

Raffle tickets on sale after each mass £2 each (cash or card)-super prizes.

# SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Sunday 16th July, 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm

All money raised for the Parish. Draw at the Parish Summer Party.



## BBQ and Drinks for All

There will be a variety of food, including BBQ, salads, cakes, and desserts, a bar, as well as children's games, entertainment and live music, including St Thomas' School Choir.



## Bottle Stall

As always the most popular! Bring bottles to the Presbytery (champagne, not shampoo, sangria, not sanitiser, Pimm's not Pepsi!).



## Toys Stall

Children love getting new toys. Why not to make them happy that day? Please donate unwanted toys, teddies etc – in safe condition

## Good as New stall

Please search out unwanted gifts and other good things, including some books in very good condition



Archdiocese of Southwark

## PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS



CHURCHES IN SEVENOAKS, OTFORD, BOROUGH GREEN AND WEST KINGSDOWN

Parish Newsletter

2nd July 2023



Today's Mass: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

*2 Kings 4: 8-11, 13-16, Psalm 88, Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11, Matthew 10: 37-42*

**First Reading:** Elisha – a wandering prophet - helps a childless woman in Shunem to bear a son. Often in the Scriptures this concept announces the coming of a great Israelite, but here it simply demonstrates the power of the prophet.

**Psalm:** a psalm which is often used in the Liturgy at Christmas; it is a hymn of praise to God for his love and truth, for his justice and favour to his people.

**Second Reading:** dead to sin and alive to God; this, says St Paul, is the effect of Baptism.

**Gospel:** Jesus' words about taking one's cross are puzzling: there is no evidence that any of Christ's followers were ever crucified in Palestine. Perhaps we should interpret it more figuratively: disciples of Jesus must be willing to be 'crucified' by their families. Being disowned by parents and family members is a disappointingly common experience of many young Christians. 'Little ones' refers to humble Christians, who are not Church leaders and who may well be poor, but who represent Jesus and are important in God's plan.

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

### 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



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## 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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## 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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## 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

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## GOD LOVES HIS CHILDREN MASS ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN

Sunday 2 July 2023  
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Matthew 10:37-42

# LOOK

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

**BE KIND!**

### Following Jesus

Unjumble the words.  
Tick the things you choose  
to do that mean you  
are following Jesus.

I am following Jesus when I:

s \_ \_ \_ (areh)

p \_ \_ \_ (lya)

h \_ \_ \_ (pel)

f \_ \_ \_ (higt)

p \_ \_ \_ (yra)

t \_ \_ \_ (lel) a l \_ \_ (ei)

### Colour a cup of kindness

Jesus said: "A cup of cold water to a thirsty traveller is a cup of kindness".  
Give someone a cup of kindness this week.  
Write their name on the cup and decorate it.

### Thinking of Jesus

These people are listening to Jesus and thinking about putting him first.

Some might be happy, others might be sad or unsure about putting Jesus first.

Make some of these faces sad and some of them happy.  
Show how you think they are feeling by finishing their faces.

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help me to put you first. I want to be like you and share God's love with everyone around me. Help me to be kind. Amen.

### Unjumble the letters EINBKD

Make a 2 letter and a 4 letter word.

**B** \_ **K** \_ \_ \_

Answers: / Share, / play, / help, / fight, / pray, / tal lies.

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

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#### **Mothers' Prayers**

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

#### **Parent & Toddlers Group**

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

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Reading a Gospel together

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## PARISH NOTICES

### TODAY

#### **Second Collection**

The Second Collection today is for Peter's Pence. This is the money sent by Bishops and their people to the Apostolic See of Rome to enable the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, to exercise his works of mercy and charity and service of the Universal Church.

#### **Knights of St Columba**

We welcome at the 11:15am Mass local Knights of St Columba, for their Initiation ceremony. Visit <https://kscsouthwark.org/> for further information about the Knights, and do speak to one of them after the Mass if you are interested in joining.

