

# LENTEN PROGRAMME FOR 2023

Tuesday evening from 28 February to 4 April  
Food served from 7:30 - sessions finish by 9:00

## SYCAMORE

Each year our Parish tries to offer a Lenten Program to help us deepen our faith. This year we are pleased to announce the return of Sycamore. The format comprises a light meal, short video presentations and an opportunity for small group chat. The material is curated by our own, and much beloved, London Priest Fr Stephen Wang, who now works in Rome.

### "Living the Christian Faith in the World"

- (1) CREATION, FALL, SALVATION - The goodness of creation. Suffering and sin. The gift of salvation.
- (2) THE MEANING OF LOVE - What is love? How to love your neighbour. Knowing the love of God.
- (3) FINDING TRUE FREEDOM - Is there such a thing as right and wrong? Where can we find moral guidance? How do you discover your true identity?
- (4) FORGIVENESS, HEALING AND MISSION - Forgiveness and the Sacrament of Confession. Healing and the Sacrament of the Sick. Christian mission and the call to share our faith.
- (5) THE SOCIAL TEACHING OF THE CHURCH - The dignity of the human person and the right to life. Christian teaching about family and society. Speaking the truth and following conscience.
- (6) THE CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS - The meaning of vocation. Marriage and family life. Ordination and consecrated life.

See <http://www.sevrcparish.org.uk/> for registration or hand in completed form to Parish secretary

Thursday evening from 2nd March to 23rd March  
Refreshments from 7:00pm, talks at 7:30pm  
'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return'



With these words Ash Wednesday encourages us to return to the beginning, to take a step back and gain perspective over our lives and over our faith to prepare ourselves for Easter. Make the most of your Lent by coming to these Lenten talks and prepare well for Easter.

**March 2nd: 'Getting the Most out of Lent'**. Fr Matthew O'Gorman, Parish Priest of Corpus Christi, Brixton Hill, will base his talk on the powerful witness of St Catherine of Siena. How can she help us to get the most out of Lent?

**March 9th: 'Signs of Hope in a broken world'**. Sr Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ, Fellow of the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge. In a world rife with injustice and conflict how do we find hope this Lent?

**March 16th: 'Consolation of the Cross'**. Fr Lawrence Lew OP, Prior and Parish Priest of St Dominic's Priory, Haverstock Hill. He reflects on the consolations we receive from our Crucified Saviour.

**March 23rd: 'Preparing for Holy Week'**. Fr Tom Lynch, PP of English Martyrs, Strood. Holy Week is the most important and sacred week for Christians throughout the world. How do we prepare for it?



Archdiocese of  
Southwark

## PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS

CHURCHES IN SEVENOAKS, OTFORD,  
BOROUGH GREEN AND WEST KINGSOWN



Parish Newsletter

19th February 2023

Love  
your  
enemies  
and pray for those who persecute you

Matthew 5:44

*Today's Mass: SEVENTH SUNDAY of the YEAR (Year A)*

*Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18, Psalm 102, 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23, Matthew 5: 38-48*

The **First Reading** is part of what is known as the Holiness Code in Leviticus. At God's command, Moses gives some practical implications of what it means to be holy: do not bear hatred, do not exact vengeance, do not bear a grudge, in short "*you must love your neighbour as yourself*".

The **Psalm** is a song of praise to God, who is perfectly holy, forgiving, compassionate and loving.

**Second Reading:** St Paul underlines the countercultural character of Christianity: Godly wisdom seems foolish to the world, and vice versa.

**Gospel:** Jesus continues on from last Sunday's Gospel, this week with hard sayings about non-violent resistance and love of enemies. If this all seems a bit impossible, Jesus' last command seems totally impossible: "*you therefore must be perfect*". If we remember that we are made in God's image, then although we know we will fail we can at least strive to be perfect like God.

