

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 3rd September	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
6:00pm (Sat)	Orlando Rimorin
8:00am (Latin)	Holy Souls
9:15am	People of the Parish
11:15am	Good health for Mercado family
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
Monday 4th	Feria
9:30am	Alfred and Lily Lockyer and their Parents RIP
Tuesday 5th	Feria
9:30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 6th	Feria
8:00am	Dec'd member of Andradi-Brown family
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Holy Souls
Thursday 7th	Feria
10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Holy Souls
12:00noon	Holy Souls
Friday 8th	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am	Joseph Philips Ford RIP
9:30am	<i>School Mass</i>
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Louis Laval Radegonde RIP
Saturday 9th	of Our Lady
9:30am	Holy Souls
SUNDAY 10th September	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
6:00pm (Sat)	Tom Hagger RIP and for the comfort of Denise and family
8:00am (Latin)	Holy Souls
9:15am	Cleta & Timothy Andradi RIP
11:15am	People of the Parish
6:00pm	Holy Souls
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Holy Souls
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Holy Souls
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Maureen Hillier RIP

LATIN ANTIPHONS

Entrance

Miserere mihi, Domine, quoniam ad te clamavi tota die; quia tu, Domine, suavis ac mitis es, et copiosus in misericordia omnibus invocantibus te.

Communion

Beati pacifici, quoniam filii Dei vocabuntur. Beati qui persecutionem patiuntur propter iustitiam, quoniam ipsorum est regnum caelorum.

Margaret (01732 885295). The quiz master is our very own Ken Baines, and part of the proceeds will go towards a Baptismal Font for St Joseph's. Start forming your team now!

Men's Retreat - change of the date

Now the men's retreat will take place from 10th to 12th November. Please contact Catherine Rodger for more details: c.rodger@btinternet.com

Thanks

Fr Boniface expresses his grateful thanks to all who donated towards the cost of his dental treatment; he has one more appointment to go. The money left over will be used to pay for any medical needs of priests in his diocese.

Fr David also sends his thanks to all parishioners for their prayers, good wishes on his move, and your kind words of thanks. He thanks all who organised and came to the Farewell party and to his Farewell Mass.

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:

Anne Monaghan, Harry Brabin, Pat Given, Jocelyn Loyd, Brian Hudson, Rachel Pilkington, Tim Deadman, Leslie Dodd, Tadeusz Olszowski, Thomas Lowrie, Gwen Hardaker, Fr Kenneth Bell, Paddy Geary, Cliff Biggs, Mary Molloy, Jonathan Jenkins, Eugenie Horgan. Josephine Connelly, Elizabeth Firminger, Mary Game, Margaret Barradell, Jack Barron, Anita Edwards, Bernard Duffy, Cecil Downs, Barbara Hawkins, Alan David, Cecil O'Callaghan, Emma Flanigan, John Hickey, Gordon Gates, Doreen Levey, Rosemary Gibson.

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

3rd September 2023

First Reading: Jeremiah the prophet has been restrained in the stocks at the Temple gate. His suffering, of course, prefigures Christ's passion.

Psalm: in this lament the psalmist remains faithful to God despite his suffering.

Second Reading: we should not model our behaviour on the world around us but on the will of God.

Gospel: as Jesus prepares to leave Galilee for Jerusalem and death, He predicts His death and resurrection, and stresses the necessity of this. The saying about taking up one's cross to be a follower means more than just putting up with annoyances or inconveniences. The cross was a shameful, dreadful death: to take up one's cross means to be prepared for hostility and rejection.

Fr David

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THIS WEEK

Welcome to Fr Piotr

We welcome our new Parish Priest – Fr Piotr Kucharski – and hope and pray that he soon settles in among us. Do introduce yourself to him when you see him.

Confirmation Catechists' Meeting

On Thursday at 8:00pm in the Parish Centre.

St Thomas' School

Beginning of Term Mass on Friday at 9:30am in St Thomas's Church. All parents and family members are welcome to attend; please sit at the back or in the gallery.

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Tobias Crane and Maddy Jobber is on Saturday at 12:00 noon in St Thomas's.

Saturday: Ride & Stride

Anne Knight will be cycling around churches in Sevenoaks and surrounding villages to raise funds for Friends of Kent Churches. Half of the money raised will go back to Most Holy Trinity. If you have not already sponsored her, please contact her at anneofotford@gmail.com. She will also be outside Most Holy Trinity today.

Margaret Briggs is also walking to 10 churches, and 50% of the funds raised will go to St Joseph's. Please sponsor her if you have not yet done so.

Next Sunday: Second Collection

The Second Collection will be for the Catholic Education Service (CES). This acts on behalf of the Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education, and they have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools, with over 2,000 Catholic schools and colleges in England & Wales, educating over 800,000 students. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all the schools in the country.

Next Sunday: Confirmation Away Day

The Confirmation candidates have their Away Day at The Friars, Aylesford next Sunday, including the family Mass there at 4:30pm

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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.

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.

You are invited to walk the pilgrimage to Kemsing with others, from Sevenoaks or Oxford. Depart St Thomas's at 11:00am; eat your packed Lunch at Most Holy Trinity; depart Oxford 1:30pm. Contact Ingrid La Trobe for more information on the walk: ingridlatrobe@rcaos.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 Rt Rev'd Philip Moger, KC*HS 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