#### **Supply Priests**

We are grateful to Fr Bryan Wells assisting today, along with Fr Paschal Omono, our Summer supply.

#### **9:15am Mass**

Children's Liturgy of the World at this Mass, for pre first Holy Communion children. Coffee and biscuits after Mass, in the Parish Room.

### THIS WEEK

#### **Tuesday: 9:30am Mass**

Year 3 from St Thomas' School attend this Mass. AS usual, all parents and family members are most welcome to attend.

#### **Tuesday: Jane Tabor RIP**

Funeral Mass at St Joseph's at 11:00am. Her son, Fr John Tabor, a Priest of the Westminster Archdiocese, will celebrate this Mass.

#### **Thursday: Angela Brunning RIP**

Funeral Mass in St Thomas's at 12:00 noon, followed by Cremation at the Bluebell Cemetery.

#### **Friday's Feast**

On Friday we celebrate the mysterious sounding memorial of the Translation of St Thomas of Canterbury (our Patron Saint). This is nothing to do with translation from one language to another; it commemorates the translation of his body from the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral to a new shrine in 1220 AD.

### Next Sunday: Sea Sunday

The Second Collection will be for Stella Maris, the Catholic charity which supports seafarers worldwide, providing practical and pastoral care to them, via Port Chaplains and volunteers. 90% of world trade is transported by ship, but the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. A very high percentage of seafarers is Catholic, and they rely on Stella Maris for welfare services, advice, practical help, care and friendship. You can also donate at [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

### Next Sunday: Memorial Service for Margaret Vinson

In St Joseph's at 2:30pm. This will not be a Mass but a Memorial Service of prayers, readings and hymns. A light Lunch is offered by the family beforehand in the Village Hall. Please contact [marriannecarew@gmail.com](mailto:marriannecarew@gmail.com) or sign up on the list at St Joseph's to attend.

### PARISH NOTICES

#### **St Thomas' Nursery September 2023 intake**

has places available for this September. The eligible age range is 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. Please contact the Nursery for further information on 01732 453921 or [nursery@st-thomas-sevenoaks.kcsp.org.uk](mailto:nursery@st-thomas-sevenoaks.kcsp.org.uk).

#### **2023/24 First Holy Communion Programme**

Registration is now open for the next First Penance and First Holy Communion programme. Parents of children in Year 2 or above should register their children on the Parish Website (click on 'First Holy Communion'). Closing date for registrations: 14<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **Parish Centre Refurbishment update**

The Working Party, previously led by Amanda Buttinger until her house move and now led by Christina Rose, have put in a large amount of work, and we are very grateful to them all. Following feedback from the parish and users of the Centre, the Working Party has created a specification of works to be completed, taking into account the areas prioritised by the consultations. We have appointed a surveyor from Squarepoint – recommended by the diocesan Property Office – to create the Tender document. Once we have the required number of quotes and the approval of the Parish Finance

# PARISH AND OTHER NOTICES

Committee, the proposal has to be referred to the Diocesan Finance Committee for its approval; it meets in July.

**The Parish Finance Committee has budgeted to cover the majority of the cost of refurbishment, but parishioners will also be given the opportunity to contribute.** A copy of the proposed works will be displayed in the Church Entrance. If you have any queries or comments please contact christinarose528@gmail.com.

## **The Pilgrims: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 2:00pm**

A visit to a very pretty and interesting garden close to St. Thomas's Church with tea in our own church garden (or the Parish Room if the weather is bad). Please sign the notice in the porch as we need to know numbers. We welcome parishioners from the other churches and if you would like to come, please phone Magda and leave your name and phone number. We will contact you with more details later. *Jackie Pembroke*

## **Home Faith cells registration**

Following a very successful and popular first year of Faith Cells running in the Parish, we are very pleased to advise that registration/re-registration is now open for the coming year. Please find the link of the Parish website or use this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/CRV4CyGNnU>. More information will be provided in due course.

