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## Shin Sei Do Karate Club

Shin Sei Do is a Karate Club offering classes for children and adults; experienced and beginners are all welcome.

The instructor (James McSharry) is a registered Karate instructor. He holds Martial Arts Coaching Qualifications (MASA), enhanced DBS certificate, Instructors' Public and Products liability Insurance and is affiliated to ShiKon Martial Arts.

The Club meets on Sunday and Tuesday evenings at Solefield School Hall, Fiennes Way, Sevenoaks, TN13 1PH.

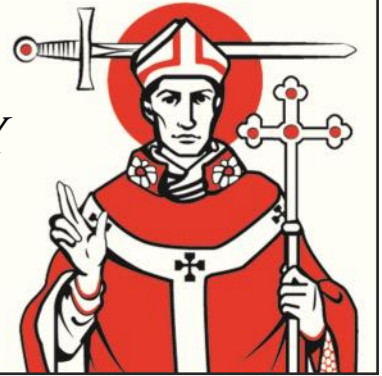
For more information and to book visit <https://sevenoakskarate.co.uk/>.



Archdiocese of Southwark

## PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS

CHURCHES IN SEVENOAKS, OTFORD, BOROUGH GREEN AND WEST KINGSDOWN



Parish Newsletter

9th October 2022



### Mass: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY (Year C)

2 Kings 5: 14-17; Psalm 97; 2 Timothy 2: 8-13; Luke 17: 11-19

**First Reading:** having been cured of his leprosy by Elisha, Naaman returns to his healer, who refuses a reward. Naaman wishes to ensure that when he returns home the God who has cured him will still be with him, so in a somewhat earthbound understanding of deity he takes two mules' worth of Israelite earth back to Damascus.

**Psalm:** this is the only psalm with just 'A Psalm' as the title. It is a hymn of praise to God for the salvation he has shown to the nations.

**Second Reading:** a summary of St Paul's message. In poetic form it explains the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, for His suffering and death are patterns for the suffering and death of His followers.

**Gospel:** ten lepers are healed, but only one - a foreigner - returns to Jesus and thanks God for his healing. Which is more surprising: that one praised God or that the nine didn't?

We know that God is the giver of all good things: every mouthful of food, every breath of air, every note of music, every good sight, and a million other things. Do we take time to count our blessings and to thank God for them?

Fr David



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### Our Parish needs our help.

- 4 Churches serving a significant swathe of West Kent.
- More than 2,500 parishioners, with 800+ people (including around 200 families) attending Mass each week across the 4 Churches.
- It costs around £3,500 per week for: running the office, heating, lighting and ongoing upkeep; including funding a regular programme of property maintenance.
- This expenditure supports our Parish work - up to 20 Masses said weekly, catechesis programmes, pastoral support, visiting priests etc.
- Income available to meet the above expenditure amounts to about £3,000 per week (inc Gift Aid)

...which means we are £500 short every week!



### What can you do to support our Parish?

- As little as £1 extra per person (or say £2.50 per family) per week would enable us to break even.
- Please fill in Gift Aid forms for all giving - it really helps!
- 'One-off' donations, to the extent you can, will enable us to meet building maintenance expenses or improvements.



## 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

Parish Office: Magdalena Wiacek  
 Monday - Friday  
 9:00am - 12:00noon  
 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

**Church contact:**  
 Barry Authers  
 Tel: 01959 524362  
 sevenoaksmht@rcaos.org.uk



Western Rd, Borough Green  
TN15 8AG

## 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

**Church contact:**  
 Antoni Offert  
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 sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk



Fawkham Rd, West Kingsdown  
TN15 6JP

## 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

**Church contacts:**  
 Jill & John Gobel  
 Tel: 01474 853676  
 sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk