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,  
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**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**

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## ST JOSEPH'S BOROUGH GREEN

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**Thursday 10:00am**  
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## ST BERNADETTE'S WEST KINGSDOWN

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**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



**LOVE EVERYONE!**

**Have a heart  
full of love**

Jesus tells his friends that the old rules have changed. People used to think it was all right to get your own back if someone hurt you. Jesus says that is not right. He asks us to forgive people, even if they hurt us. Jesus even says that we should love our enemies and pray for them. Jesus will help us as we try to be like him, sharing love in the world.



### Missing words

Fill in the spaces in this sentence to show how we should behave.

\_\_\_\_\_ wants \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

**ENEMIES** **US** **PRAY** **JESUS** **LOVE**

Read all the words around the heart.

Use these words to help you finish the words that belong inside the heart. **Cross out the words that don't belong.**

**Spread  
Love**

### Who is following Jesus?



### Change hate to love

**HATE**



Change one letter to make a new word on each row and you can change **hate** into **love**!

**LOVE**

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Sometimes it is hard, Jesus, to be kind to people who are unkind to me. I know that you will be with me as I try to be more loving. Please help me to be even more like you. Amen.

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Answers: Changes: hate, have, live, love. Loving heart: kindness, peace, love, share, care.

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#### **Mothers' Prayers**

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## PARISH NOTICES

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### **TODAY**

#### **Annual Mission Appeal**

We shall be joined by Fr Armand, Fr Thaygu and Fr Marck from the Society of African Missions (SMA) British Province, for whom the Second Collection will be taken. The Order was founded in 1856 and currently serves in 17 different African countries.

For more information go to <https://www.sma-gb.org/>.

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Parish Office**

Magda is back and so the Office is open at the normal times this week.

#### **Tuesday: the Pilgrims**

It's Shrove Tuesday! All 'senior' parishioners are invited for pancakes at 10:15am, after the Mass, in the Parish Room.

#### **Tuesday: Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Philip Moger**

12:30pm in St George's Cathedral. Please be seated by midday; refreshments afterwards. The Mass will be livestreamed at <https://bit.ly/EpiscopalOrdination23> for those who cannot attend in person.



A day of fasting and abstinence, and the beginning of Lent.

Mass with the imposition of ashes:

*St Thomas's* 8:00am (Latin) 2:00pm, 8:00pm;

*Most Holy Trinity* 10:00am;

*St Bernadette's* 11:00am;

*St Joseph's* 6:00pm.

The 2:00pm Mass will be attended by the Juniors from St Thomas' School; the abnormal time is because the children from the School go swimming on Wednesday mornings.

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

Meets on Thursday, after the Mass. Please speak to John Foley if you have any matters for the committee to discuss.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

At Most Holy Trinity on Thursday at 7:30pm; at St Joseph's on Friday at 6:00pm; at St Bernadette's on Friday at 7:30pm; at St Thomas's on Friday at 8:00pm; all starting this week.

#### **Next Sunday**

The annual Clergy Support Fund Second Collection. This enables the Archdiocese to care for priests in their retirement, old age, or in ill health, after a lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church, and His people. In 2022 this cost £1.33 million.

# PARISH AND OTHER NOTICES

## NOTICES

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - World Day of Prayer

The theme this year is *I have heard about your faith*, written by the women of Taiwan. The Borough Green Service is at St Joseph's at 11:00am. The Sevenoaks Service is at St Nicholas Church of England Church at 2:00pm. Both are followed by refreshments.

### Health & Safety Officer

We are pleased to report that Edwin Brenninkmeyer has agreed to be the Parish Health & Safety Officer, in succession to Maria Boehne who moved away. His principal duty is keeping up to date the diocesan Health & Safety Toolbox (which with four churches is the most extensive in the Archdiocese), but remember that everyone is responsible for health and safety on the premises.

### Parish Office

Magda is in the Parish Office Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 12:00 midday, for all routine matters like booking Mass Intentions, requesting certificates, etc. The Office email is [sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk) and the phone number is 01732 454177.

