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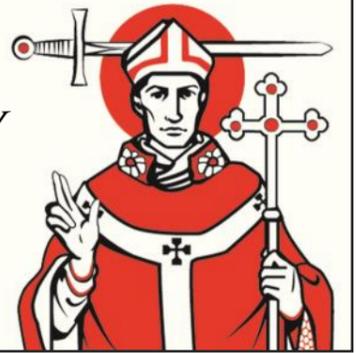
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PARISH OF  
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY  
SEVENOAKS

CHURCHES IN SEVENOAKS, OTFORD,  
BOROUGH GREEN AND WEST KINGSDOWN



Parish Newsletter

27th November 2022



**Today's Mass: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)**

*Isaiah 2: 1-5, Psalm 121, Romans 13: 11-14, Matthew 24: 37-44*

Today is the first day of the Church's liturgical year. It is also the beginning of Year A in the Sunday Lectionary, the Year of Matthew (that is to say, most of the Gospel readings at Sunday Mass this year are taken from *St Matthew's Gospel*).

Advent is the season when we prepare to celebrate Christmas, the annual remembering of Christ's coming into the world. In Advent we also direct our minds to His second coming. It is no surprise, then, that these are the themes of today's Readings.

The **First Reading** – like so many in Advent – is taken from the prophecy of Isaiah, although rather mysteriously almost the same words are found in *Micah 4: 1-3*. It is a vision of the restoration of the Temple in Jerusalem (ie the restoration of true worship of God) and of peace among the nations. Christ's coming ushered in this new age, and this vision should inspire us to work for true worship of God and for world peace. The *Psalm* continues the same themes.

**Second Reading:** St Paul – using the imagery of night turning to day – tells us that as Christians we now live in the new age (of Christ) and should behave accordingly: we should “wake up now” and live in the light of Christ.

**Gospel:** Jesus compares His second coming to Noah's flood: it will be sudden and unexpected; some will be taken and others left (some will be saved and others not); so we must “stay awake” and always be prepared to account for ourselves at the Day of Judgement.

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

### Adoration:

Monday 8:30am - 9:30am  
Tuesday 6:00pm - 7:00pm

### Weekday Mass times:

Monday 8:00am  
Tuesday 9:30am  
Wednesday 8:00am  
Thursday 12:00noon  
Friday 8:00am  
Saturday 9:30am

### 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:  
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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

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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

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## ST THOMAS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

South Park,  
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Ms Geraldine Leahy  
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# GOD LOVES HIS CHILDREN

## MASS ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN



Whatever we do,  
we need to get  
ready properly

Jesus wants us to be ready to welcome him. Noah was ready when the rain came. Noah was ready because he was listening to God and doing what God asked. We will be ready to welcome Jesus if we are being kind and loving, living as God asks.

Ciaran is getting ready for bed



Katie is going for a walk



2 4 5 4 1 3 6!

Code 1 2 3 4 5 6  
a b d e r y

Can you break the code? What is Jesus' message for us today?

These children are getting ready for two very different things. Draw circles around the things they may need.

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to get ready this Advent to welcome you. Help me to listen to you and to be kind and loving. Amen.

### I can help

Who do you love and want to help this week? Draw them, or write their names, inside this heart.

When we help even the least important person we are helping Jesus.

Can you find some words which describe how we can get ready for Jesus hidden around this heart?

Start with I and then use every other letter.



## CONTACTS & ORGANISATIONS

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

**Presbytery and Parish Office:** 12 Granville Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 1ER  
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**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**

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

Catherine Ingram [Ingramfamily15@yahoo.com](mailto:Ingramfamily15@yahoo.com)

#### **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)

*Oxford, 9:30am Mass:*

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

*Borough Green, 9:30am Mass:*

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#### **Choirs**

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#### **Parish Finance Committee**

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

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Sort code: 60-60-04, A/N: 46076484

Account name: St Vincent de Paul Society

#### **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)**

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## PARISH NOTICES

### TODAY

#### **SVP sausage roll sale**

This weekend after all Masses at St Thomas's there will be sausage rolls on sale in the Entrance to raise money for the baby feeding and medical centres in Sudan. Thank you for your support.

#### **Supply Priests**

We welcome Fr Bryan Wells at St Thomas's and Canon Luke Smith at Borough Green and West Kingsdown today.

#### **St Thomas' School PTA**

Raffle tickets will be on sale after Masses at St Thomas's and at Most Holy Trinity today. You can donate using their portable card reader.