## ST THOMAS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

South Park,  
Sevenoaks, TN13 1EH  
www.saintthomas.co.uk

**Executive Head:**  
 Mrs Katherine Sexton  
**Academy Principal:**  
 Ms Geraldine Leahy  
 Tel: 01732 453921

# GOD LOVES HIS CHILDREN MASS ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN



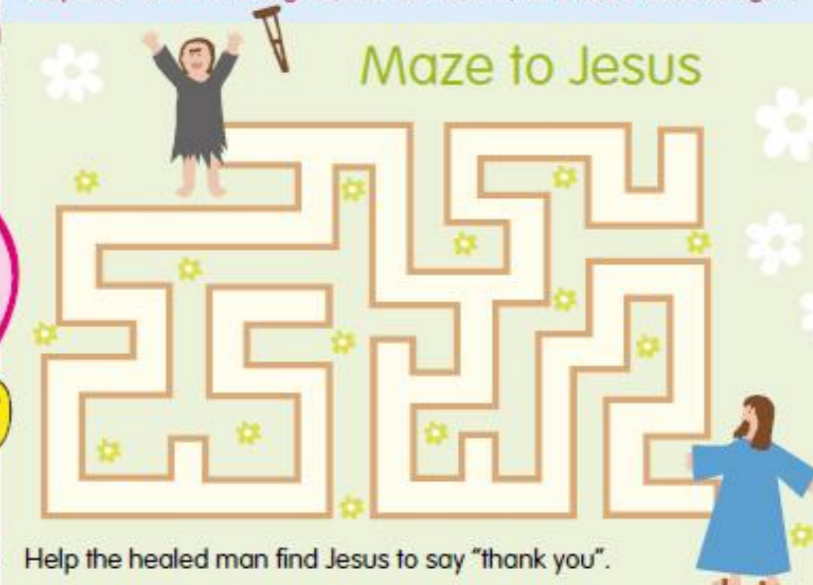
## Be thankful

It is good to say "thank you" when someone cares for us. What things do you want to say thank you for?



Ten people with a horrible skin disease ask Jesus to heal them. Jesus makes them all well. Only one comes back to say "thank you". What a surprise - it is the foreigner, the Samaritan, who does what is right!

## Maze to Jesus



## Thank you



## A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for everything you have given me. Amen.

Perhaps you can make a "thank you" card for someone who cares for you?

## Wordsearch

Ways to say "Thank you"

- KISS
- HUG
- SMILE
- PRAY
- SING
- GIFT

P	O	C	K	B	S	F
A	S	M	I	L	E	H
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D	F	R	J	T	X	G



## CONTACTS & ORGANISATIONS

### ***Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Sevenoaks***

**Presbytery and Parish Office:** 12 Granville Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 1ER  
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**Parish Deacon:** Rev'd Neil Philipson [neilphilipson@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:neilphilipson@rcaos.org.uk)

**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Magdalena Wiacek [sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk)

**Parish Office hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00am - 12:00noon

**Safeguarding Rep:** Ken Baines [sevenoakssgl@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:sevenoakssgl@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator can be contacted on 020 7261 1606; in an emergency dial 999

#### **Adoration**

Barry Authers [adoration@sevrparish.org.uk](mailto:adoration@sevrparish.org.uk)

#### **Altar Servers (St Thomas's)**

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#### **Catenians**

Social club for Catholic men

Aiden O'Mahony [aidan.omahony@btinternet.com](mailto:aidan.omahony@btinternet.com)

#### **Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sunday Mass**

*Sevenoaks, 9:15am Mass:*

Mark O'Prey [sevenoakscrow@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sevenoakscrow@rcaos.org.uk)

*Otford, 9:30am Mass:*

Magdalena Wiacek [sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk)

*Borough Green, 9:30am Mass:*

Fiona Newton - [fionanewton321@btinternet.com](mailto:fionanewton321@btinternet.com)

#### **Choirs**

*Music Group:*

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*Borough Green:* Chris Hurl [chris.hurl@outlook.com](mailto:chris.hurl@outlook.com)

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#### **Parish Finance Committee**

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#### **First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Programme**

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#### **Gift Aid:**

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#### **Holy Trinity Committee**

Secretary: Barry Authers [sevenoaksmht@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sevenoaksmht@rcaos.org.uk)

