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Club Instructor:
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Archdiocese of Southwark

PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS



CHURCHES IN SEVENOAKS, OTFORD,
BOROUGH GREEN AND WEST KINGSDOWN

Parish Newsletter

12th June 2022



Today's Mass: the MOST HOLY TRINITY

Proverbs 8: 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5: 1-5; John 16: 12-15

First Reading: Wisdom is portrayed as existing before creation and as having assisted at creation. Wisdom here has always been understood by the Church as referring to Christ, the second person of the Trinity.

Psalm: the psalmist praises the first Adam who is "little less than a god", but we pray the psalm to praise the second Adam, Christ, under whose feet all things will be put.

Second Reading: we can look forward to God's glory thanks to the work of Jesus Christ and of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: in His Farewell Discourse to the disciples, Jesus closely links the Father, the Son, and the Spirit of truth. The Son was charged to accomplish the Father's work, but after Jesus' departure the Spirit will lead the disciples in that mission.

Fr David

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



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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



Loving "number work"

The love of God + The love of Jesus
= The Holy Spirit



Draw a picture of yourself
surrounded by God's love.



Jesus makes us a promise. He will share the love between himself and his Father God with all his friends. God will live in us in the power of the Holy Spirit. God loves us very much.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit will lead us to the truth.

Follow the maze to find Jesus and the truth!



Praise God!

We have a special prayer to praise God: the "Glory Be".

now Holy Spirit
world
Father Amen
beginning Son

Glory be to the _____
and to the _____
and to the _____.
As it was in the _____
is _____ and ever shall be,
_____ without end.

Can you put the phrases
in the right order?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Say the "Glory Be" as your
prayer of praise
to God today.

The Holy Trinity

The Trinity is ___ persons in ___ God.

A tri ___ has ___ sides and ___ angles. ▲

Tri ___ are ___ siblings born on the same day.

A tri ___ has ___ legs as a support. 🦿

A tri ___ has ___ wheels. 🚲

CONTACTS & ORGANISATIONS

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Altar Servers (St Thomas's)

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Loaves and Fishes Foodbank

Isabelle Mercer: h.imercer@btopenworld.com

Mothers' Prayers

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

01959 532505

Baby & Toddlers Group

Thursdays 9:30am - 11:30am, Parish Centre

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The Pilgrims

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PARISH NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Parish Office

The Office will be closed on Friday, as Magda is attending a meeting at Bowen House (the diocese's central offices).

The Pilgrims

invite all senior parishioners to join them at the 10:00am Mass at The Most Holy Trinity, Otford on Wednesday, followed by coffee and cake. Contact Jackie Pembroke (07535 742773) if you need a lift.

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Mark Gallagher and Jess Spokes is in St Thomas's on Saturday at 2:00pm.

Next Sunday: second collection

On the annual Day for Life the proceeds from this collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related Catholic charities.

Next Sunday: Corpus Christi

Weather permitting we shall have the Corpus Christi processions at the 9:15am and 11:15am Masses in St Thomas's and at the three Chapels. All the children who have received their first Holy Communion last year or this are invited to come and throw the rose petals. They can wear their First Communion outfit if they wish. If you can bring rose petals for the Procession please do so.

NOTICES

'(Re) Connecting with Faith'

A straightforward and accessible three part introduction to the Heart of the Catholic Faith by Fr Peter in the Parish Centre starts on Wednesday at 7:30pm. If you know a friend or family member whom you think might be interested in learning more about Catholicism, perhaps invite them to the first meeting together with you. Snacks and refreshments will be served. No need to book, just turn up.

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TODAY

Easter Precept

Today is the last day for fulfilling the precept of Easter Communion.

Second collection

For CaTEW. The Catholic Trust for England & Wales supports the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Bishops' Conference, its departments, agencies and offices. This collection helps supply the Bishops with the revenue necessary for the central administration of the Church in England & Wales.

9:15am Mass

We welcome Scarlett Fitzgerald, receiving her first Holy Communion at this Mass.

11:15am Mass

We welcome Adam Wood, Oscar Grabowski, Marta Wiacek, Nikola Wolanin, Natalia Dziedzic, and Jasmine Barritt, receiving their first Holy Communion today. The Traditional Choir leads the music today.