## **New to the Parish?**

Welcome. Please register as a parishioner, either on the Parish website (<http://www.sevrcparish.org.uk/>): click on 'PARISH REGISTRATION') or fill in a Registration form, available in the Entrance of each Church.

## OTHER NOTICES

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

*"Brother, sister, let me serve you...."*

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, from 7.30pm to 9:00pm St Thomas's is hosting the next prayer meeting.

The meeting starts in Parish Centre - coffee, discussion considering the various Church outreach services – *Counselling, Youth Service/SAYT, Loaves & Fishes etc.* Followed by Prayer & Intercessions in Church. Please come to pray for the guidance of the

Holy Spirit for the well-being of Sevenoaks & the future of Churches Together.

NB: this is NOT a recruitment event!! Come and bring a friend from another Church.

For more information, contact Pat Harman 01732 453902 email [bobandpat.harman@gmail.com](mailto:bobandpat.harman@gmail.com) or Isobel White 01732 461694 or Esther Beugeling [esheem@gmail.com](mailto:esheem@gmail.com)

## **Vocations day with the Norbertines in Peckham Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

The Norbertine community in Peckham is holding a Vocations Day for young men to visit their priory and discover more about the life of a Norbertine canon. The "Come and See Day" will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 10:00am – 4:00pm. If you are thinking about a vocation and are curious about the Norbertine Order and religious life please contact them to book a place: [community@norbertines.org.uk](mailto:community@norbertines.org.uk)



# You're Invited!

## SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm**

An inclusive event for everyone in the parish: young and old, families, teenagers, retired and parishioners from all four churches. No charge for entry, food or drink. (£2 each) are now on sale, with some super prizes. There will be a variety of food, including BBQ, salads, cakes, and desserts, a bar, as well as children's games, entertainment and live music, including St Thomas' School Choir. All funds raised are for the parish. Contact [ben.andradi@gmail.com](mailto:ben.andradi@gmail.com) for queries or offers of help. For more details please see the back page poster.



*From the Desk of the Parish Priest*

## **From the Holy Land part 2**

**M**onday was a relatively relaxed day, visiting Jericho first, claimed to be the oldest town on earth and the place where Zacchaeus climbed the sycamore tree to catch a sight of Jesus. Zacchaeus (whose name means 'pure') is held up as a good example of Jesus' saying *"blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God"* (Matthew 5:8). Near Jericho is the Mount of Temptation, in the middle of the Judaeen desert.

Then on to the River Jordan, and the Baptismal site, where we renewed our Baptismal Promises, as at Easter. This is not precisely where Jesus was Baptized, but it does give a good idea of the nature of the area. Mass was celebrated in the Good Shepherd Church in Jericho.

On Tuesday we transferred to Jerusalem, a place with a rich and, one has to say, an extremely turbulent history. It is a unique place, for it is where the 'tectonic plates' of three major religions coincide. Here was situated the holy Temple of the Jewish people, housing the Ark of the Covenant, until its destruction in AD 70; only the Western Wall survives. Jerusalem is, obviously, the place where our Blessed Lord was crucified and where He rose again. It is also sacred to Moslems as the place where, they believe, Mohammed was raised to heaven. The latter is marked by the famous Golden Dome, which also marks the spot on Mount Moriah where Abraham nearly sacrificed Isaac.

We began at the Mount of Olives, with its magnificent views over the Holy City. After visiting the Pater Noster Church and the Chapel of the Ascension, we had Mass at one of the most exquisite spots in Jerusalem, the chapel of Dominus Flevit. The chapel, in the shape of a tear, commemorates when Jesus wept over Jerusalem (*Luke 19:21*). We descended further to the Garden of Gethsemane, or what remains of the ancient olive grove. Praying where Jesus prayed before His Passion is a very poignant experience.