#### **Lectio Divina**

Kathie Gonzalez 01732 761253

#### **Listening to you (Bereavement Support)**

Third Monday, 10:30am in Parish Room

Ronnie Campbell 01732 452988, Sarah Harrison 01959

522357, Kate Travers [katetravers521@hotmail.com](mailto:katetravers521@hotmail.com) and Ann

Livingston [annlivingston@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annlivingston@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **Loaves and Fishes Foodbank**

Isabelle Mercer: [h.imercer@btopenworld.com](mailto:h.imercer@btopenworld.com)

#### **Mothers' Prayers**

Mondays, 11:30am at Star House, Star Hill Road  
01959 532505

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

Tuesdays 10:00am - 12:00noon, Parish Centre  
Mary Hunt 07890 229794

#### **RACET (Rural Africa Children's Education Trust)**

MaryAnn Perasso 01959 522337, [www.racet.org](http://www.racet.org)

#### **Readers, Ministers & Welcomers Rota (St Thomas's)**

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#### **Repository**

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#### **St Joseph's Committee**

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#### **The Pilgrims**

For retired parishioners

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#### **Scripture Fellowship**

Reading a Gospel together

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## PARISH NOTICES

### TODAY

#### **Confirmation candidates**

Welcome to our Confirmandi, who have their Mass of Election at the Saturday 6:00pm Mass. Please pray for them as they prepare for their Confirmation in November.

#### **Supply Priests**

We welcome Fr Bryan Wells and one of the Capuchin Franciscans friars helping out today (Sunday).

#### **Second Collection**

The Second Collection today is the Harvest CAFOD collection. For more information, for prayer resources, and to donate online go to [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). Use the CAFOD envelopes if you pay UK tax so that CAFOD can claim Gift Aid on your donation.

#### **National Mass count**

The fourth and final Mass count takes place today.

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

The Traditional Choir leads the music.

### THIS WEEK

#### **Prisons Week**

Today is a Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families, and 9th - 15th October is National Prisons Week. Pact is the national Catholic charity that supports prisoners and their children and families. For more information, including how to get involved, go to [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk).

#### **Tree pruning**

The trees and bushes in front of the Presbytery are to be pruned on Monday. I suggest you don't stand underneath while the arboriculturists are doing this!

#### **Wednesday: the Pilgrims**

As older members of the Parish we would particularly like to pray for young people throughout the country during this time of insecurity and change. We ask you to join us at 10:00am in St Thomas's to pray the Rosary with this dedication in our minds and hearts. We welcome everyone, whatever their age. Afterwards we shall gather in the Parish Room for coffee.

### NOTICES

#### **Adults interested in becoming a Catholic**

Anyone interesting in learning more about the Catholic faith - with no commitment at this stage, just come and see- please contact Andrew La Trobe ([andrew.latrobe@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.latrobe@gmail.com)) as soon as possible.

#### **St Thomas's Repository**

After a number of years Christine Landon is retiring from running the Repository, and we thank her hugely for this ministry. Sophie McBrien has kindly agreed to help after the 9:15am Mass, but we will need more helpers. Contact Magda in the Office if you can devote a little bit of your time.

#### **Secondary School Transfer**

If you need Fr David to countersign a Supplementary Form for St Gregory's Catholic School or for Trinity School you should email him to make an appointment. He is unable to sign forms for other non Catholic Schools.

#### **Finance**

The Offertory for August, from all sources, was £12,584.00. Thank you.

The St Joseph's Quiz Night made just over £675 - including £224 from the raffle - for St Joseph's funds. Thanks to all who helped organise it (especially Julia who did all the washing up) and to all who participated.

The Most Holy Trinity car park appeal raised £720.00. You can still donate to this: cheques payable to RCAS Sevenoaks or cash can be handed to Mary Scott, the Otford Treasurer.

#### **Refugee families**

St Thomas' Catholic Primary School have two families from Ukraine who need to find new accommodation. It is two mothers with a daughter each. Currently, they are together with one host family. They are really hoping to be able to stay in Sevenoaks as their children have settled very well at St Thomas'. They are either looking for a new host family or someone who has a flat that they would be willing to rent to them. They are happy to be on a bus route to Sevenoaks or even to now be apart as two lots of one Mother and one child. Financially, the Government provides host families with £350 a month to help with extra bills and Sevenoaks District Council is offering to help with deposits and the first month's rent. If you can offer assistance in any way then please contact Melanie in the School office.

