

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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	John Williams RIP
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
Monday 28th	S Augustine, B D
9:30am	Joan Grant RIP
Tuesday 29th	The Passion of S John the Baptist
9:30am	Tonny Hansen-Vennik RIP
Wednesday 30th	SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, MM
8:00am	Holy Souls
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Holy Souls
Thursday 31st	Feria
10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Holy Souls
12:00noon	Holy Souls
Friday 1st September	Feria
8:00am	Fr Joe Andradi
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Leonard Joseph Gobel RIP
Saturday 2nd	of Our Lady
9:30am	Holy Souls
SUNDAY 3rd September	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
6:00pm (Sat)	Holy Souls
8:00am (Latin)	Holy Souls
9:15am	People of the Parish
11:15am	In thanksgiving
6:00pm	Michael Daly RIP
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Holy Souls
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Holy Souls
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Pat Given RIP

LATIN ANTIPHONS

Entrance

Inclina, Domine, aurem tuam ad me, et exaudi me. Salvum fac servum tuum, Deus meus, sperantem in te. Miserere mihi, Domine, quoniam ad te clamavi tota die.

Communion

Qui manducat meam carnem et bibit meum sanguinem, habet vitam æternam, dicit Dominus; et ego resuscitabo eum in novissimo die.

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, KCHS 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. Start forming your team now!

Parish Registration

If you are new to the Parish (welcome!) – or have never registered – please register as a parishioner. Either go to the Parish website (<http://www.sevrcparish.org.uk/>) and click on PARISH REGISTRATION, or complete a blue registration form.

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:

Christina Kathleen Coleman, Ann McInerny, Anne Gomar, June Preen, Maurice Baggs, Sheila |Tomalin, Lyndon Maggs, Baby Goldsmith, Peter Brain, Anthony Biggs, Peter Boyle, Michael Dunphy, Doreen Barret, Edward Marsland.

Eternal rest grant unto them....

PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS

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Today's Mass Readings: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY (Year A)

27th August 2023

First Reading: in place of Shebna (whose offence we do not know) God appoints as master of the palace Eliakim. Among other things he receives the key of David: the 'Key of David' ('O Clavis David') is a title traditionally ascribed to Christ in the Advent antiphons.

Psalm: this is a thanksgiving for answered prayer (so it is worth praying it when God answers *your* prayer).

Second Reading: this is a doxology, that is an expression of awe at God's righteousness.

Gospel: this is a major turning point in the Gospel of *Matthew*: Jesus has ended His ministry in Galilee, and is now turning towards Jerusalem (and His passion).

Simon Peter recognises Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah. In turn, Jesus identifies Peter as the rock on which the Church is built, and who holds the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Our Lord's declaration of the primacy of Peter has always been understood by Catholics as the basis of the doctrine that the Popes, as successors of St Peter, are the foundation of the Church's authority.

Fr David

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TODAY

11:15am Mass

This is Fr David's last Sunday Mass in Sevenoaks. The Music Group lead the music, and Rt Rev'd Paul Hendricks, Area Bishop of Kent, will be present. We wish Fr David well for the future and thank him for all he has done over the last 7 years in the parish. A Farewell Party in the Presbytery garden follows, to which all are invited.

If you wish to make a thankyou donation to Fr David please send it electronically to RCAS Sevenoaks, 60-19-02, A/c 25782002 with reference 'Fr David', or pop it through the Presbytery letterbox in an envelope marked 'for Fr David'.

THIS WEEK

Monday: Bank Holiday

Holy Mass in St Thomas's at the Bank Holiday time of 9:30am. The Parish Office is closed on Monday.

Change of Parish Priest

Fr David moves to Sacred Heart, Wimbledon on Thursday. Fr Piotr Kucharski (who is happy to be addressed as 'Fr Peter') arrives on Friday.

Friday: World Day of Prayer

Friday is a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The theme this year is "Let Justice and Peace Flow", based on *Amos* 5:24. Pope Francis' Message for the Day can be found on the Vatican website. More information and prayers can be found at the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/uk-news/celebrate-world-day-of-prayer>.

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Knowing & living Christian faith in Full Communion with the Catholic Church

Who is God? Who is Jesus? Who is the Church? Discover how to answer these questions through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), a process of prayerful study, fellowship, introductory rites, and reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. The full programme lasts from Monday 9th October to April 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. This annual devotion is very suitable for families, including children. If you have never attended, do come along.

The Pilgrims Outing to Arundel

Coach Outing on Tuesday 19th September. Contact ac.jpembroke@gmail.com or 01732 450197 to book your place and to arrange payment if you haven't yet done so.