### The Holy Rosary

The Rosary is prayed on a Saturday morning after the 9:30am Mass. The best way to learn the practice of this great prayer is to join in with those reciting it.

### 'Renewed in Hope'

The Archdiocesan Spirituality Commission is offering a Retreat experience for Lent 2023. Drawing on the Sunday Mass readings it will help participants to find fresh ways of living and working in hope. It is based on a weekly email with a link to a 20 minute video, in which the Archbishop will introduce the theme and a witness will speak of the relevance in their daily life. All you have to do is to sign up at <http://eepurl.com/hVT7Dv> and set aside space for reflection.

### Message from Mgr Boniface Tamani in Malawi

*"We have had good rains this year and we cannot complain against God except ourselves. The country is being mismanaged and there is a lot of corruption going on. Consequently, there is a high rate of inflation, big rise in prices of items, and a severe shortage of food. Most people in Malawi are subsistent farmers, they eat what they grow with their own hands. They have cultivated the land for years and it is very difficult to harvest anything from one's field without applying fertilizers. Most people were not able to buy fertilizers this year for it was too expensive for them. The crops in the fields do not look good at all. The food shortage will continue throughout the year."*

*On 24<sup>th</sup> December, I was able to distribute some maize and maize flour to 200 families of old and vulnerable people so that they could celebrate Christmas on a full stomach. Thanks for the cash that was donated to me by parishioners when I visited you last Summer. What I got I was able to share with many who sought help for food and school fees. Every little helps, thanks to you all."*

*Fr Peter gave me 150 pounds for a needy family. I am pleased to report that I used this money to help three students, one is at Pius XII Seminary and two others are at Phalombe Teachers' Training College. I am pleased that in this way we were able to touch lives of many people in our limited way."*

*Our academic calendar is out for the final semester. Now it is clear that I can comfortably come over for supply in the months of August and September."*

*Pray for our country, for the economy is collapsing and there is a lot of suffering as many cannot meet their basic needs, especially food. There is a lot of dissatisfaction and anger in people's hearts."*

*My regards to all parishioners."*

*Fr Boní*



*From the Desk of the Parish Priest*

## YOUR LENTEN DISCIPLINE

**L**ent is, as everyone knows, the time when we make a special effort to renew our Christian discipleship. This we do by almsgiving, fasting, and prayer, and by study of our faith. So, what are YOU going to do this Lent?

### Prayer

You are hardly short of opportunities to increase and deepen your prayer. How about attending an extra **Mass** each week, in addition to your Sunday attendance? Saturday morning is possible if you work during the week. Have you ever tried **Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament**? If not, give it a try: see page 2 for Adoration times.

**Stations of the Cross** is a very popular devotion (see page 3 for the times, or you can pray it at home via the Parish website). The **Rosary** is prayed on Saturday mornings in St Thomas's.

Go to [universalis.com](http://universalis.com) to pray the **Divine Office** (the Liturgy of the Hours) on your laptop or phone. Above all set aside time to pray at home, and in your family if you have one. Another good online source for prayer is [uk.magnificat.net](http://uk.magnificat.net).

### Fasting

This is something we in the West are not very good at (and I include myself in this!); our Moslem friends put us to shame. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of fasting (that is, missing out a meal) and abstinence (that is, not partaking of meat; if you are vegetarian or vegan, abstain from something else). And all **Fridays** are days of abstinence. If you are not in the habit of abstaining on Fridays, Lent is the ideal time to start.

The Friday before the CAFOD Second Collection is an opportunity to fast and to donate the money you would have spent on food and drink to CAFOD.

Fasting from **overuse of phones and social media** will help you to avoid become enslaved to technology (younger people please note!). Fasting from being over hasty in getting your opinion across would also be a good Lenten discipline.

### Almsgiving

There is no lack of suitable recipients of your almsgiving. We have our Second Collections for the Mission Appeal, the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, CAFOD, etc, and the DEC is collecting for the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria.