# PARISH AND OTHER NOTICES

## Most Holy Trinity Otford Social Evening

The parishioners at Otford are hosting a social event on Saturday 12th November at 7:30pm to raise funds for the car park resurfacing. There will be an entertaining talk by Blue Badge Guide Jonathan Fenner on *Beasts, Bishops and Bankers: the Story of Sevenoaks*, followed by cheese & wine. It will be in the Club Room at Otford Village Memorial Hall. Tickets (£15) will be on sale shortly; meanwhile save the date.

## Diocesan Marriage Preparation Presenters

A married couple, both practising Catholics, are sought to present 6 courses a year in various Kent and South London locations. Salary £7,000 per couple, mileage paid, training given. For job description etc contact [liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk); applications by 14th October.

## DIOCESAN & OTHER NOTICES

### Archbishop's Certificate

This is an online course for all in Southwark who wish to know their Catholic faith more deeply, and is especially for those involved in evangelization, catechesis, and formation. Participants will take a two-year journey through the Church's teaching to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy.

The course commences this month and the cost (divided between the individual and the Parish) is £365. Further details and registration can be found at <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>.

### Building a Better Marriage

A morning online course aimed at married couples, whether they have been married for a few years or decades. It is aimed at couples with average to good marriages looking to make their marriage better. There is no group sharing.

Booking is essential and there is a nominal charge of £10 per couple. The next sessions will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 26<sup>th</sup> November. More details from Carole Batty ([mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)).

### Life in the Spirit Day of Renewal

At St George's Cathedral on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 10:00am - 5:00pm. The main speaker is Fr Michael Payyapilly VC from the Divine Retreat Centre in Australia. The day is organised by the Southwark

Charismatic Renewal and includes praise and worship, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer for healing, Confessions, Mass, and testimonies. Booking is free: [bit.ly/SouthwarkRenewal22](http://bit.ly/SouthwarkRenewal22).

## World Youth Day 2023

Although it is a little while away, the Archdiocese will be taking a group of young pilgrims to the World Youth Day in Lisbon, 31<sup>st</sup> July - 7<sup>th</sup> August.

If you are interested visit [www.bit.ly/wydsouthwark](http://www.bit.ly/wydsouthwark) or [www.lisboa2023.org/en/](http://www.lisboa2023.org/en/).

## Bishop Howard Tripp RIP

Please pray for the soul of Bishop Howard Tripp, Emeritus Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark, who has died aged 95. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

## MORE PARISH NOTICES

### New to the Parish?

If you are new to the Parish, welcome. Please register by going to the Parish website (<http://www.sevrcparish.org.uk/>) and clicking on 'Parish Registration'. Do also scroll through the list of Parish organisations etc on page 10; you may well find a group to interest you.

### Formed.org Faith at Home

The Parish has purchased access to a powerful new resource that can enable you to grow in your knowledge of and love for your Catholic faith: [formed.org](http://formed.org). It has an extraordinary range of content, including movies, TV shows, discussion programmes, documentaries, courses, audiobooks, downloadable books and content for children and teenagers.

Parishioners can sign up for free. Simply

1. go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and click 'sign up'
2. click 'sign up as parishioner'
3. search for 'St Thomas of Canterbury Sevenoaks'
4. enter your name and email address, and click 'sign up'.



From the Desk of the Parish Priest

## Some financial matters



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Notwithstanding last week's article about the First Collection at Sunday Mass I don't often write about financial matters. But today I want to keep you informed about some financial aspects.

### The 'outstations'

The three Chapels of Ease each have their own local account, with a Treasurer who is a member of the local committee. At Most Holy Trinity this is Mary Scott, at St Joseph's Margaret Briggs, and at St Bernadette's John Gobel. These local accounts do not have large sums in them but with some local fund raising they provide funds for the smaller local items. The example I always give is that if the clock falls off the wall and breaks the local Treasurer can buy a new one, without having to go through me or consulting the Parish Finance Committee. The three local Treasurers all sit on that committee.

