

# MASS INTENTIONS

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

<b>SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY (C)</b>
6:00pm (Sat)	People of the Parish
8:00am (Latin)	Good intentions of the donor's family
9:15am	Safa Ashkuri RIP
11:15am	Peace and Reconciliation in Ukraine
6:00pm	Fr Peter Farmer RIP
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Richard Knight RIP
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Reparation for the sin of abortion
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Peter & Stephanie Catherwood RIP
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Passion of S John the Baptist</b>
12:00noon	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line &amp; Margaret Ward</b>
9:30am	Anna Mullan RIP
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>
8:00am	Louis Laval Redegonde RIP and the souls in Purgatory
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Mike Mills RIP
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>S Edmund Arrowsmith, Pr M</b>
10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Holy Souls
12:00noon	Timothy & Clea Andradi RIP
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>
8:00am	Holy Souls
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>S GREGORY the GREAT, P D</b>
9:30am	Joseph & Josephine Brown RIP
<b>SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (C)</b>
6:00pm (Sat)	Holy Souls
8:00am (Latin)	Canon John McNamara RIP
9:15am	Mgr James McGettrick RIP
11:15am	Good health for Mary Rafferty
6:00pm	People of the Parish
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Barry & Angela Griffiths RIP
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Eileen Stevens RIP
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls

## Baptism

Welcome to  
**Oran Maguire**

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

## Holy Matrimony

Congratulations to  
**Alexander Baker & Abigail Thornhill**

who were Married at St Thomas's,  
Sevenoaks last weekend.

## LATIN ANTIPHONS

### Entrance

Miserere mihi, Domine, quoniam ad te clamavi tota die; quia tu, Domine, suavis ac mitis es, et copiosus in misericordia omnibus invocantibus te.

### Communion

Quam magna multitudo dulcedinis tuæ, Domine, quam abscondisti timentibus te.

## Gift Aid refund

Sean Corrigan, our Gift Aid co-ordinator, reports that the Gift Aid refund was up for 2021/22. In 2019/20 we received £33,869, in 2020/21 £35,653, and in 2021/22 **£37,446**. We are grateful to Sean for his sterling work in recording Gift Aid claims, and grateful to all who Gift Aid their donations.

If you pay UK tax and don't yet Gift Aid your contributions, please complete a Gift Aid form; it doesn't cost you any more. Gift Aid forms are available in each church or can be downloaded from the parish website (<http://www.sevrparish.org.uk/giftaid.htm>).

You can make your contribution to parish funds by Standing Order: *Bank NatWest, Sort Code 60-19-02, A/c name RCAS SEVENOAKS, A/c No 25782002*. Stephanie Cotterill, our Accountant, can always be contacted at [sevenoaksaccountant@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sevenoaksaccountant@rcaos.org.uk) for any queries.

## St Bernadette Relic Tour

The relics of St Bernadette will be at The Friars, Aylesford (ME20 7BX) between 7:00pm on 24<sup>th</sup> October and 1:00pm on 28<sup>th</sup> October. You need to book to visit the relics: go to <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/>.

## Sevenoaks Food Bank

Can I remind everyone that Sevenoaks Food Bank heavily relies on donations from churches, school and other organisations in and around Sevenoaks to survive. We received very few donations over the summer and today we need everything. We are particularly short of tins of fish, meat, spaghetti, fruits, vegetables, and coffee. It would be fantastic if people in Oxford could be especially generous on the first weekend of the month (4<sup>th</sup> September) and in Sevenoaks on the second (10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> September). Thank you!

*Isabelle Mercer*

# PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS

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## Today's Mass Readings: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY of the YEAR (C)

28<sup>th</sup> August 2022

*Sirach* 3: 19-21, 30-31; *Psalms* 67; *Hebrews* 12: 18-19, 22-24; *Luke* 14: 1, 7-14

As is usually the case the **First Reading** contains a prefiguring of the *Gospel* message: God wants us to be humble, not proud.

**Psalm:** in his goodness God is concerned for the poor, not the wealthy or important.

**Second Reading:** an image of the parousia, the Day of the Lord, the second coming of Christ.

**Gospel:** Jesus has a Sabbath meal with a Pharisee and his guests, who scrutinise Him closely. A Sabbath meal is supposed to be an anticipation of the banquet in the kingdom, but Jesus criticises them for their haughtiness and lack of humility.

Jesus' advice - to invite the poor and disabled rather than VIPs or the rich - must have been as puzzling then as it is now. What we have to do is to work out what this means in practice for us.

*Fr David*

## Supply Priests

We welcome Fr Bryan Wells, celebrating the 9:15am Mass, and Fr Francis Rodrigues SJ, celebrating the 11:15am Mass today.

## THIS WEEK

### Bank Holiday Monday

Holy Mass at the Bank Holiday time of 12:00 noon in St Thomas's; there is no Adoration on Monday this week.

The Parish Office is closed on Monday. It will be open as normal Tuesday to Friday, 9:30am - 12:30pm, for all routine matters and enquiries.

### Thursday: World Day of Prayer for Creation

On Thursday the Catholic community around the world is encouraged to pray for our common home. *Listen to the voice of creation* is the theme this year. You can find Pope Francis' Message for this day on the Vatican website: <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2022/07/21/220721c.html>.

## NOTICES

### Outing to Canon John Bailey's grave

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 ([mmdbiggs@outlook.com](mailto:mmdbiggs@outlook.com)). All parishioners, not just those at West Kingsdown, and indeed anyone who would like a day out, are welcome.

## The Pilgrims visit to Worth Abbey

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.ibpembroke@gmail.com](mailto:ac.ibpembroke@gmail.com).

## Advance Notices

### ~ European Day of Prayer for Ukraine

The Consilium Conferentium Episcoporum Europæ has asked everyone in the continent to participate in a day of prayer for Ukraine on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, by means of silent Eucharistic Adoration. Accordingly, on that day there will be Adoration in St Thomas's after the 8:00am Mass until 9:30am and at Most Holy Trinity, Oxford after the 10:00am Mass until 11:00am.

### ~ St Edith Devotions

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

### ~ St Joseph's Quiz Night

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 7:30pm start. Maximum of 6 persons per table, either make up your own team or join with others on the night. Tickets - £10 to include a Ploughman's Supper - from Jenny (07591 301186) or Margaret (01732 885295). Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles; proceeds to St Joseph's funds.