

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS

Sunday Mass times:

Saturday
6:00pm

Sunday
8:00am (Latin)
9:15am (Children's Liturgy of Word)
11:15am
6:00pm

Adoration:

Monday 8:30am - 9:30am
Tuesday 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Weekday Mass times:

Monday 8:00am
Tuesday 9:30am
Wednesday 8:00am
Thursday 12:00noon
Friday 8:00am
Saturday 9:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday
10:00am - 10:30am
5:15pm - 5:45pm

Fathers' day off:

Fr Vipin: **Monday**
Fr Piotr: **Tuesday**



**Granville Road,
Sevenoaks TN13 1ER**

Parish Office: Magdalena Wiacek
Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri.
8:30am - 12:15pm
Tuesday closed
Tel: 01732 454177
sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk
www.sevrcparish.org.uk



**High Street, Otford
TN14 5PH**

MOST HOLY TRINITY OTFORD

Mass times: Sunday 9:30am
(with Children's Liturgy of the Word)
Wednesday 10:00am
Holy Days of Obligation 10:00am
Adoration: Thursday 7:30pm - 8:30pm
Friday 11:00am - 12:00noon

Church contact:

Barry Authers
Tel: 01959 524362
sevenoaksmht@rcaos.org.uk



**Western Rd, Borough Green
TN15 8AG**

ST JOSEPH'S BOROUGH GREEN

Mass times: Sunday 9:30am
(with Children's Liturgy of the Word)
Thursday 10:00am
Holy Days of Obligation 6:00pm

Church contact:

Antoni Offert
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sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk



**Fawkham Rd, West Kingsdown
TN15 6JP**

ST BERNADETTE'S WEST KINGSDOWN

Mass times: Sunday 11:00am
Friday 10:00am
Holy Days of Obligation 11:00am
Adoration: Wed 12:00noon- 1:00pm

Church contacts:

Jill & John Gobel
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sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk



ST THOMAS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**South Park,
Sevenoaks, TN13 1EH**
www.saintthomas.co.uk

Headteacher:

Ms Geraldine Leahy
Tel: 01732 453921



Archdiocese of
Southwark

PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS

CHURCHES IN SEVENOAKS, OTFORD,
BOROUGH GREEN AND WEST KINGSDOWN



Parish Newsletter

24th September 2023



Today's Mass: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

First Reading – Isaiah 55:6-9:

Seek God while He is near; turn away from wickedness. Turn to the merciful Lord, for His thoughts are higher than ours, as heaven is above the earth. His ways and thoughts surpass our own.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 145:

Daily I will bless and praise You, O Lord, forever. Your greatness is immeasurable. You are gracious, merciful, slow to anger, kind, and just. You are close to all who call upon You.

Second Reading – Philippians 1:20C-24, 27:

In life or death, I glorify Christ. Life means fruitful labour. I am torn between the desire to depart and be with Christ and the need to stay for your benefit. Live in a manner worthy of the gospel.

Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16:

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who hires labourers at different times. Those who worked only for an hour received the same wage as those who worked all day. The generosity of the landowner teaches us that God's ways are not based on human standards of fairness.

CONTACTS & ORGANISATIONS

Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Sevenoaks

Presbytery and Parish Office: 12 Granville Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 1ER

Website: www.sevrparish.org.uk **Tel:** 01732 454177

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Kucharski piotrkucharski@rcaos.org.uk

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Parish Deacon: Rev'd Neil Philipson neilphilipson@rcaos.org.uk

Parish Secretary: Mrs Magdalena Wiacek sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk

Parish Office hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30am - 12:15pm, **Tuesday - closed**

Safeguarding Rep: Ken Baines sevenoakssgl@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator can be contacted on 020 7261 1606; in an emergency dial 999

Adoration

Barry Authers: sevenoaksadoration@rcaos.org.uk

Altar Servers (St Thomas's)

Catherine Ingram: ingramfamily15@yahoo.com

Catenians

Social club for Catholic men

Aiden O'Mahony: aidan.omahony@btinternet.com

Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sunday Mass

Sevenoaks, 9:15am Mass:

Mark O'Prey: sevenoakscrow@rcaos.org.uk

Otford, 9:30am Mass:

Magdalena Wiacek: sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk

Borough Green, 9:30am Mass:

Fiona Newton: fionanewton321@btinternet.com

Choirs

Music Group:

Lonnie Christophers lonniechr@hotmail.com

Traditional Choir: Barbara Page 01732 454729

Borough Green: Chris Hurl chris.hurl@outlook.com

Church Cleaning (St Thomas's)

James McSharry: jamesmcsharry@hotmail.com

Church Flowers (St Thomas's)

Kate Travers: katetravers521@hotmail.com

Confirmation Programme

Gabrielle Ellis: sevenoaksconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk

Parish Finance Committee

Secretary: Mary Scott - 3maryscott@gmail.com

First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Programme

Catherine Tan: sevenoaksfhc@rcaos.org.uk

Gift Aid:

Sean Corrigan: sevenoaksgac@rcaos.org.uk

Holy Trinity Committee

Secretary: Barry Authers - sevenoaksmht@rcaos.org.uk

Lectio Divina

Kathie Gonzalez 01732 761253

Listening to you (Bereavement Support)

Third Monday, 10:30am in Parish Room

Ronnie Campbell 01732 452988, Sarah Harrison 01959

522357, Kate Travers katetravers521@hotmail.com

Loaves and Fishes Foodbank

Isabelle Mercer: h.imercer@btopenworld.com

Mothers' Prayers

Mondays, 11:30am at Star House, Star Hill Road

01959 532505

Parent & Toddlers Group

Tuesdays 10:00am - 12:00noon, Parish Centre

Mary Hunt 07890 229794

RACET (Rural Africa Children's Education Trust)

MaryAnn Perasso 01959 522337, www.racet.org

Readers, Ministers & Welcomers Rota (St Thomas's)

Andrew Pembroke: st.thomas.rota@gmail.com

Repository

Open after Mass on Sunday: 8:00 am & 11:15am

RCIA

For adults becoming Catholic

Andrew Wilkinson: andrewwilkos@gmail.com

Retreats

Catherine Roger: c.rodger@btinternet.com

St Bernadette's Committee

Secretary: Jill Gobel - jill.gobel@btinternet.com

St Joseph's Committee

Secretary: John Foley - johnandmariefoley@gmail.com

The Pilgrims

For retired parishioners

Jackie Pembroke 01732 450197

Scripture Fellowship

Reading a Gospel together

Andrew Wilkinson: andrewwilkos@gmail.com

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

Can help financially, practically, and through visits to the

isolated or housebound. Contact Paul Boyle 07796564018 or

Kathie Gonzalez sevenoakssvp@gmail.com

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) (West Kingsdown)

Monica Biggs: mmdbbiggs@outlook.com

Webmaster

Barry Authers: sevenoakswebmaster@rcaos.org.uk

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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 & the Eucharist.

The Monday evening study sessions will be held in the presbytery of St Thomas church. They will commence at 8pm & end by 9.30pm, opening & closing with prayer.

Further details, Andrew Wilkinson: 07487 652846; andrewwilkos@gmail.com.

RCIA: Programme Schedule: 2023/24

PART 1: KNOWING THE FAITH

	DATES
<u>The Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith, & the God Who Is Love.</u>	Mon 9 Oct 2023
<u>Divine Revelation: God Seeking Us & the Compass for Our Lives.</u>	Mon 16 Oct 2023
<u>The Bible: God's Love Letter to Humanity.</u>	Mon 23 Oct 2023
<u>The Story of Salvation: Creation, Fall & Redemption.</u>	Mon 30 Oct 2023
<u>Who is Jesus?: Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives?</u>	Mon 6 Nov 2023
<u>The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus' Death & Resurrection.</u>	Mon 13 Nov 2023
<u>The Holy Spirit & The Life of Grace: God's Divine Life Within Us.</u>	Mon 20 Nov 2023
<u>Why do I need the Church?: The Mystery of the Catholic Church.</u>	Mon 27 Nov 2023
<u>Mary & the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother & the Communion of the Saints.</u>	Mon 4 Dec 2023
<u>The Last Things: What Happens After We Die?</u>	Mon 11 Dec 2023

Christmas Break

PART 2: LIVING THE FAITH, with Rite of Election, the Scrutinies & Easter Reception.

