

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 30 th July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
6:00pm (Sat)	Mary O'Dwyer RIP
8:00am (Latin)	Mavis Mitchell Lambert - good health
9:15am	Betina King RIP
11:15am	Welfare of Margaret Cullen
6:00pm	Paolo Picano RIP
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Denise Barnes RIP
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	People of the Parish
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Mary Goldsmith RIP & comfort of her family
Monday 31 st	<i>S Ignatius of Loyola, Pr</i>
8:00am	Joseph Ronald Sherrat RIP
Tuesday 1 st	<i>S Alphonsus Liguori, B D</i>
9:30am	James & Carmela Gibson RIP
Wednesday 2 nd	<i>Feria</i>
8:00am	Gerald Mullen RIP
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Deceased members of the Knight family
Thursday 3 rd	<i>Feria</i>
10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Holy Souls
12:00noon	Fr Joe Andradi
Friday 4 th	<i>S John Vianney, Pr Patron of Parish Priests</i>
8:00am	Timothy & Clea Andradi RIP
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls
Saturday 5 th	<i>of Our Lady</i>
9:30am	James & Carmela Gibson RIP
SUNDAY 6 th August	<i>The TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD</i>
6:00pm (Sat)	N & D Ingram (birthday)
8:00am (Latin)	Fr Len Taylor RIP
9:15am	George Doherty RIP
11:15am	Enrico Javier RIP
6:00pm	People of the Parish
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Matthew Scott RIP
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Peace in Ukraine
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Mary Goldsmith RIP

Baptism

Welcome to

**Rosie Buxton &
Oscar Sofi**

Baptized at St Thomas's
last weekend

Recently Departed

Giuseppina Di Cara

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

Paulina Andrea Zamora Hernandez,
Mavis Mitchell Lambert, 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:

Catherine Duncan, George Atkins,
Elizabeth Byrne, Patrick Masterson,
Len Eastwood, Ann Palmer Margaret
Rivera, John Barr, Irene Staples, Sidney
Kay, Ethel Kelleher, Bernard McHugh
Reginald Miller, Phyllis Goodall, Neville
Devine, Isabella Baxter, Victor Di Cara,
Doreen Wismayer, Charles Chapman,
Ken Sawczak, Deacon Bill Eason
Eternal rest grant unto them....

LATIN ANTIPHONS

Entrance

Deus in loco sancto; Deus qui
inhabitare facit unanimes in domo,
ipse dabit virtutem et fortitudinem
plebi suae.

Communion

Benedic, anima mea, Domino, et noli
oblivisci omnes retributiones eius.

PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS

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Today's Mass Readings: Seventeenth Sunday (Year A)

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12, Psalm 118, Romans 8: 28-30, Matthew 13: 44-52

First Reading: King Solomon asks God not for wealth or power but wisdom, to govern the people in accordance with right and wrong.

Psalm: in this psalm we address God, resolving that we will obey his law, which *"means more ... than silver or gold"*.

Second Reading: despite appearances to the contrary God has everything under control.

Gospel: the Parables of the Treasure and of the Pearl speak of our human response to what God does. God's activity is hidden, like the buried treasure, and we have to look for it. The kingdom is not something we can earn by our own efforts, but is a gift from God. Nor is it a thing we can possess but a way of seeing how God works among us. Our only response should be 'an attitude of gratitude'.

Fr David

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Parish Office

Magda is away until Wednesday. The Parish Office will reopen on Thursday, 9:00am - 12:00 noon as usual.

Wednesday: Portiuncula Indulgence

A Plenary Indulgence may be gained once this day (the feast in Assisi of St Mary of the Angels) in church on the usual conditions, viz a visit to St Thomas's, during which the Our Father, Creed, and prayer for the Pope's Intentions are prayed, sacramental Confession made, and Holy Communion received.

Parish Finance Committee

Meets on Thursday at 7:30pm in the Presbytery.

PARISH NOTICES

Farewell Party for Fr David

There will be a Farewell Party after the 11:15am Mass on Sunday 27th August at about 12:30pm in Presbytery garden. We will need donations of food (a savoury dish or a salad) and some drink. If you wish to attend, please email ben.andradi@gmail.com with what you can bring as we need to plan for numbers. You may want to donate some food even if you cannot attend.

If you wish to make a donation to Fr David please send electronically to RCAS Sevenoaks, 60-19-02, A/c 25782002 with reference 'Fr David's farewell'. He leaves the Parish on 31st August, and Fr Piotr arrives on 1st September.

Ben Andradi

Garden Party

The total raised was £4,996.69. This is a goodly sum and it was a splendid social occasion. Thank you all, especially those who made donations. Pictures of the event can be viewed on the parish website, under the Multimedia drop down menu.

30th July 2022

St Thomas' Catholic Primary School

Part-time Teaching Assistant required; pay KR4 for all TA posts in line with KCSP 'Real Living Wage' policy. If interested contact Geraldine.leahy@st-thomas-sevenoaks.kcsp.org.uk.

Also needed: someone to work in the After School Club, 3:30pm to 6:00pm Monday to Friday. This may suit a Sixth Form student looking for a part-time job, to work with the children on homework, playing games, and doing craft activities. Salary £10.90 per hour, pro rata across the year (£7,331). Contact Mrs O'Keefe on 01732 453921 or email at office@st-thomas-sevenoaks.kcsp.org.uk.

Fr David's Induction Mass

You are all invited to Fr David's Induction Mass at Sacred Heart, Wimbledon at 6:30pm on Tuesday 26th September. Auxiliary Bishop Philip Moger will induct Fr David as Parish Priest. The address is Edge Hill, SW19 4LU. It will be followed by refreshments in the Upper Hall.

St Thomas's Repository

A volunteer is need to take over organising the Repository: please contact Magda in the Parish Office if you can do this. We also need volunteers to man the Repository after the 9:15am and the Saturday and Sunday 6:00pm Masses. Again, please contact Magda if you can help. We thank Sophie McBrien, who has hitherto managed the Repository.

The Pilgrims: 2 dates for your diary

You are invited to Catherine and Ben's garden (17 Knole Way) for a relaxing Summer tea party on Wednesday 16th August at 3:00pm. Sign up in St Thomas's Entrance or ring Jackie on 01732 450197.

On Tuesday 19th September a lovely day out by coach to Arundel, visiting Arundel Cathedral, St Nicholas Parish Church, Castle gardens and the Fitzalan Chapel. Lunch in the small Market Square. All details on the flyer in the Entrance or email ac.jbpembroke@gmail.com.

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his
people.

Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation,
nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

Lord, how I love your law!

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

Lord, how I love your law!

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

Lord, how I love your law!

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways.

Lord, how I love your law!

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

Lord, how I love your law!

Second reading

Romans 8:28-30

Those he called, he justified

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,
that through the powerful working of your grace
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our
present way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 102: 2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Prayer after Communion

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine
Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your
Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all
telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.