

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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
Monday 14th	S Maximilian Kolbe, Pr M
8:00am	Good Intentions of Donor
TUESDAY 15th	The ASSUMPTION of OUR LADY
8:00am (Latin)	People of the Parish
9:30am	Lawrence Cronin RIP
8:00pm	Fr David
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Private Intention
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Holy Souls
6:00pm <i>Borough Green</i>	Holy Souls
Wednesday 16th	Feria
8:00am	Holy Souls
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Holy Souls
Thursday 17th	Feria
10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Holy Souls
12:00noon	Anne D'Souza RIP (birthday)
Friday 18th	Feria
8:00am	Private Intention
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	John Gallogoly RIP
Saturday 19th	of Our Lady
9:30am	Donors Intention
SUNDAY 20th August	TWENTIETH SUNDAY
6:00pm (Sat)	Siobhan & Dom Porral (Wedding Day Mass)
8:00am (Latin)	Connie M Burton RIP
9:15am	Private Intention
11:15am	Sean Mulqueen RIP
6:00pm	Holy Souls
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Laurence Joseph Murphy RIP
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Holy Souls
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Roy Stanley RIP

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ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL

is looking for a driven and enthusiastic practising Catholic to join the Chaplaincy Team from September 2023. The Lay Chaplain will provide witness to the Gospel, remind the school community of its Christian purpose, support the faith life of the Catholic students, and encourage and strengthen the faith of all members of the school.

If you are interested in applying please contact either jbunton@kcspsw.org.uk or hr@sgschool.org.uk. Closing date for applications: 31st August 2023 at 12:00pm.

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:

Grace White, Edith Wallis, Christina Hallam, Jean Harrison, Sr Vincent, Helen Wanali, Wilfrid Jaques, George Pickett, Joyce Coffey, Cyril Crane, Peter Catherwood, Richard Morel, Henrietta Temple, John Bishop, Ann Wood, Douglas George, Alice Rogers, Margaret Ball, Joh NBankes, Michael Tobin, Pamela Haskins.

LATIN ANTIPHONS

Entrance

Protector noster, aspice, Deus, et respice in faciem Christi tui, quia melior est dies una in atriis tuis super millia.

Communion

Ego sum panis vivus, qui de caelo descendi, dicit Dominus: si quis manducaverit ex hoc pane, vivet in aeternum.

PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS

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Today's Mass Readings: NINETEENTH SUNDAY (Year A)

13th August 2023

1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13, *Psalms* 84, *Romans* 9: 1-5, *Matthew* 14: 22-33

First Reading: Elijah - whose life is in danger - encounters God on Mt Horeb not in powerful phenomena but in the gentle breeze, an incident about which we sing in the hymn *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*.

Psalms: with complete confidence in God's justice and peace, we promise to hear what God has to say.

Second Reading: St Paul says he would suffer anything if only he could convince the Jewish people to believe in Jesus as the Messiah.

Gospel: in our age which disbelieves in miracles, there have been many attempts to explain away Jesus walking on the water: perhaps he was walking on a submerged plank or the disciples were hallucinating. But this misses the point: the disciples (who were experienced lake fishermen) witnessed Jesus coming to their aid, and recognised Him as the Son of God.

Fr David

NOTICES

TODAY

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Jessica Wojtas, who receives her first Holy Communion at the 11:15am Mass.

THIS WEEK

Fr Paschal

returns home on Tuesday. We thank him for his ministry among us in recent weeks.

Tuesday: The Assumption of Our Lady

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.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Isabella, Ignacio and Florencia Muñoz, who receive first Holy Communion at the 8:00am Mass on Wednesday.

Wednesday: The Pilgrims

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

Fr David

will be away on holiday for 10 days from Thursday. He returns on Saturday 26th August.

PARISH NOTICES

Memorial stone in Greatness Cemetery

The memorial on the grave of Fr Joseph Phillips and Canon Philip Donnelly has been restored. We thank Nick Ford for organising this.

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

Advance dates for your diary

The St Edith Devotions in Kemsing this year are on Sunday 17th September: 3:30pm Devotions at St Edith's Well, followed by Vespers in St Mary's Church at 4:00pm and refreshments in The Bell.

The Pilgrims day outing by coach is on Tuesday 19th September, to Arundel, visiting the Cathedral, St Nicholas Parish Church, the Fitzalan Chapel, and the Castle gardens. Details on the flyers or email ac.jbpembroke@gmail.com.

The St Joseph's Quiz Night will be on Saturday 30th September; tickets £10 pp, to include a ploughman's supper and tea & coffee, bring own drinks. It would be good to have teams from all four churches, so start forming your team now.

Book the dates in your diary now, so you don't miss anything! More information will be given in the Newsletter in forthcoming weeks.

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.