#### **Churches Together in Sevenoaks & District**

A Service for Advent Sunday Evening today at 6:30pm in St Nicholas Church of England Church. Car parking at the rear of the church, access from Rectory Lane. Singers are welcome to join the choir: there is one rehearsal today at 4:45pm in the church.

### THIS WEEK

#### **Fr Peter**

is out of the parish from Monday to Wednesday attending an ongoing formation session for recently Ordained priests with the Archbishop in Walsingham.

#### **Tuesday: St Thomas' School**

Year 6 attend the 9:30am Mass on Tuesday. As always parents and family members of children in that Year are especially invited to attend.

#### **Parish Finance Committee**

meets on Thursday. We are examining the insurance (buildings and contents) cover for our six premises. If anyone has any expertise in how to calculate these figures please contact Fr David.



### NOTICES

#### **The Pilgrims & Listening To You**

##### **Advent Service of Carols and Readings**

On Monday 12th December in St Thomas's at 12:30pm we welcome you with Pupil Chaplains from St. Thomas's Catholic Primary School. Please come along and sing in preparation for the Birth of Christ.

There will be refreshments afterwards in the Parish Room.

#### **Christmas cribs in shop windows**

We are contacting our participating local shops mainly in central Sevenoaks who put a crib in the windows. Then we deliver and collect after Christmas. We are seeking help just to deliver and collect for this quiet form of witness. Offers, enquiries, suggestions email to [bobandpat.harman@gmail.com](mailto:bobandpat.harman@gmail.com) or 01732 453902.

The Holy Father's endorsement: *"I wish to encourage the custom of setting it up in the workplace in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares..."* (Apostolic Letter *The Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene*).

#### **Parish Centre survey**

Please either fill in the survey form and hand it to a priest or otherwise return it to the Presbytery, or fill it in online on the parish website. Please do this by the end of the month. This is YOUR chance to say what you envisage as the best way forward for the Parish Centre.

#### **Parish SVP**

Our Parish SVP is looking for people who might benefit from being in touch with a 'phone buddy'. Not everyone feels comfortable with a home visit but some people may prefer a regular phone chat with a named SVP member. If you know of any neighbours or others who might appreciate this please email [sevenoakssvp@gmail.com](mailto:sevenoakssvp@gmail.com) or contact Magda in the Parish Office.

#### **The Pilgrims**

Could you offer a lift to an older parishioner who wishes to attend one of the Pilgrims' events? If you see one advertised in the Newsletter and could offer a lift, please phone Magda in the Parish Office. It would be truly appreciated.

# PARISH AND OTHER NOTICES

## Parish Holy Land Pilgrimage

**22nd - 29th June 2023**

We shall stay in Bethlehem, Tiberias (for the Sea of Galilee) and Jerusalem, with daily Mass at a holy place. The Pilgrimage will be led by Fr David.

The price is £1,945; this includes flights, half board accommodation (Breakfast and Dinner) and two Lunches, luxury coach, and a local English speaking guide. Single room supplement: £600; travel insurance £94 per person.

Obtain a booking form from the Parish Office or contact [sales@tangney-tours.com](mailto:sales@tangney-tours.com). Don't delay: book your place now.

## Archbishop's Certificate in Catechesis

Congratulations to Andrew Wilkinson, who recently received the Archbishop's Certificate after two years of study.

## Saturday Rosary

A small group has restored reciting the Holy Rosary in St Thomas's after the 9:30am Mass on Saturdays. It would be wonderful if more people could join them in this most powerful of prayers.

## Christmas Eve 'Crib Service'

We are hoping to restart this short Liturgy for children before the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at St Thomas's, but we shall need some parents to help organise it as well as children to participate. Please contact Magda in the Parish Office if you can help.

## Christmas greenery

St Thomas's Flower Group would like to ask parishioners for donations of greenery for the Christmas flower arrangements. These can be left by the green door entrance to the Parish Centre (through the gate) during the few days before 23<sup>rd</sup> December. This is a good opportunity to prune your garden! Any queries to Kate Travers (01732 668706).

## Most Holy Trinity car park fund raising

Enormous thanks are due to the organisers and to Johnno Fenner for the successful Social Event, which raised £1,273.00.