Last weekend St Joseph's held their traditional Quiz Night, which raised £675 for St Joseph's funds. The Most Holy Trinity account is paying part of the cost (£26,000) of the car park resurfacing: £5,000 has already been transferred to the main Parish Account, £1,000 was donated by Otford Building Merchants, and further sums will come from last weekend's Second Collection and from the Ride & Stride. More fund raising will take place at the social event (see the notices).

### Utility suppliers

Fortunately we are in the middle of three year contracts for gas and electricity. Our bills can rise but not to an exorbitant degree. Incidentally, our electricity comes rather bewilderingly from British Gas.

We do need to keep a careful watch on the use of gas and electricity, so please don't keep lights on unnecessarily.

Our accountant, Stephanie Cotterill, is in the process of investigating similar contracts for water bills, so we hope to make savings there.

It might be that solar panels on the Church roof would be cost effective. Does anyone know about them? Please contact me if you do.

We also have some software on the photocopier which alerts us if the cost of printing is high (eg if something downloaded from the internet is in colour and not black and white as we thought). This Newsletter costs 10p each, partly offset by the back page adverts. Please contact Magda in the Parish Office to advertise there.

### Donations

You can donate to Parish Funds (hopefully Gift Aiding your donation so we get back the tax you have paid) by a Standing Order. Go to the Parish website to download the forms (<http://www.sevrcparish.org.uk/giftaid.htm>). If you make a bank transfer please give a clear reference (eg 'Mass Intention', 'Baptism donation', 'First Communion book' etc). The bank details are NatWest Bank, Sort Code 60-19-02, RCAS Sevenoaks, A/c No 25782002.

Alternatively you can use the card reader in St Thomas's Entrance, or donate via Just Giving (again on the website). Cash donations can of course be put in the First Collection or the Second Collection when there is one.

### Parish Finance Committee

The Committee, chaired by Ben Andradi, meets regularly and keeps a close eye on the accounts. It also authorises expenditure over £1,000. Expenditure over £10,000 has to be approved by the Diocesan Finance Office. The other members of the Committee are Margaret Briggs, Amanda Buttinger, John Gobel, Kees Kempenaar, Frank Quinn, and Mary Scott (Secretary). I and Fr Peter also attend.

### Parish Centre Working Party

The Parish Centre badly needs refurbishment, and a Working Party has been set up to explore what can be done. Amanda Buttinger chairs this, assisted by Christina Rose, with representatives from the groups who use the building. A questionnaire about the Centre will be issued soon. If you have architectural or building surveyor expertise and could assist this Working Party do let me know.

## CHRISTY'S STORY

(from Pact)

There is currently no structure in place for children whose mothers are in custody, and no official records are kept about how many children are affected by the imprisonment of a parent. Women are far more likely than men to be primary carers for children prior to imprisonment, and the effect of maternal separation on children is often more devastating, with far-reaching implications for their growth and development.

Christy is just one of the women supported by Pact's pilot project, Together a Chance, which supports mothers in custody to maintain links with their children. Launched in response to Lord Farmer's recommendation that all women's prisons should have an on-site social worker as part of a multidisciplinary custodial team, the scheme has placed social workers in two women's prisons: HMPs Send and Eastwood Park. It aims to empower women to play a positive role in their children's lives, and be involved in decisions relating to their welfare, while protecting the best interests of their children.

We shared Christy's words alongside key findings from the project's interim evaluation at an event earlier this year in the House of Lords. Her story shows how Pact's social workers have become invaluable to both mothers and community practitioners, and that the project can create systemic change in the way imprisoned mothers and their children are dealt with, responded to, and cared for.

