus very well. However, on top of the mountain, they discovered great new things about Jesus. Is there something special about you that you want others to know about?

I want everyone to know that I am...

Think of something nice about yourself.

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me so much. Help me to be kind and loving this week, especially to the people I find it difficult to like. Thank you for helping me to shine! Amen.

### A voice from the cloud

Put the words in the right order to see what he voice from the cloud said.





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#### **Mothers' Prayers**

Mondays, 11:30am at Star House, Star Hill Road

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#### **Baby & Toddlers Group**

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## PARISH NOTICES

### TODAY

#### **Supply priests**

Assisting us this Sunday are Fr Bryan Wells and Fr Lixson Cyriac, OFM Cap.

#### **Second Collection**

Today's Second Collection is for CAFOD. Use the CAFOD envelopes to Gift Aid your donation.

#### **11:15am Mass**

The Traditional Choir leads the music today.

#### **Adoration & Benediction**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon at 5:00pm in St Thomas's, concluding with Benediction at 5:30pm.

### THIS WEEK

#### **Monday**

Prayer Group meeting in the Parish Centre from 2:30pm to 3:15pm. A time together for quiet prayer and reflection. Open to all.

#### **Tuesday**

Year 5 from St Thomas' School attend the 9:30am Mass. As always parents and family members are especially invited to attend.

#### **Tuesday: Bridget Jones RIP**

Funeral Mass at 11:00am at St Joseph's.

#### **Wednesday: Most Holy Trinity Committee**

Meets on Wednesday, after the 10:00am Mass. See Gilly Fenner to put anything on the Agenda.

#### **Churches Together in Sevenoaks & District AGM**

On Thursday at 8:00pm (refreshments from 7:30pm) at St John's URC, St John's Hill. Can YOU go to represent us?

#### **Our Priests**

Fr Peter will be out of the parish on Wednesday, attending a mandatory Safeguarding day in Dover. Fr David will be out of the parish on Thursday, chairing the quarterly meeting of the Southern Historic Churches Committee at Douai Abbey.

#### **Next Sunday: St Joseph's, Borough Green**

To mark St Joseph's Day (on Saturday), after Mass next Sunday at St Joseph's you are invited to refreshments. Wine etc will be provided but please bring a small plate of food to share. Let us celebrate that we are alive and kicking, despite pandemics and everything else happening!

### **Next Sunday: Scrutinies**

The First Scrutiny for those on this year's RCIA programme will take place at the 11:15am Mass next Sunday at St Thomas's. NB: this means that the Year A Readings will be read at that Mass, not the Year C ones.

### LENT

#### **Stations of the Cross**

At St Thomas's on Fridays at 8:00pm.

At Most Holy Trinity, Otford on Thursdays at 7:30pm, instead of the usual Holy Hour.

At St Bernadette's, West Kingsdown on Fridays at 7:30pm.

For those wishing to participate in the Stations of the Cross online, the four recordings from last year (one for each church) are available via the link on the Parish website.

#### **Adoration & Benediction on Sundays, 5:00pm in St Thomas's**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00pm every Sunday in Lent in St Thomas's, concluding with Benediction at 5:30pm. Why not make this your extra Lenten prayer?

#### **Lent Course: A Practical Introduction to Intimate Prayer**

Fr. Peter's Parish Lent course continues, at 8:00pm on Thursdays in St. Thomas' Church and on Zoom. We are now coming up to **Session 3: Hearing God.**

If you would like to review the previous talks, they are available on the parish website - see 'Parish Lenten talks' on the right hand side. In addition, full copies of the course notes, handouts, interviews and videos are also available at [practicalintroductiontointimateprayer.blogspot.co.uk](http://practicalintroductiontointimateprayer.blogspot.co.uk)

If you haven't attended hitherto you can still come along and benefit from the evening.

#### **Afternoon Lent Prayer Group**

On Mondays in Lent, 2:30pm - 3:15pm, in the Parish Centre. For quiet prayers and reflection together, led by Pat Harman and Janet Clare.