Altogether the community at Otford have raised £10,414.50, from the Social, Ride & Stride, Second Collection, donations (including from OBM) and a contribution from the Otford account. Add in £2,569.00 Gift Aid and this represents about half of the total cost of the car park resurfacing. The balance will come from central Parish funds. We thank the people at Most Holy Trinity for this splendid effort.

## Formed.org

Don't forget that as a parishioner you have full and free access to an immense collection of videos, TV programmes, discussions, course, audiobooks, and children's content. 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'.

## CAFOD World Gifts

In Advent let us share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD World Gifts this Christmas either online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in each of the church Entrances. World Gifts such as 'super soup kitchens', 'trees for life', or 'water for a family' can help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.

## Loaves & Fishes Foodbank

It is almost a tradition that St Thomas's congregation provides the Christmas Cakes for Sevenoaks Foodbank. We need around 35 of them which is the number of families that visit us weekly. We are very happy to receive more as we pass our surplus to Trinity school food bank. Please leave your donation in the box at the entrance of the church on the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you so much.

*Isabelle Mercer*



*From the Desk of the Parish Priest*

## ***The Virginal Conception of Jesus 1***

**A**lthough timely for the season of Advent – when we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas – the question of His virginal conception may not seem the most important. Certainly it is not as significant as the question of His Resurrection, on which the whole of our faith hangs. And there are some very serious issues around, like climate change, global warming, and the war in Ukraine. But this question concerns Jesus' uniqueness, and any correct interpretation of His nature and actions is relevant to our redemption and salvation through Jesus Christ.

Some (but only some) Protestants do not agree with the doctrine, perhaps seeing the development of doctrine as moving further and further from the Biblical evidence. Some people of a scientific persuasion rule out the possibility of the virginal conception as being against the natural way of things. But as science cannot prove or disprove something like the virginal conception, or indeed His Resurrection, we cannot settle the question by using science.

We must be clear what we mean by virginal conception, which is the expression used in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* §505. Notice that I do not use the term 'virgin birth', which is often used in this context but can be misleading. What we believe is that Jesus was conceived in the womb of a virgin – Mary – without the intervention of a human father. It is what medical people would refer to as *virginitas ante partum*.

*Matthew* and *Luke* – our scriptural sources for this doctrine – are primarily concerned to portray the virginal conception as a sign of divine choice, of God's favour towards Jesus, and of the theological idea that Jesus was the Messiah. It would have been expected that marvellous events – miracles – should accompany God's actions in human history, and especially surrounding the incarnation of God himself: see for instance *Luke* 1: 5-15.

Nowadays, however, people, even some Christians, are suspicious of the miraculous. I am reminded of the lines in WH Auden's *For the Time Being*:

*We who must die demand a miracle.  
How could the Eternal do a temporal act,  
The Infinite become a finite fact?  
Nothing can save us that is possible:  
We who must die demand a miracle.*

On the one hand, we cannot simply take a rationalist position and make the basic presupposition that modern man doesn't believe in miracles and so the evangelists (or their sources) must have made up the stories, coming as they did from a more credulous age. On the other hand, if we are to persuade people today of the truth of our doctrine we cannot unthinkingly accept concepts like the virginal conception and blindly follow in the footsteps even of the scriptural authors and the Tradition of the early Church.

What, then, are the pieces of evidence for this idea? The evidence falls under four headings: the evidence from authority, the evidence from inter-locking doctrines, the evidence from early history, and the evidence from Scripture.

Incidentally, I have derived these four headings from a book by the American Catholic Biblical scholar Raymond E Brown called *The Virginal Conception & Bodily Resurrection of Jesus*. I do not claim any originality in what I write, but I remember being taught at school that copying from one book is plagiarism, copying from two or more is research!

Also by the way, the phrase in the Creed that we believe in Jesus "*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary*" doesn't establish the truth of the doctrine of the virginal conception one way or the other.

In the next weeks of Advent I shall examine the four types of evidence.

# DIOCESAN NOTICES

## PACT: Operation Elf

Every year more than 300,000 children are separated from their parents through imprisonment. You can help restore a little joy and hope to them by donating to Operation Elf, organised by PACT (the Catholic prison charity). To find out more and donate go to the Operation Elf page at <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/operation-elf>.

## SVP1833 Young Adult's Retreat

An opportunity for students and young adults to attend a weekend Retreat of prayer, reflection, and mission in the Vincentian Spirituality, and experience some of the SVP work. 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November at The Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley, West Yorkshire. Cost £35.

