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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

3rd July 2022



Today's Mass: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY (Year C)

Isaiah 66: 10-14; Psalm 65; Galatians: 14-18; Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

First Reading: Jerusalem, the holy city, is depicted as a mother and as the centre of celebration when the Messiah comes.

Psalm: with joy we praise God for his mighty deeds.

Second Reading: these lines summarise this epistle: the Messiah has come already and begun the new creation, the restoration to perfection which Jewish thought associated with the Messiah's coming.

Gospel: the Lord sends out the seventy-two, to proclaim the nearness of the kingdom of God. When they return rejoicing, Jesus says that ultimately and in reality the kingdom of God is heaven.

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

Church contact:
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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



Getting ready

Imagine you are going on a long walking journey. Circle the things you might pack. Add your own ideas.



Jesus told his disciples not to take anything at all! They had to completely trust God.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Jesus, help me to be a missionary. Help me to tell everyone all about you. Help me to show them what you are like by being kind and loving. Amen.

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Jesus sends his followers out to tell everyone how much God loves them. The disciples go in twos. They do not take a bag, purse or sandals. The disciples trust God to look after them. They bring a blessing of peace to every home they visit. The disciples come back full of joy – faith in Jesus changes lives!

Tangled trails

Who went where? Find out which pair of disciples went to each town, and colour them to match.



I can spread love and peace

Do you want to be like Jesus? Then spread his message of love and peace to everyone you know. Put smiles on the faces of all these people who have heard the Good News.



Draw some of your friends and family here too!

Wordsearch

Fill these words from the Gospel in the wordsearch.

BAG SANDALS
JOY PURSE
LOVE PEACE TRUST
FAITH JESUS TWOS

T	W	O	S	G	X	L
R	P	E	A	C	E	O
U	U	B	N	K	P	V
S	R	Q	D	W	J	E
T	S	F	A	I	T	H
Z	E	V	L	J	O	Y
M	J	E	S	U	S	N

CONTACTS & ORGANISATIONS

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Listening to you (Bereavement Support)

Third Monday, 10:30am in Parish Room

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Loaves and Fishes Foodbank

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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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PARISH NOTICES

NEXT SUNDAY

Sea Sunday

The Second Collection will be for the Apostleship of the Sea. This is the Catholic charity which supports seafarers with practical and pastoral care provided by port chaplains and volunteers. It is part of the Stella Maris international network, working altogether in 250 ports around the world. 90% of world trade is transported by ship, but the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely, separated from family for long periods. AoS relies on this collection to fund its work.

NOTICES

Fr Boniface – update

At the time of printing Fr Boniface is still waiting for his British Visa to come through, despite applying online on 13th May. Meanwhile Fr Kenneth is still waiting for his renewed Nigerian passport to come, despite applying for it well over three months ago.

Quiet Day – correction

The Quiet Day of Reflection on Women in the Gospels, led by Gilly Fenner, is on Saturday 16th July (not 21st), from 10:00am to 4:00pm at The Poul House barn, Ashes Lane, Hadlow TN11 9QU.

Please contact Gilly at gf58b@iCloud.com for more information and to book your place.

Mass Intentions

Each time he offers Mass the priest can offer it for a specified intention, such as for someone who has died, for good health for a sick person, or in thanksgiving for graces received. These are the Intentions listed in the weekly Mass Sheet and usually announced at the beginning of Mass. This ancient practice benefits both the faithful and the person for whom prayer is asked (the Mass is the greatest prayer of intercession).

PARISH GARDEN PARTY



This is the largest parish social event, and which we are holding for the first time since the pandemic struck. **Today 12:00 noon – 4:00pm in the Presbytery garden.** Open to all parishioners, young and old, teenagers, retired, and from all four churches.

Free entry, free food (including BBQ, salads, deserts) and drink, free music (including St Thomas' School Choir) and entertainment (including children's games).

Stalls include:



Bottle stall

Toy stall

Flower stall

Repository stall

Fair trade stall



And of course there is a Raffle with some good prizes. All funds raised are for the Parish.

THIS WEEK

St Thomas' School

Year 4 attend the 9:30am Mass on Tuesday. Parents and family members of those in Year 4 are especially invited to attend.

Daniel McGowan RIP

Funeral Mass in St Thomas's on Wednesday at 11:30am, followed by Interment in the Greatness Cemetery.

Angela Griffiths RIP

Funeral Mass in St Thomas's on Thursday at 12:00 noon, followed by Interment in the Greatness Cemetery.

PARISH AND OTHER NOTICES

To book a Mass Intention use one of the envelopes available by the newsletters (or any envelope); write the Intention on it, any particular date or place you wish it to be offered, and your name and contact details if you want the details to be confirmed. Put your donation inside (£10 is a typical amount) and hand it to one of the priests or pop it through the Presbytery letterbox. Alternatively you can call in to see Magda in the Parish Office.