We continued to Mount Zion, where close by are the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu - where Peter denied Christ three times before the cock crowed, and where

there is a dungeon which gives the pilgrim a gruesome insight into Our Lord's suffering before the High Priest - the Dormition Abbey - recalling Our Lady - and the Cenacle - a glorious hotchpotch of buildings which commemorates the Last Supper (but can't possibly be the actual original building). Below it is where the Jews venerate the tomb of King David.

The next day consisted of a walking tour of the Old City, beginning with Mass in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. As a Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem I have a special connection to this extraordinary Church, which marks the place where Jesus was crucified, at Golgotha (in Greek) or Calvary (in Latin), and where He was placed in the tomb. This is the most important site in Christendom, although the centuries of building and conflict mean that it doesn't look much like 'the green hill far away' of which we sing. But there is strong traditional, historical, and archaeological evidence which supports this as being the place of the Crucifixion and Burial. The interior is disorienting, as different parts belong to different Christian groups: Catholics, Greek Orthodox, Armenian, Ethiopian Orthodox, Coptic, etc.

After that the tour included St Anne's Church and the nearby Pool of Bethesda (see *John 5: 2-3*), the Via Dolorosa (the original Way of the Cross), and the Western Wall (popularly known as the Wailing Wall). The Way of the Cross threads its way through the current city, zigzagging through the narrow and crowded streets. Following the Way - both torturous and tortuous - gives great graces to the modern pilgrim.

The final day of the Pilgrimage began with Mass at the Cenacle, and ended with a visit to Ein Karem and the Church of the Visitation, where Mary visited Elizabeth, before the flight back. Our pilgrimage to the Holy Land brought the Scriptures to life, gave us spiritual inspiration, and strengthened our faith in the 'Holy One of God'.

## FORWORD TO ‘*LOVE THE STRANGER*’ A CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Scripture tells us: “Love the stranger then, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Deuteronomy 10:19). The word ‘stranger’ is variously translated as ‘foreigner’, ‘immigrant’, ‘sojourner’ or ‘alien’. However, the message remains consistent: those arriving from other parts of the world are our sisters and brothers. We are called to see Christ in them, for all people are created in His image. And we are called to see ourselves in them, for we all share this common humanity.

In 2023, people making dangerous journeys across the Channel to reach the UK are also called by various names: ‘refugees’, ‘asylum seekers’, ‘migrants’, and often by more derogatory terms.

This publication by the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales Department for International Affairs is shaped by, and articulates, our Christian duty to look beyond such labels and see the person who has left their homeland in search of a better life.

When two-year-old Alan Kurdi died in the Mediterranean Sea, for a brief time politicians, journalists, and members of the public across Europe turned their attention to a person with a name and a story. Yet in the years since, how many have died in our own waters without their names or stories ever being known? We should not reduce people to statistics or to a political problem to be solved. Nor can we allow recognition of people’s dignity to be dependent upon where they come from or how they reach our shores. The call to love in Deuteronomy is unequivocal and indiscriminate.

Such love, of course, goes beyond mere tolerance. Pope Francis reminds us that loving as Christ does means actively putting ourselves at the service of others. The Catholic community in England and Wales is living this out every day: our charities are caring for people in the asylum system, our parishes are welcoming families through community sponsorship, our aid agencies are providing life-saving assistance to displaced people across the world, and countless volunteers are bearing witness to Christ’s love in settings from beachfronts to detention centres. We hope that *Love the Stranger* will support and invigorate this work, for it is not an optional extra but a genuine manifestation of our faith.

As the document makes clear, loving those who seek a home here also means appreciating the fullness of their humanity. Our countries are always better off for the presence of people born elsewhere, who bring their own talents, cultures, and knowledge. Catholic parishes and schools are a microcosm of this as they have been enriched by the presence of families from all over the world. *Love the Stranger* challenges us to not only help those who come here, but also to facilitate and rejoice in their service to our society.

Papal encyclicals and other documents that have been drawn upon highlight the depth of Catholic social teaching in this area. This should guide our response to people who have left their homelands to come to this country. We encourage all Catholics to reflect upon how we can apply this in our own lives, as well as in our parishes, schools, and public life. In doing so each one of us may fulfil our obligation and set an example to others of loving the stranger in the way that God intends.

