

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 14th *The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

6:00pm (Sat)	Peggy La Trobe RIP
8:00am (Latin)	People of the Parish
9:15am	Fr John Hartley RIP
11:15am	Peggy La Trobe RIP
6:00pm	Peace and reconciliation in Ukraine
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Lawrence Joseph Murphy RIP
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Reparation for the sin of abortion
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Pregnant women in difficulties

Monday 15th *Feria*

8:00am	Dec'd members of Andradi-Brown family
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Tuesday 16th *Feria*

9:30am	The sick in the Parish
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Wednesday 17th *Feria*

8:00am	Anne D'Souza RIP
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Vicky Lepore
11:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Funeral Mass - Mary Varley RIP

Thursday 18th *Feria*

10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Eileen Stevens RIP
12:00noon	Those in care homes in the Parish

Friday 19th *Feria*

8:00am	David & Colleen Lockyer and their children
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls

Saturday 20th *S Bernard, Ab D*

9:30am	Connie M. Burton RIP
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SUNDAY 21st *TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY (C)*

6:00pm (Sat)	Wellbeing of Jan Golda (Birthday)
8:00am (Latin)	Holy Souls
9:15am	Paul Stephens RIP
11:15am	Jean O'Donnell RIP
6:00pm	Holy Souls
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Angela & Barry Griffiths RIP
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	People of the Parish
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Good health and wellbeing of the Gobel family

Hosepipe Ban

As this is now in force in the area please do not water with hose pipes or sprinklers the grass and gardens at any of the churches.

Gas supply

The good news is that we are in three year contracts for utility supplies, which will protect our finances, at least for a while, during the current energy price rises. For those concerned about the ethics of receiving some of our gas from Gazprom (a Russian company), we have been informed by them that this now a German company called SEFE Energy.

LATIN ANTIPHONS for Sunday 8:00am Mass

Entrance

Gaudeamus omnes in Domino, diem festum celebrantes sub honore Mariæ Virginis, de cuius Assumptione gaudent Angeli, et collaudent Filium Dei.

Communion

Beatam me dicent omnes generationes, quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est.

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, Francis Easterbrook
and all in care and nursing homes.

Please pray for

Mary Varley
and all who have died.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love.

PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS

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Today's Mass Readings: *The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

14th August 2022

Vigil (Saturday evening) Mass:

1 Chronicles 15: 3-4, 15-16, 16: 1-2; Psalm 131; 1 Corinthians 15: 54-57; Luke 11: 27-28

The **First Reading** and **Psalm** liken Mary to the Ark of the Covenant. Just as the wood of the Ark (which carried God inside) was regarded as incorruptible, so too the body of Mary (which carried Jesus Christ inside) was also incorruptible. The **Second Reading** continues this theme: since she bore the Son of God Mary was preserved incorrupt at the end of her life, and so is the first beneficiary of His total victory over death.

Gospel: both a woman in the crowd and Jesus praise His mother.

Mass during the Day:

Apocalypse 11: 19, 12: 1-6, 10; Psalm 44; 1 Corinthians 15 20-26; Luke 1: 39-56

First Reading: there are many different concepts in this vision of the end-time. One is that the woman is Mary: she is the first church, she bore the head of the church in her womb, she is the first believer, she is the first of the redeemed, and she is the first to follow Christ into glory.

Psalm: a psalm traditionally used on feast days of Our Lady.

Second Reading: Mary is the first of "those who belong to him" to be taken up to heaven. She is thus the perfect model of the Christian and of the Church.

Gospel: the story of the Visitation. This is important because it is Mary's motherhood of Jesus Christ which is the reason for her exaltation.

Fr David

THIS WEEK

Listening to You

There is no session of the bereavement support group this Monday. It will resume in September.

Mary Varley RIP

The Funeral Mass of Mary Varley is at St Joseph's at 11:00am on Wednesday, followed by Interment in Platt graveyard.

The Pilgrims Afternoon Tea

All older parishioners are invited to a garden tea on Friday at Catherine and Ben's house. To attend ring Jackie Pembroke on 01732 450197 or email ac.jpembroke@gmail.com.

NOTICES

The Pilgrims: visit to Worth Abbey

On Wednesday 7th September, by coach. Experience the calm of Mid-day Prayer, listen to a talk on Benedictine spirituality, and walk in the beautiful grounds. Cost £28 per person; coffee/tea and buffet Lunch provided in the Retreat House. To register sign up on the list in the Entrance, phone 01732 450197 or email ac.jpembroke@gmail.com.

Outing to Canon John Bailey's grave

On Saturday 24th September, the coach will leave St Bernadette's at 9:30am. After visiting the grave to pray and lay flowers there will be Holy Mass in St Theresa's Church, Northiam. After Mass there will be a visit to the seaside.

Return by 6:00pm. Cars may be left at St Bernadette's. Cost per seat £20, in cash or by cheque (payable to 'RCAS Sevenoaks St Bernadette'), to Monica Biggs (mmdbbiggs@outlook.com). All parishioners, not just those at West Kingsdown, and indeed anyone who would like a day out, are welcome.

Parish Centre Working Party

The working party has held its first meeting, under the chairmanship of Amanda Buttinger. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th September at 8:00pm. The group would be pleased if a representative of user groups not previously represented could attend, as well as anyone with architectural or building surveyor expertise. Please contact Amanda (buttinger_amanda@hotmail.co.uk) if you can help in this way.

Advance Notice: St Edith Devotions

The St Edith Devotions will this year take place on her feast day itself, Sunday 18th September. The usual Devotions, including the Holy Rosary, at St Edith's Well in Kemsing at 3:30pm, followed by Vespers in St Mary's Church. Refreshments in The Bell afterwards. Book the date in your diary now.

A Day with Mary

On Saturday 27th August at St George's Cathedral. Entry Procession of Our Lady at 10:15am, with Sung Litany and Mass of Our Lady. Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:30pm; the day ends at 5:15pm. Confession during the day.