#### **Confessions**

Every Saturday in St Thomas's, 10:00am - 11:00am and 5:15pm - 5:45pm. For COVID safety we are using the side Chapel rather than the Reconciliation Chapel at the moment.

Confessions can also be heard after any Mass (at both St Thomas's and at the outstations). Don't be shy about asking one of the visiting priests to hear your Confession. Remember: Confession is not an optional extra for the pious; it is required for all Catholics at

3 least once a year.

# PARISH AND OTHER NOTICES

## NOTICES

### A parishioner reflects on her faith

The latest in our series of interviews by Andrew La Trobe is now on the parish website: an interview with Gina Hartnett. On the home page of the website (<http://www.sevrcparish.org.uk/>) click on 'Parish YouTube Videos' and you can watch it.

### Newsletter & Newsmail

Notices for the Newsletter should be emailed to Fr David or Magda by the Tuesday beforehand. The early deadline is to enable Newsletters to be printed and distributed to the far-flung parts of the parish.

### Mothering Sunday cards

The Repository in St Thomas's has a good selection of Mothering Sunday cards, to buy before the day (27<sup>th</sup> March). Price as marked; please put the money in the wall box marked 'Repository'.

### Advance Notice: Parish Garden Party

The Garden Party is back and will be on Sunday 3rd July, in the Presbytery garden, from 12:30pm. Save the date now! Free food and drink as usual. If you can run a stall, children's games, make food, generally help etc please contact Ben Andradi: [Ben.Andradi@gmail.com](mailto:Ben.Andradi@gmail.com).

### Wintershall Passion Play

After a break of two years due to the pandemic, Wintershall will once again be performing the Passion of Jesus Christ in Trafalgar Square on Good Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> April at 12:00 noon and 3:15pm. This is a free performance and all are welcome.

The play takes place in the open air and has been extremely popular in previous years, so arrival in good time in order to obtain a seat on the steps or elsewhere around the Square is strongly recommended. Tickets are not required.

### Lenten Quiet Day

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 10:00am - 4:00pm, at the Poult House Barn, Ashes Lane, Hadlow, TN11 9QU. Through the use of music, poetry, prayer, and nature the day will be an opportunity to prepare for Easter by reflecting on Jesus' journey towards His Passion and the part we can play on the road to redemption. The day will be led by Gilly Fenner.

Please bring a camping chair and a packed Lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Please wear weather appropriate clothes and shoes as part of the day will be outside. Suggested contribution: £5. To attend please email Gilly at [gf58b@iCloud.com](mailto:gf58b@iCloud.com).

### The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral

is seeking to recruit a part time Organising Secretary to help administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months. Closing date 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022. For further details please visit <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-seek-an-organising-secretary/>.

### Another Newsletter funny

*"We are delighted to announce that the youth group has raised almost £500 for drug abuse".*

### Afternoon of Reflection in February

Over twenty parishioners and friends joined Gilly Fenner for a Quiet Afternoon at St Thomas's ahead of Lent, to reflect on our role in making our Parish "a suburb of the City of God" - supporting each other as we return to "normal".

Feedback from parishioners:

*"Coming together with fellow parishioners of all ages at a time when we are all thinking of Ukraine was poignant and special, especially as our focus icon was Our Lady of Kyiv. Through Gilly's direction we reflected on our daily encounters with God, how we can look out to others and how communities of support are there for all of us. A real opportunity to reflect and pray."*

*"Through her choice of Bible readings, poetry, music and reflective questions, Gilly Fenner led us beautifully in an afternoon which made time for personal examination of our lives and also how we might contribute to building up parish life."*

*Gina Hartnett*

## PLEASE PRAY

- ◆ for an end to the pandemic;
- ◆ for peace in Ukraine;
- ◆ for God's help in observing prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent;
- ◆ for Piermario Lichi & Barbara Davies RIP.

