

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 20th August	TWENTIETH SUNDAY
6:00pm (Sat)	Siobhan & Dom Porral (Wedding)
8:00am (Latin)	Connie M Burton RIP
9:15am	Private Intention
11:15am	Sean Mulqueen RIP
6:00pm	Marie Lise Rodegonde RIP
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Laurence Joseph Murphy RIP
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Peace in Ukraine
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Roy Stanley RIP
Monday 21st	S Pius X, P
8:00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 22nd	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 23rd	Feria
8:00am	Holy Souls
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Holy Souls
Thursday 24th	S BARTHOLOMEW, Ap
10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Holy Souls
12:00noon	Holy Souls
Friday 25th	Feria
8:00am	Holy Souls
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	George Hazelwood RIP
Saturday 26th	Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Pr
9:30am	Ruth Salt RIP
SUNDAY 27th August	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
6:00pm (Sat)	Holy Souls
8:00am (Latin)	People of the Parish
9:15am	Catherine Browne
11:15am	People of the Archdiocese
6:00pm	Holy Souls
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Richard Knight RIP (8 th anniversary)
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Holy Souls
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Roy Stanley RIP

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.

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From Caritas Southwark

In response to the passing of the Illegal Migration Bill in Parliament and its subsequent Royal Assent, Bishop Paul McAleenan, the lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees in England and Wales, has stated *'This legislation stands at odds with the teaching of the church on welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating refugees'*. If you are likewise concerned about this, please see resources - for prayer and for writing to our local MP - on the Caritas pages of the Archdiocese website: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/caritas-southwark/caritas-southwark-seeks-support-for-migrants-and-refugees/>. May we call to mind Pope Francis' words: *'Every migrant has a name, a face and a story'*.

Gina Hartnett

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:

Nancy Griffiths, Alfred Slezok, John Hannigan, Sidney Whiddett, Ted Jones, Nancy Pethybridge, Friederike Greene, Judy West, Archibald Brett, George Hazelwood, Gordon Lumsden, Vicki Spokes, Sam Smart, Minnie Winzinger, Jeanne Marshall Boyle, John Catlin, Catherine Clemens, Stanley Bearchell, Sidney Mabe, Susan Livingstone, Ruth Salt, Annistia Moore, Jason Levett, Mary McHugh, Eileen Bourquin, Douglas Griggs, Olive Cresswell, Richard Knight.

Eternal rest grant unto them....

PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS

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

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Psalm 67; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28.

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First Reading: Isaiah proclaims God's message, that foreigners may come to worship in the Temple (*'my house of prayer'*) and their sacrifices will be acceptable.

Psalm: we praise God for his blessings, which bring joy to all the peoples of the earth.

Second Reading: in words which chime well with today's *Gospel* St Paul explains his mission to the pagans (ie non-Jews or Gentiles).

Gospel: Jesus meets a Canaanite woman who has faith in Him - unlike the unbelieving scribes and Pharisees - and although she is a despised foreigner He recognises her faith and humility and heals her. Jesus' mission begins to extend to the Gentiles as well as Israel.

Fr David

NOTICES

TODAY

Supply Priests

Fr David and Fr Bryan both being away, in addition to Fr Boniface we welcome Br James Boner, OFM Cap and Fr John Tabor.

THIS WEEK

Parish Office

The Office will closed on Friday this week. Open as normal, 9:00am – 12:00pm, Monday to Thursday.

Next Sunday: Farewell to Fr David

The 11:15am Mass will be Fr David's last Sunday Mass here. Rt Rev'd Paul Hendricks, Area Bishop of Kent, will be present. It will be followed by a Farewell Party in the Presbytery garden. Please email Ben Andradi (ben.andradi@gmail.com) if you can attend and help with catering (a savoury dish or a salad).

If you wish to make a thank you donation to Fr David please send it electronically to RCAS Sevenoaks, 60-19-02, A/c 25782002 with reference 'Fr David'.

NOTICES

St Joseph's, Borough Green

The new build has finally been completed with the new Crucifixes, on the front and the rear. We thank Antoni Offert for organising this and we thank the donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, who paid for it.

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2024. Contact Andrew Wilkinson: 07487 652846, andrewwilkos@gmail.com.

Annual Ride & Stride

Margaret Briggs from St Joseph's is hoping to walk to 10 churches on Saturday 9th September. Please sign up to sponsor her, as 50% of the money raised will go towards the fundraising for a Baptismal Font. The other 50% goes to Friends of Kent Churches.

St Edith Devotions in Kemsing

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

The Pilgrims Outing to Arundel

Thanks to all who have enthusiastically responded to this Outing on Tuesday 19th September. Now please confirm you are definitely coming with a view to paying by the end of August. There are still some places available so please do join us. Contact: ac.jbpembroke@gmail.com or 01732 450197.

Jackie Pembroke

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 Rt Rev'd 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 Joseph's Quiz Night

Saturday 30th September. Tickets £10 per person to include a ploughman's supper, tea & coffee; bring your own drinks and nibbles. Obtain tickets from Jenny (07591 301186) or Margaret (01732 885295). The quiz master is our very own Ken Baines, and part of the proceeds will go towards the Baptismal Font.