Mass at West Kingsdown

Welcome to Autumn Jarman, receiving her first Holy Communion at this Mass.

Supply priests

A big welcome to Fr Boniface Tamani, who is coming again on supply after a two year gap caused by the COVID pandemic. Fr Bryan Wells is assisting at Otford.

PARISH AND OTHER NOTICES

First Holy Communion 2023

If your child is currently in Year 2 or above, now is the time to register them for the next Holy Communion programme. Please register online at sevrparish.org.uk. The initial parents' meeting will be on Wednesday 6th July at 8:00pm. Note that this earlier than in previous years. This is to enable the first Holy Communions to take place before Corpus Christi next year.

Parish Summer Garden Party - 3rd July from 12:00noon

This is an inclusive event for young and old, families, teenagers, retired and parishioners from all four churches. No charge for entry, food or drink. There will be a variety of food, including BBQ, children's games, entertainment and live music, bottle and toy stalls, Parish raffle with prizes, and a bar. Most parish groups will be taking part. All funds raised are for the Parish.

The Bottle Stall is always popular. Please look through your cupboards and bring bottles to the Presbytery (champagne but not shampoo, Sangria not sanitiser, Pimm's not Pepsi!). Likewise donate unwanted toys, teddies etc - in safe condition - and bring them to the Presbytery. If you have ideas for the Garden Party please contact Ben Andradi at ben.andradi@gmail.com.

Charity Art Sale

Fr Bryan and Teresa are very grateful to parishioners who helped with both the buying and selling of the paintings; they could not have managed without this help. £1,557.00 was raised, which has been sent to Aid to the Church in Need Ukraine appeal.

More Parish videos

Two more videos in our series of interviews with converts can be viewed on the parish website: select Parish You Tube Videos on the left side of the Home page. The new ones are both interviews with Fr Peter.

Vacancy for Assistant Chaplain at Trinity School

Details: <https://www.trinitysevenoaks.org.uk/693/non-teaching-vacancies>; the closing date is 19th June.

PLEASE PRAY

- ◆ for all who attend Holy Mass at Most Holy Trinity, on their Feast of Title;
- ◆ for all Christian families;
- ◆ for peace in Ukraine;
- ◆ for those who have recently died, especially Angela Griffiths.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Eleonor O'Brien, Reginald Liddiard, Ellen Salt, Gauthier Davies, John McKeever, John Geary, Gerald Rowley, Gerald Mullan, Hilda Dillian, Ellen Jeffries, Patrick Walsh, Fr Mirek Cukier, Daniel Hennessy, Terry Hanton, Cardinal Basil Hume, Eileen Hawkes, Antony Pragnell, Michael Collins, Dorothy Hogbin, Peter O'Neill, Bill Brabin, Philomena Baynes, Charles Allchorne,



From the Desk of the Parish Priest

Good ideas and suggestions for Evangelization

Eight years ago the diocesan Centre for Catholic Formation, of which I was then Director, published a book called *Handbook for Parish Evangelization Teams*. I have picked out parts of the section on Good Ideas and Suggestions, which came out of the Deanery discussion groups at the three Evangelization Conferences held in the diocese. I am not guilty of plagiarism, as I wrote the book!

Can YOU think about or get involved in any of the following?

General

- "Evangelization is a process not a task". How can we enable people to see, hear and experience the Good News? How do we pass on a personal relationship with Christ?
- We need to focus on the *Gaudium* (the joy). The most important thing is to enable people to know that they are loved beyond measure.
- We need to use immediate – not ecclesial – language about God.
- Evangelization is "one beggar telling another beggar where to find food".
- We must take the initiative and be bolder!

Prayer & Liturgy

- Contemplative prayer is an important beginning to evangelization, as prayer changes us and then that affects our behaviour
- Do we need more Adoration?
- A parish that celebrates attracts people who do not go to Mass.
- Parishioners need to know their faith better; this could be done through beautiful Liturgy, sacred art, and a greater understanding of doctrine.
- Many people do not know how to pray: they need to be taught.
- We need to note newcomers in Church and welcome them.

Justice & Peace

- Justice & Peace groups and events are great opportunities for evangelization.
- Can we do more visiting of the sick and housebound?