*St Roch, pray for us.*

*St Joseph, pray for us.*

*St Thomas of Canterbury,  
pray for us.*

*St Bernadette, pray for us.*

*St Edith of Kemsing, pray for us.*



*From the Desk of the Parish Priest*

## The Gospels of the Sundays in Lent 2

**T**he Gospel Reading on the Second Sunday of Lent is always the account of the Transfiguration. In *Luke* - as in *Matthew* and *Mark* - this stunning scene of the glorious transfiguration of Jesus's body takes place immediately after His first prediction of His Passion: *"The Son of Man, He said, is destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be put to death, and to be raised up on the third day"* (Luke 9:22).

It is after this that Jesus takes three disciples - Peter, James, and John, the same three who will be with Him in the agony in the garden - to the top of a high mountain, and there divine glory bursts forth from His body. Moses and Elijah appear, conversing with Jesus. Then a cloud of divine presence, like the cloud on Mount Sinai, envelops Jesus and the disciples, and from the cloud comes a voice: *"This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him"*.

Clearly, cross and glory belong together. The whole Old Testament, represented by Moses and Elijah, indicates this, and the Transfiguration points forward to Christ's death and resurrection, which will be His glorification. Today's Preface beautifully summarises this:

*For after he had told the disciples of his coming Death on the holy mountain he manifested to them his glory, to show, even by the testimony of the law and the prophets, that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection.*

The old Law was given to Moses on a mountain, Mount Sinai. Now Christ, on Mount Tabor, is giving a new Law. And the new Law, the law of the Gospel, is that it is the way of the Cross which will lead to glory.

Also, here we are at the heart of the Trinitarian mystery. Jesus is accredited by the voice of God the Father as God the Son. The Son is here revealed as the 'Light from light' of which we speak in the Creed. Here Scripture reinforces Tradition and Tradition reinforces Scripture.

In the context of the three synoptic Gospels the Transfiguration marks a turning point. Previously Jesus has been teaching, preaching and performing miracles in the northern area of Galilee. After His Transfiguration he turns towards Jerusalem, where He

will suffer Crucifixion before His Resurrection. The vision of Christ's true glory and divine nature thus strengthens and fortifies the disciples before the rigours and trials ahead.

In the context of Lent the Transfiguration fortifies us in our Lenten discipline, first by pointing forward to the glory of Christ's Resurrection which we shall celebrate at Easter. The Prayer over the Offerings makes this point: *"may this sacrifice ... cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities"*. And secondly by reminding us that Jesus will share His resurrection glory with the Baptized. As St Paul puts it in today's Second Reading (*Philippians 3:21*): *"he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body"*.

As we prepare to come forward in the Communion Procession today the Church gives us in the Communion Antiphon the very words of the Father heard in the Gospel: *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him"*. What the chosen disciples saw and heard at the Transfiguration now converges with our reception of the Lord's Body and Blood at Mass. While still on earth the three disciples saw the divine glory shining in the body of Jesus. While still on earth the faithful receive His Body and Blood and as we partake of the things of heaven we hear the Father's voice.

*Luke* tells us the purpose of Christ's ascent of the mountain: to pray. The Transfiguration is a prayer event. It displays visibly what happens when the Son prays to the Father: there is a profound interpenetration of each other, and one doesn't doubt that the Holy Spirit is also present. Jesus Christ, as ever, is the model and exemplar of prayer.

If we, likewise, approach God in prayer, especially in the great prayer we call the Mass, and if we embrace willingly the Way of the Cross, then we shall gradually, gradually enter into the full depth of the mystery of Jesus.

# ST JOSEPH'S COMMITTEE MEETING

*This is a summary of the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Present were Fr David, Antoni Offert (Chair), Margaret Briggs (Treasurer), Nick O'Connor and John Foley (Secretary).*

Margaret reported on the financial situation. St Joseph's - like the other two Chapels - has its own modest bank account, part of the parish accounts which in turn are part of the Archdiocesan accounts, as required to meet Charity Commission regulations.