Christy's social worker, Becky, has supported her to connect with Local Authority social workers in matters involving her children and to speak for herself at court. She has also been able to build positive relationships with professionals working with Christy's children to encourage familial visits and establish more regular contact through phone calls and letters. Christy said:

*"I have always felt so alone in my fight to secure contact with my children. It's even more of a strain being a parent in prison because of the stigma attached to it. It's like you're losing before you begin.*

*"You're unable to use the internet for advice or support, you're unable to use a phone to chase courts or professionals who may be involved. You're stuck with just pen and paper, and let's face it, in this day and age it's just prehistoric and doesn't give us a good start. You're effectively isolated and alone.*

*"Maintaining family ties is crucial in the progress of rehabilitation. It can provide a stable foundation to build upon. Being part of the project has made me see how much help and support is needed in this area.*

*"My case was never going to be straightforward and at times it was extremely challenging for Pact. The main obstacle they faced was communication from Local Authority social services and since the pilot project has been involved, this issue has been resolved. I believe it is because the Together a Chance team are social workers and know the protocols.*

*"Since my social worker, Becky, started supporting me, my life has been so much easier. She has taken away so much stress and I am in a much better position in respect of child contact. Becky has been consistent, friendly, non-judgmental, approachable, but most importantly reliable and professional. She has listened to me and for the first time in years, I feel "heard". I feel like my relationship with my children matters and my rights are being upheld."*

*"It is the little things that enable the big things to happen, such as printing forms, posting, phoning/emailing, minute-taking, liaising with professionals and the option of a McKenzie friend\*. She has done - and continues to do - all of this for me, and more. She has been my rock. I know it is still not over, but she has enabled me to trust and hope again."*

\* A McKenzie friend is someone who supports or encourages an individual representing themselves in court proceedings.

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

### SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> October

6:00pm (Sat)

8:00am (Latin)

9:15am

11:15am

6:00pm

9:30am *Oxford*

9:30am *Borough Green*

11:00am *West Kingsdown*

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> *Feria*

8:00am

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> *Feria*

9:30am

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> *Feria*

8:00am

10:00am *Oxford*

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> *S EDWARD the CONFESSOR, King*

10:00am *Borough Green*

12:00noon

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> *Feria*

8:00am

10:00am *West Kingsdown*

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> *S Teresa of Jesus, V D*

9:30am

### SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> October

6:00pm (Sat)

8:00am (Latin)

9:15am

11:15am

6:00pm

9:30am *Oxford*

9:30am *Borough Green*

11:00am *West Kingsdown*

### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY (C)

Frank Haggarty RIP

People of the Parish

Fr Joe Andradi

Archbishop Peter Amigo RIP

João Pereira RIP

Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy RIP

Holy Souls

CAFOD

Anna Mullan RIP

Oksana Popova RIP

Alfred & Lily Lockyer  
& their parents RIP

Holy Souls

William Gallagher RIP

Bridget Alexander RIP

Christopher Gouck Gallo

Marie Lourdes Radegonde RIP

All dec'd of the donor's family

### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY (C)

Holy Souls

Archbishop Michael Bowen RIP

Barry Burns RIP (4<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

People of the Parish

Cyril Waite RIP (birthday)

End of pandemic

Peace in Ukraine

Marie Lourdes Radegonde RIP

### **Baptism**

Welcome to

### **Helena Halliday**

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

### **Departed anniversaries**

Lilian Andrey O'Grady, Patricia Johnson, Ron Jones, Helene Dawson, Kitty Collins, Mary Walshe, Mark Bullock, William Schnorr, Tony Ivil, Kay Johnston, Marian Crofton, Desmond Tanner, Winifred Pepper, John Taylor, John Arundel, Jean Brown, John Mansfield, Edward Thomson, Maureen Mode, Lorenza Conning-Roland, Mary Woodhams, Deirdre Dodd, Michael Kohut.

### **Eternal rest grant unto them,**

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

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

### LATIN ANTIPHONS

#### **Entrance**

Si iniquitates observaveris,  
Domine, Domine, quis  
sustinebit? Quia apud te  
propitiatio est, Deus Israel.

#### **Communion**

Divites eguerunt et esurierunt;  
quærentes autem Dominum non  
minuentur omni bono.