Groups

- Small neighbourhood groups are a good way for people to build relationships and explore areas of faith where support and information are found.
- A monthly discussion group for young adults (perhaps in a pub) would be good.

Young people

- Can we do more cyber evangelization?
- Can we involve young people more in various ministries?

Other

- RCIA needs promoting: how can we do this?
- One parish delivers postcards in an area, saying that the church is praying for people there and inviting them to contact the church for any reason.
- Visit Catholics you know who are lapsed and invite them to Christmas and Easter services.
- Is there anything else which might work in our parish?

LETTER TO PARISHIONERS FROM ARCHBISHOP



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the risen Lord Jesus.

We continue to live in challenging times. Our world is marked by the tragedy of war in Ukraine and other conflicts across the globe. We face the cost of living crisis and the impact of recovery from the pandemic which still significantly affects large numbers of people.

Amid all of this, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord at Easter, his triumph over sin and death. We welcome the great celebration of the feast of Pentecost, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on Our Lady and the apostles, impelling them to share the Good News of the resurrection. We too need this out-pouring of the Holy Spirit to strengthen our mission to share the Gospel.

I know that many of you felt joy and relief when we were able to return to our churches after the lockdown. We wanted to return to Mass, the source of our faith; to the place where we are spiritually restored and replenished. We recognize our need to receive the Lord Jesus sacramentally in the Eucharist, with each other, especially on Sundays, the Lord's Day. Many, too, have expressed their sadness that, for various reasons, significant numbers of our fellow Catholics have yet return to Mass on Sundays. We know that a living relationship with the Lord Jesus is essential to our lives as disciples. He alone is able to provide what is needed for each of us, supremely so in the Mass.

This Pentecost, I invite you to carry out a simple mission: in the coming days, your parish will be supplied with a short letter of invitation from me, which I invite you to share with anyone you know who has not yet returned to Mass on Sunday. This could be family, friends or neighbours. Do not be afraid, or fearful of the response. All I ask you to do is to pass on this personal invitation so that those who have not yet come back might be encouraged to rediscover the presence of the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist; that they might rekindle their relationship with the community of the Church; that they might be reminded that they are missed, appreciated and loved. Take courage and please pass on the letters which are available to anyone you think might need a word of encouragement.

With my gratitude and every blessing

Yours sincerely in Christ

The Most Reverend John Wilson
Archbishop of Southwark

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 12th JUNE

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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Recently departed Priests
People of the Parish
Holy Souls
Children receiving their first Holy Communion
Peace in Ukraine
Mary Talty RIP
Holy Souls
An end to the pandemic

Monday 13th *S Anthony of Padua, Pr D*

8:00am Philippa Edwards (46th Birthday)

Tuesday 14th *Feria*

9:30am Gerland Mulan RIP

Wednesday 15th *Feria*

8:00am David & Colleen and their children
10:00am *Otford* People in Ukraine

Thursday 16th *Feria*

10:00am *Borough Green* Margaret Vinson RIP (Birthday)
12:00noon Janina Ciepiel RIP

Friday 17th *Feria*

8:00am Jessica Spokes & Mark Gallagher
10:00am *West Kingsdown* Holy Souls

Saturday 18th *of Our Lady*

9:30am Keith D'Souza RIP (Anniversary)
2:00pm *Wedding - Mark Gallagher & Jess Spokes*

SUNDAY 19th JUNE

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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

People in Ukraine
Bill Sharratt RIP (Birthday)
People of the Parish
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Our Priests
Marta Wiacek (8th Birthday)
Jim & Margaret Vinson RIP (Anniversary)
Respect for Human Life

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

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

Wedding

Congratulations to

**Jessica La Trobe
&
Bradley Drewett**

who were married at
St Thomas's last Thursday



Departed

Please pray for the soul of

**Daniel McGowan
Angela Griffiths**

who have recently
departed.

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

Benedictus sit Deus Pater,
unigenitusque Dei Filius,
Sanctus quoque Spiritus,
quia fecit nobiscum
misericordiam suam.

Communion

Quoniam autem estis filii,
misit Deus Spiritum Filii sui
in corda vestra clamantem:
Abba, Pater.