To book, visit [https://SVP1.formstack.com/forms/young\\_adult\\_s\\_retreat\\_application](https://SVP1.formstack.com/forms/young_adult_s_retreat_application) or email [youngvincentians@svp.org.uk](mailto:youngvincentians@svp.org.uk).

## CAFOD Nativity Fun Run

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at Clapham Common. CAFOD invites everyone to join the fun in running or walking 5K on Clapham Common. It's more than exercise, with activities, music and refreshments to enjoy!

Start and finish close to the Long Pond on the east side of the Common; closest tube Clapham Common. Entry is £10 for adults, £5 for a child, and £20 for a family. Participants are asked to get friends and families involved through sponsorship. Register at <https://events.kronosports.uk/event/143> and find out more on the CAFOD web page: [bit.ly/CAFODnativityrun22](http://bit.ly/CAFODnativityrun22).

## Carols at the Shrine of St Augustine

All are warmly invited to enter into the season of Advent and prepare for Christmas by taking part in a traditional candlelit Carol Service at the beautiful Shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm.

Owing to popularity, early arrival is advised.

## A free short reflection brought to you each day of Advent

**Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this advent.** Sign up for our free Southwark Diocesan 'daily advent reflections' to aid your prayer.

Every day during advent you will receive an email with a very brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. It is an opportunity to listen to Gods invitation to you this advent. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside a couple of minutes each day to reflect! Sign up via the Commission web site: <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/> clicking on the Advent Reflection box. Alternatively, if you are viewing this online, you can sign up directly by clicking here: <https://southwarkdsc.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a3e1dce7f8f666e9d64edd867&id=4f880b3b9c>

## Catholic Spirituality Network (CSN)

Online CSN Advent Day 2022: Dawning Brightness (Isaiah 60): *Seeking God's light in the darkness of our living.*

All are welcome to join the Catholic Spirituality Network on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December between 10:30am and 3:30pm for their online Advent Day, which will include reflection, sharing and prayer. For further information visit [www.csnretreats.org.uk/csn-events.php](http://www.csnretreats.org.uk/csn-events.php). To book: [catholicspiritualitynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:catholicspiritualitynetwork@gmail.com).

# MASS INTENTIONS

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

## SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> November

6:00pm (Sat)  
8:00am (Latin)  
9:15am  
11:15am  
6:00pm

9:30am *Oxford*  
9:30am *Borough Green*  
11:00am *West Kingsdown*

## Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

8:00am

## Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

9:30am

## Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00am  
10:00am *Oxford*

## Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December

10:00am *Borough Green*  
12:00noon

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00am  
10:00am *West Kingsdown*

## Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:30am

## SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> December

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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

Private Intention  
Tom Healy RIP  
Leonard Gould RIP  
Judy West RIP (anniversary)  
Marjorie McBeth RIP and  
dec'd members of the White family  
People of the Parish  
Dec'd members of the Foley family  
Placid Berrett, Pattie Pluck  
and Berta & Ruth Lett

Rachel Alexander RIP

Martin Turner RIP

All Parishioners  
John Gibson RIP

Wellbeing of Mary Etheridge  
and her family  
Andrew Jolliffe RIP

Suzi Elliot RIP  
Good health and wellbeing  
of Gertrude Coelho

## S Francis Xavier, Pr

Timothy and Clea Andradi RIP

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

Peace in the World  
Mary Edith Hibling RIP  
R J Hilton RIP  
Jim Cairney RIP  
John Gibson RIP  
Timothy John Crawley RIP  
People of the Parish  
Canon John Bailey RIP (birthday)

## Baptism

Welcome to

## Samuel Swift

who was Baptized at  
St Thomas', Sevenoaks

## Departed anniversaries

Joe Grochala, Thomas Cadley,  
Eleanor Keating, Maria Dubiel-  
Emery, Molly Long, George  
Kavanagh, Paul Emmelkamp,  
Dudley Levey, Una McKeeven,  
Alice Still, Eileen Wolfe, Evelyn  
Smith, Winifrid de Birbal, Eamon  
Cullen, Nelly Bankes, Alexander  
Morel, Michael Flanagan.

**Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord  
and let perpetual light  
shine upon them.**

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

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## LATIN ANTIPHONS

### Entrance

Ad te levavi animam meam,  
Deus meus, in te confido, non  
erubescam. Neque irideant me  
inimici mei, etenim universi qui  
te expectant non confundentur.

### Communion

Dominus dabit benignitatem, et  
terra nostra dabit fructum suum.