As we discern this, we ask for the intercession of the patron saints of migrants, and of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery.

St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, pray for us.

St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us.

Go to <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/rcod1bon/cbcew-love-the-stranger-a4.pdf> for the full text of ‘*Love the Stranger*’.

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

<p><b>SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b></p> <p>6:00pm (Sat) 8:00am (Latin) 9:15am 11:15am 6:00pm 9:30am <i>Oxford</i> 9:30am <i>Borough Green</i> 11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i></p> <p><b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b></p> <p>8:00am</p> <p><b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>9:30am 11:00am <i>Borough Green</i></p> <p><b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>8:00am 10:00am <i>Oxford</i></p> <p><b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>10:00am <i>Borough Green</i> 12:00noon</p> <p><b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>8:00am 10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i></p> <p><b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>9:30am</p> <p><b>SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> July</b></p> <p>6:00pm (Sat) 8:00am (Latin) 9:15am 11:15am 6:00pm 9:30am <i>Oxford</i> 9:30am <i>Borough Green</i> 11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i></p>	<p><b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY</b></p> <p>Angela Brunning RIP Peace in the World Angela Brunning RIP People of the Parish All farmers and season workers Mary Scott RIP (anniversary) Ursula Ponsonby Fr Leonard Taylor RIP</p> <p><b>S THOMAS, Ap</b></p> <p>James &amp; Carmela Gibson RIP</p> <p><b>Feria</b></p> <p>Those who use the food bank <i>Funeral Mass - Jane Tabor RIP</i></p> <p><b>Feria</b></p> <p>James &amp; Carmela Gibson RIP Peace in the World</p> <p><b>Feria</b></p> <p>Angela Brunning RIP <i>Funeral Mass - Angela Brunning RIP</i></p> <p><b>The Translation of S Thomas, B M</b></p> <p>James &amp; Carmela Gibson RIP Doris Hazelwood RIP</p> <p><b>of Our Lady</b></p> <p>Richard Haring RIP &amp; the comfort of his family</p> <p><b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY</b></p> <p>Angela Brunning RIP and the comfort of her family People of the Parish Halyna Leyka RIP Angela Brunning RIP <i>Mass not booked yet</i> Chin Kimeee Ayoung-Chee RIP Margaret &amp; Jim Vinson RIP &amp; their family Good estate of Jeanne Noble</p>
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### BAPTISM

Welcome to

**Petra & Helena  
Illes**

who were Baptised at  
St Thomas’s last Sunday

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

#### **The sick**

Tony Barrett, Frank Easterbrook,  
Lynne Stanley, Veronica Williams,  
Yvonne Bollen, Peter Ringham, Ann  
Steven, Lilian Spragg, Ken Holmes,  
Mary & Chris Scott, Sean Cloke, Ann  
Farren and all in care and  
nursing homes in the Parish.

#### **Departed anniversaries**

Anthony Peyton, Patrick Fortune,  
Anna Cramb, John Hayden, Douglas  
Meaden, Sister Emmanuel, Doris  
Hazelwood, Jacques Bell, Edward  
Wheatley, Catherine Woods, Mary  
Threadingham, Michael Chapman,  
Tony Crane, Jeremiah O’Driscoll,  
Edward Butler, Mary Jowett,  
Florence Eaton, Rose Anne Byrne,  
Celia Piddock, Edna Waller, Jerry,  
Lunch, Susan Temple, Hugh Cogleh,  
Agatha Vincent, Margaret Pyke.

### LATIN ANTIPHONS

#### **Entrance**

Omnnes gentes, plaudite manibus,  
iubilante Deo in voce exultationis.

#### **Communion**

Pater, pro eis ego, ut ipsi in nobis  
unum sint, ut credat mundus quia  
tu me misisti, dicit Dominus.