The closing balance as at 31.12.2021 was £1,062.96.

The plans for the building of a three storey office/residential block next door, where Kent Aluminium currently are, were examined. As it happened the diocesan surveyors came at the same time as the meeting, to inspect the building so as to be able to respond to any damage to St Joseph's from the building work.

The committee confirmed that rotas were in place for flowers, Mass readers, and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion visits to Westbank Care Home and home visits, and that arrangements are set for opening the church and setting up the Altar for Mass. Another EMoHC may be needed for visits to the housebound.

Now that the Franciscan Capuchins are assisting regularly on Sundays there should be more consistency in the priest celebrants on Sundays.

Initial plans were made for social events, including the St Joseph's Quiz Night and Supper. Help from several parishioners would be needed for the Supper now that the UCM has disbanded.

Gardening is being carried by Margaret and volunteers, and Mark Johnson mows the grass with the new mower. Slates have come off the roof, and Margaret would obtain a quote for repairs from a local roofing company. (In fact, the subsequent storms caused further damage, and the diocesan builders are to inspect the building, to ascertain what is needed.) The front doors need revarnishing.

A new organist is required, and Mark Johnson will train any new Altar Servers.

Finally the one remaining detail of the new build is the external crucifix. This has been on hold during the pandemic, but Fr David will now pursue this.

† † †

*This Sunday (13<sup>th</sup>) the parishioners at St Joseph's invite you to join them for the 9:30am Mass, which will be followed - to mark St Joseph's Day - by wine and food. If you never seen the new church this is a good opportunity to visit it.*



# MASS INTENTIONS

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

## SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH

6:00pm (Sat)  
8:00am (Latin)  
9:15am  
11:15am  
6:00pm  
9:30am *Oxford*  
9:30am *Borough Green*  
11:00am *West Kingsdown*

## Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Feria

8:00am

## Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Feria

9:30am  
11:00am *Oxford*

## Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Feria

8:00am  
10:00am *Oxford*

## Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> S PATRICK, B Patron of Ireland

10:00am *Borough Green*  
12:00noon

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Feria

8:00am  
10:00am *West Kingsdown*

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> S JOSEPH, Spouse of BVM

9:30am Wellbeing of Lawrence Cronin

## SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH

6:00pm (Sat)  
8:00am (Latin)  
9:15am  
11:15am  
6:00pm  
9:30am *Oxford*  
9:30am *Borough Green*  
11:00am *West Kingsdown*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Donor's Intention  
People of the Parish  
In thanksgiving from Mercado family  
Ivan Jones RIP (Birthday)  
Peace in Ukraine  
Teresa Mary Watts RIP  
Izabela's parents: Zofia & Zdzislaw RIP  
Kathy Frazer RIP

Ruth Salt RIP

Richard Latter RIP

*Funeral Mass - Bridgit Jones RIP*

Dorothea & Patrick Murphy

David Roth & family

Patrick & Daphne O'Riordan RIP (Anniversary)

Gloria Gee RIP

Domingo Carda Font RIP

Private Intention

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

World Peace  
Peace in Ukraine  
Private Intention  
Frank Griffiths RIP  
People of the Parish  
World Peace  
Benjamin Shaw RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
Barry McGirr RIP

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

Deidre Thomas, Ann Steven, Lilian Spragg, Jane Tabor, Ken Holmes, Mary Scott and all in care and nursing homes

## Baptism

Welcome to

**Cecilia Ivy Ryan**

**May Ropek**

who were baptized at St Thomas's last weekend.

&

**Emma Loveday**

who was baptized at St Joseph's last weekend

## Prayer for All

**The Faithful Departed.**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace.*

## LATIN ANTIPHONS

### Entrance

Tibi dixit cor meum, quæsvi vultum tuum, vultum tuum, Domine, requiram. Ne avertas faciem tuam a me.

### Communion

His est Filius meus dilectus, in quo mihi bene complacui; ipsum audite.