Holy Souls Masses

You may have seen the wall box in St Thomas's Entrance marked 'Holy Souls'. Every so often it is emptied, and (by diocesan rule) every £10 represents one Mass for the Holy Souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them. These Masses tend to be offered by the priests when they are concelebrating, so are not necessarily announced.

It is a worthy tradition to maintain. As well as an act of charity towards the deceased, we hope that the parish will offer Mass for us when we have departed this life! If you attend Holy Mass at Most Holy Trinity, St Joseph's or St Bernadette's just put your donation in an envelope marked 'Holy Souls' and send it in with the Sunday collection.

Vocations

Please remember in your prayers Stephen Srikantha and Machir Ahmed who will be commencing formation for the Priesthood in the Archdiocese this September. The Archbishop writes: *"It is prayer which brings about growth in the Christian community, from which are raised particular vocations, which are signs of hope for the world"*.

Also please pray for Michael Etuka, Joseph Gulliford and Alan MacDonad who will be Ordained Priests for the Archdiocese in July.

Sunday Obligation

From Pentecost Sunday onwards the Bishops reinstated the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Parents applying for a place at a Catholic school (including St Thomas' School) need to complete a Supplementary Form, on which the Parish Priest validates frequency of Mass attendance, as was the case prior to the pandemic. Priority in admissions is given to those who attend Mass most frequently. Parents who will be applying early in 2023 for a place at St Thomas' School should be aware of this.

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham

On Saturday 6th August, led by Rt Rev'd Philip Egan, Bishop of Portsmouth. The theme is *'The courage to proclaim the Gospel of Life in post-pandemic Britain'*. Visit <https://prolifepilgrimage.org/> for further information, including how to get there.

ANNIVERSARIES

Anthony Peyton, Patrick Fortune, Anna Cramb, John Hayden, Douglas Meaden, Sister Emmanuel, Doris Hazlewood, Jacques Bell, Edward Wheatley, Catherine Woods, Mary Threadingham, Michael Chapman, Rony Crane, Jeremiah O'Driscoll, Edward Butler, Mary Jowett, Florence Eaton, Rose Byrne, Celia Piddock, Edna Walker, Jerry Lynch, Susan Temple, Hugh Cogleh, Agatha Vincent.



From the Desk of the Assistant Priest

Receiving Holy Communion

Receiving Holy Communion is, at were, the high point of Mass. Holy Communion is the ultimate expression of our communion, our unity, both with God and with each other. It is the last of the four-fold Actions of the Mass which the priest performs: he takes the bread or wine, blesses it, breaks it (the bread), and gives it. Notice the word 'giving': we receive Holy Communion when we are given it by the Priest Celebrant who is acting in the person of Christ; we never 'take Holy Communion'.

What, then, are the practical implications of this? How do we receive Holy Communion?

First, we form the Communion Procession. It may seem a peculiarly British thing to do, to queue for Holy Communion, but the Procession to the Altar is more than getting from your pew to the Communion point. The Communion Procession symbolises our journey in this life to the eternal messianic Banquet of the Lamb, which Mass foreshadows; it reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage. At Sunday Mass when numbers are greater, please come forward in two lines: this makes administering Holy Communion more efficient.

We do not normally have ushers motioning people forward row by row. This is deliberate, because not everyone may receive Holy Communion. Those who are not permitted to receive Holy Communion because of grave sin, those not properly disposed, those who have not observed the fast before Holy Communion, children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion, non-Catholic Christians (who choose not to be in Communion with the Catholic Church), and non-Christians may not receive Holy Communion.

Small children may be brought with you as you come forward for Holy Communion. Otherwise, non-communicants – under the Bishops' COVID protocols – should not come forward in the Communion Procession.

The *General Instruction* can be found at the beginning of the *Roman Missal*. Paragraph 160 states that *'In the Dioceses of England & Wales, and of Scotland Holy Communion is to be received standing, though individual members of the faithful may choose to receive Communion while kneeling'*. §161 states that the communicant *'receives the Sacrament either on the tongue or, where this is allowed, in the hand, the choice lying with the communicant'*.

In Southwark Communion in the hand is permitted. The choice of standing or kneeling, receiving on the tongue or in the hand, belongs to the communicant or, for children their parents. It is not for the priest or Extraordinary Minister to impose one way or the other. It is also for you to decide if you wish to receive under both kinds or not when the Bishops restore the chalice.

An act of reverence is required, which is kneeling if you kneel. If you receive standing §160 recommends that *'the faithful bow in reverence before receiving the Sacrament'*. You should do this while the person in front of you is receiving Communion. If you receive the Precious Blood when it is reinstated, move over to form another queue, and receive the chalice when it is offered; take a small sip and return the chalice carefully. Self-intinction (where you dip the host into the chalice) is not permitted, because you receive, not take, Holy Communion.