Donations to the **Foodbanks** in Sevenoaks, Borough Green and West Kingsdown also come under this heading. And there are many charities you can support, including Aid to the Church in Need and Life organisations.

### Study

You are spoilt in this Parish for opportunities to deepen your knowledge and understanding of the faith.

On Tuesdays, starting on 28<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Centre, we are resuming the very popular **Sycamore programme**, which was cut short by the pandemic. It starts with a light meal, followed by easy to follow video presentations and small group discussions. The theme of the videos is *Living the Christian Faith in the World*.

On Thursdays, also in the Parish Centre with refreshments from 7:00pm, we have a series of more in depth **talks** on the theme '*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return*'. These start on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. See the back page for full details.

Do not be deterred by thinking these sessions will be over your head; on the contrary you will gain much understanding and deepen your closeness to Christ.

### Penance

It would be remiss of me not to remind you of the need to go to **Confession** in Lent. The Saturday times are listed on page 2. You can always approach a Priest for Confession before (if there is time) or after a Mass. You can find Confession times in neighbouring Parishes from their websites.

### Lenten discipline and exercises

The above suggestions are not either/or. You can adopt more than one Lenten discipline. The important thing is to decide what you are going to do this Lent and ask the Holy Spirit to help you stick to it. If your Lenten discipline in previous years seems a bit stale, choose something new.

Look on Lent as a time for spiritual exercises, to help us love God and our neighbours better. If you want to learn the piano, say, you must do your regular exercises. It is the same with our spiritual lives, and Lent is the time to get into the habit of doing spiritual exercises, especially self-denial and prayer.

Lent is upon us, a marvellous time for spiritual growth, if only we would seize the opportunity. What is stopping you?

# SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS



*Society of African Missions (SMA)*  
International

## The Missionary Society

We are an international missionary Society with members coming from 24 countries. Our missionary focus is Africa and her people. Our purpose is to spread the Gospel. Our missionaries presently serve in 17 different African countries.

The Society was founded at Lyons, France in 1856 by a French Missionary Bishop, Bishop Melchior de Marion Bresiallac. He set out the following four guiding principles for his work at the beginning of his missionary career:

*"To be a missionary with all my heart*

*To neglect nothing that will advance the work of God*

*To seize every opportunity of preaching the word of God*

*To use every available means to train a native clergy".*

The British Province of the Society had its beginnings in Manchester in 1953, where today, we have a mission promotions centre. A further two mission promotions centres are located in Northwood, near Watford and Dunblane in Scotland. The Provincial Superior resides in Manchester. The Society is sometimes known as the SMA Fathers. People often ask, then why SMA and not SAM? The initials refer to the name in Latin: Societas Missionum ad Afros which translates to Society of African Missions.

## Our Mission

The Society of African Missions (SMA) is committed to preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ chiefly in Africa and to people of African origin. **We regard solidarity with the poor and the powerless, commitment to reading the signs of the times, activities for Justice and Peace, dedication to building a better world, including care for the environment, as constitutive dimensions of witnessing to the Good News.** We do this through education, health care, development projects and conscientisation for justice. We also help in caring for African immigrants in Europe and the USA and draw attention to those structures that oppress them and other people of the Third World.

Though the obstacles are many, the Society of African Missions is filled with hope, a hope that is rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the service of this Gospel, whose power we have witnessed in the birth of new Christian communities throughout Africa, we seek to give prophetic witness to the

- Word that is Truth,
- Word that illumines and gives life,
- Word that liberates and transforms.

The Apostolate of the Society of African Missions is of its nature specifically missionary. We are not "extra clergy" but missionaries engaged in the Church's Mission 'ad Gentes' (to the Gentiles). Called "to bear witness to the Risen Christ among the nations" (*Redemptoris Missio*, no 66), we reach out, not only across geographical barriers, but across social and cultural barriers, to those who are most abandoned and marginalised, to the victims of war and violence, to refugees in Africa and outside it, to women and children, and to all those who await the Gospel of hope.

