

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 6th August	The TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD
6:00pm (Sat)	N & D Ingram (birthday)
8:00am (Latin)	Fr Len Taylor RIP
9:15am	Georgina 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
Monday 7th	Feria
8:00am	Those who use the Food Bank
Tuesday 8th	S Dominic, Pr
9:30am	Joseph & Josephine Brown RIP
Wednesday 9th	S TERESA BENEDICTA of the CROSS, VM
8:00am	Holy Souls
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Fr David
Thursday 10th	S LAWRENCE, Dcn M
10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Deacon Tom Coyle RIP
12:00noon	Holy Souls
Friday 11th	S Clare, V
8:00am	Deceased members Andradi-Brown fam RIP
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Mary Goldsmith RIP
Saturday 12th	of Our Lady
9:30am	Private Intention
SUNDAY 13th August	NINETEENTH SUNDAY
6:00pm (Sat)	Geoff Sylvester RIP
8:00am (Latin)	People of the Parish
9:15am	Fr David
11:15am	Housebound parishioners
6:00pm	Enrico Javier RIP
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	James Healy RIP
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Peter & Mary Ringham (60 th Wedding anniv)
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Fr Nicholas McCormack RIP

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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:

Charles Chapman, Ken Sawczak, James Hickey, Anthony Porteous, David Gordon, Maurice Walsh, Jane Hutch, Hilda Jaffa, Douglas Hill, Paul Falla, James Farrell, Harry Parsons, Fr Nicholas McCormack, Patrick Wyer, Margaret Ball, Canon Bill Clements
Eternal rest grant unto them....

LATIN ANTIPHONS

Entrance

In splendenti nube Spiritus Sanctus visus est, paterna vox audita est: Hic est Filius meus dilectus, in quo mihi bene complacui: ipsum audite.

Communion

Cum Christus apparuerit, similes ei erimus, quoniam videbimus eum sicuti est.

PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS

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Today's Mass Readings: The TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD (Year A) 6th August 2023
Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14, Psalm 96, 2 Peter 1: 16-19, Matthew 17: 1-9

First Reading: the prophet Daniel has a vision of 'one like a son of man', a title ascribed by Christians to Jesus Christ. The divine figure has the same 'white as snow' robe as Jesus in the Gospel.

Psalm: this may be based on the appearance of God on Mount Sinai in *Exodus 19*, but if we apply it to Jesus it describes His kingship and His glory.

Second Reading: Peter was an eyewitness to the Transfiguration, which he regards as important because it shows that the Christian message is based on historical events, not myths, it demonstrates that God does act in the world, and it reveals that Jesus is truly the Son of God.

Gospel: in his account of the Transfiguration *Matthew* calls it a 'vision'; this doesn't mean it was a psychological experience – like a hallucination – but that it was a God-given ability to see what humans couldn't normally see. The details indicate that this is what is called a Christophany, that is to say it manifests Jesus as the Messiah, and a Theophany, that is it also reveals His Divinity.

Is it significant that the three apostles – Peter, James, and John – reappear together only in Gethsemane? If Christ's followers wish to share in His glory, they must be prepared to participate in His suffering.

Fr David

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Giuseppina Di Cara RIP

Funeral Mass on Thursday at 12:00 noon in St Thomas's, followed by burial at the Greatness Cemetery.

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

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.

Advance Notice: The Assumption of Our Lady

On Tuesday 15th August, this is a Holyday of Obligation (that is, a day when you should attend Mass if at all possible). Holy Mass as follows:

St Thomas's: 8:00am (Latin), 9:30am, 8:00pm
Most Holy Trinity: 10:00am
St Bernadette's: 11:00am
St Joseph's: 6:00pm.

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.

The Pilgrims: 2 dates for your diary

'Senior' parishioners 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.

New Lectionary

The Liturgy Office of the Bishops' Conference has announced that a new Lectionary (a new translation, using the English Standard Version and the Abbey Psalter) will be used for Mass from Advent Sunday 2024.