When the Minister says 'The Body of Christ' or 'The Blood of Christ' reply 'Amen'. This is your expression of faith in the eucharistic presence of the Lord; it also affirms *'that we are the Body of Christ, that is the Church'* (St Augustine, *Sermon 272*).

Afterwards return to your place, and continue reverently praying and giving thanks to God. The *Missal* prescribes a period of 'sacred silence'. The time of Holy Communion at Mass should above all be one of reverence, as God is among us in this special way. But reverence is not limited to the Communion Rite: it begins at home as we prepare for Mass and carries on after Mass as we 'go in peace, glorifying the Lord by our life'.



REPORT FROM THE MOST HOLY TRINITY COMMITTEE

These reports are not Minutes, which may not be terribly exciting and which may contain confidential matters. Rather they are a report back of the main items of interest. Speak to the Committee Secretary if you would like to see the Minutes.

The Most Holy Trinity Committee met on 16th March. There were present Barry Authers (Chair), Mary Scott (Treasurer), Sarah Harrison, Frank Quinn, Anne Knight, Antony Tyler, Gilly Fenner (Secretary), Lonnie Christophers and Fr David.

Various

Two gazebos have been offered by Tony Pluck for the use by the church, and they will be stored in a box.

Recording of Masses etc to a laptop is now possible: speak to Barry Authers to utilise this facility.

A new heater for the Sacristy will be obtained (the previous one was condemned).

Children's Liturgy of the Word is restarting, co-ordinated by Magda Wiacek.

Finances

The local accounts are now part of the diocesan NatWest system. There has not been much activity recently.

Garden

Tidy up sessions have been very successful. The mole problem is being addressed. The Rosary Garden is finished and is well used.

Car park

Oxford Builders Merchants make a donation in return for their employees parking their cars in the car park. There is a good rapport in the event of Funerals etc. The current revenue from the car park is £2,700, a welcome sum.

A quote for resurfacing the car park was identified as the best quote; this was subsequently agreed by the Parish Finance Committee. At the moment we are awaiting diocesan Finance Committee approval before commencing this work.

Ecumenism

Sarah Harrison tabled a report, mentioning the ecumenical gatherings on Palm Sunday and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee ('Hymns & Pimms'). Fr David remarked that ecumenism seems more thriving in Otford than in Sevenoaks.

Village Fete (28th May)

It was agreed to participate, and in the event it proved most successful, not least in making a presence at this important village event. Antony Tyler arranged for a banner to be made, advertising some of the things undertaken in and by the parish.

Future events

The St Edith's Devotions will be on Sunday 18th September (her actual Feast Day).

This year's Ride & Stride is expected to be on 10th September (last year's raised £595 for MHT).

A social event – perhaps a Quiz Night on Saturday 24th September – is planned.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 3rd JULY

6:00pm (Sat)

8:00am (Latin)

9:15am

11:15am

6:00pm

9:30am *Otford*

9:30am *Borough Green*

11:00am *West Kingsdown*

Monday 4th Feria

8:00am

Tuesday 5th Feria

9:30am

Wednesday 6th Feria

8:00am

10:00am *Otford*

11:30am

Thursday 7th The Translation of S Thomas, B M

10:00am *Borough Green*

12:00noon

Friday 8th Feria

8:00am

10:00am *West Kingsdown*

Saturday 9th of Our Lady

9:30am

SUNDAY 10th JULY

6:00pm (Sat)

8:00am (Latin)

9:15am

11:15am

6:00pm

9:30am *Otford*

9:30am *Borough Green*

11:00am *West Kingsdown*

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

Holy Souls

Mgr Boniface Tamani

Bill Lindsay RIP

People of the Parish

All people suffering drought

Mary Scott RIP (10th Anniversary)

People of Ukraine

Holy Souls

Anita Stockmann RIP (Anniversary)

Wellbeing of Jill Cremin

Marcus Wray RIP

Deacon Joe Bennett RIP

Funeral Mass - Daniel McGowan RIP

Chin Kimee Ayong-Chee RIP

Funeral Mass - Angela Griffiths RIP

Timothy & Clea Andradi RIP

Angela Griffiths RIP
and the comfort of her family

Donor's Intention (AC)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

Richard & Katie (Wedding Ceremony)

A quick recovery to good health

Stella Maris (Apostleship of Sea)

Anna Highfield RIP

People of the Parish

Maureen Murphy RIP

All Seafarers

Holy Souls

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

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

Baptism

Welcome to

Sophia Chyla

who was Baptized at
St Thomas's, Sevenoaks
last weekend.

Wedding

Congratulations to

Alastair Smith & Nicole Broster

who were married at
St Thomas's last Saturday

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:

Suscepimus, Deus,
misericordiam tuam in
medio templi
tui. Secundum nomen
tuum, Deus, ita et laus tua
in fines terrae; iustitia plena
est dextera tua.

Communion:

Venite ad me, omnes qui
laboratis et onerati estis, et
ego reficiam vos, dicit
Dominus.