SMA Missionaries live and work in solidarity with our African brothers and sisters struggling for justice and peace in the midst of political turmoil and social disintegration: members are prepared to dedicate ourselves with courage to stand by the people in the many troubled regions on the continent of Africa.

# MASS INTENTIONS

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

## SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> February SEVENTH SUNDAY of the YEAR

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 6:00pm (Sat)                  | Joe Roe RIP                     |
| 8:00am (Latin)                | People of the Parish            |
| 9:15am                        | Society of the African Missions |
| 11:15am                       | Tim Kelly RIP (anniversary)     |
| 6:00pm                        | Bishop - Elect Philip Moger     |
| 9:30am <i>Oxford</i>          | Margaret Dickens RIP            |
| 9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>   | Archie Payne RIP (anniversary)  |
| 11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i> | Good estate of Lynne Stanley    |

## Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feria

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| 8:00am | Neil D'Souza RIP (birthday) |
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## Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> S Robert Southwell, Pr M

|        |                |
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| 9:30am | Fr Joe Andradi |
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## WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 8:00am                        | Francis (Micki) Owen RIP    |
| 2:00pm                        | Holy Souls                  |
| 8:00pm                        | Honor Margaret Sherratt RIP |
| 10:00am <i>Oxford</i>         | John Gibson RIP             |
| 11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i> | J & C Gibson RIP            |
| 6:00pm <i>Borough Green</i>   | J & C Gibson RIP            |

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday after Ash Wednesday

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| 10:00am <i>Borough Green</i> | Good estate of Malcolm Family              |
| 12:00noon                    | Recovery and good health of Donald D'Souza |

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Friday after Ash Wednesday

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 8:00am                        | Dec'd members of the Andradi-Brown family |
| 10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i> | Robert Bartlett RIP                       |

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Saturday after Ash Wednesday

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|--------|-----------------|
| 9:30am | John Gibson RIP |
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## SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> February FIRST SUNDAY of LENT

|                               |   |
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| 6:00pm (Sat)                  | Dec'd members: Watson & Landon families |
| 8:00am (Latin)                | People of the Parish                    |
| 9:15am                        | Sick and Retired Priests                |
| 11:15am                       | Julia Pert RIP                          |
| 6:00pm                        | Anne & George RIP                       |
| 9:30am <i>Oxford</i>          | Sick and Retired Priests                |
| 9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>   | Jon Le Sbirel RIP                       |
| 11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i> | Families struggling economically        |

## Baptism

Welcome to

**Arthur James Gannon**

Baptized at St Thomas's last weekend.

## For your prayers

## Departed anniversaries

Constance Dumaesque, Norman Woodhead, Daisy Mooney, John Carolin, Jon Le Sbirel, Michael Hague, James Doherty, Lynn Rayner, Joseph Connor, John Stewart, Albert Munden, James Grigg, Auriol Wheating, Joseph McAdam, Patricia Hills, John Gordon, Edmund Eccles, Teresa Pragnell, Geoffrey Hickey, Piermario Lichi, Florence Roberts, Monica Knox, Archie Payne, Sheila McEvoy, C Edwards, J Walsh, Mary O'Driscoll, Johanna Kenward, Leslie Stuart, Richard Curtis, Madeleine Raison, Julia Pert, Kathleen Gaunt, Peter Gray, Anne Villemus, John Dean, Mary Corbett

**Eternal rest grant unto them...**

## The sick

Tony Barrett, Frank Eastbrooke, Lynne Stanley, Veronica Williams, Yvonne Bollen, Peter Ringham, Ann Steven, Lilian Spragg, Jane Tabor, Ken Holmes, Mary Scott, Sean Cloke, Ann Farren and all in care and nursing homes

## LATIN ANTIPHONS

### Entrance

Domine, in tua misericordia speravi. Exsultavit cor meum in salutari tuo, cantabo Domino, qui bona tribuit mihi.

### Communion

Domine, ego credidi quia tu es Christus Filius Dei vivi, qui in hunc mundum venisti.