<u>The Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation</u>	Mon 8 Jan 2024
<u>The Eucharist: Source & Summit of Christian Life</u>	Mon 15 Jan 2024
<u>*Rite of Election, St George's Cathedral</u>	Sat 17 Feb 2024
<u>Walk through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy</u>	Mon 22 Jan 2024
<u>Penance & Anointing of the Sick: God's Mercy Revealed</u>	Mon 29 Jan 2024
<u>Matrimony & Holy Orders: The Sacraments of Communion</u>	Mon 5 Feb 2024
<u>A Catholic Moral Vision: Virtue, Grace & the Path to Happiness.</u>	Mon 12 Feb 2024
<u>A Love that Lasts I: Discovering Authentic Love.</u>	Mon 19 Feb 2024
<u>A Love that Lasts II: God's Plan for Sexuality.</u>	Mon 26 Feb 2024
<u>*1st Scrutiny, 11.15 am Mass, St Thomas' Church</u>	Sun 3 rd Mar 2024
<u>Catholic Social Teaching: Building a Civilisation of Love.</u>	Mon 4 Mar 2024
<u>*2nd Scrutiny, 11.15 am Mass, St Thomas' Church</u>	Sun 10 th Mar 2024
<u>Catholic Social Teaching: Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person.</u>	Mon 11 Mar 2024
<u>*3rd Scrutiny, 11.15 am Mass, St Thomas' Church</u>	Sun 17 Mar 2024
<u>Review Session & Easter Vigil Preparation</u>	Mon 18 Mar 2024

EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

Sat 24 Mar 2024

POST - RECEPTION SESSIONS

<u>Walking the Church & Catholic Devotions</u>	Mon 1 April 2024
<u>Service, Fellowship & Learning: domestic & parish church, wider community.</u>	Mon 8 April 2024
<u>Mini-Retreat</u>	t.b.a April 2024

PARISH AND OTHER NOTICES

TODAY

SVP Collation

Although not so much in the news as it was last year, the cost of living crisis continues to hit the poorest - the rate of inflation may have reduced, but prices are still rising fast, and we don't get know what will happen to gas and electricity costs over the winter, especially as the war in Ukraine drags on. Donating to the SVP gives parishioners an opportunity (along with their contributions to the Loaves and Fishes foodbank) to play their part in the corporal works of mercy. God bless.

THIS WEEK

Faith at Work Groups

To resume after the Summer holidays, 7:30pm, last Thursday of every month, starting 28th September in the Presbytery meeting room. Discover what it means to live out our Catholic lives in the every-day and how to maximise our Faith through our work. For more information contact Edwin: edwin@edbrenn.com

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 a Baptismal Font for St Joseph's. Start forming your team now!

First Holy Communion 2023/2024

All parents who signed up for this year's First Holy Communion Programme are warmly invited to join us for two parents' sessions on Saturday, 30th September and 7th October at 7:30pm in St. Thomas Church. Your participation and commitment are key to making this spiritual journey deeply meaningful for our children. We look forward to seeing you there.

NOTICE

Secondary School Form Signing

Due to the high volume of school form signings at this time, we have designated specific sessions to assist you:

- Monday, 25th September between 5:00 - 7:00pm
- Sunday, 1st October between 5:00 - 6:00pm

Should these timings not suit, arrange a special appointment with Fr Peter. Please do not drop the forms at church or Presbytery.

Holy Trinity Garden Tidy-Up

On the 7th October, please join us from 10.00am – noon to help tidy the lovely grounds at Holy Trinity. No gardening experience necessary, refreshments will be provided.

Holy Trinity Social

On the 11th November, following a very successful event last year, we will be holding another social evening in Otford with a talk, followed by a cheese and wine buffet. The talk will be 'Darent Delights' given by Blue Badge Guide Jonathan Fenner. Proceeds from this event will be contributing to the Parish Centre Refurbishment.

Mass Intentions available

Please join us in ordering Mass intentions. Remember your loved ones and enrich our community with your prayers. Contact the office or drop an email or Mass Intention envelope at the Presbytery. Thank you.

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

Catholic Women Praying Together

On 15th November a Mass will be offered by Canon Michael Branch at 2pm in St George's Cathedral, Southwark. The theme this year is "Affirming the Church's Message on Marriage and Family Life?"

We hope that the Coloma Convent Girl's choir will enhance the liturgy and there will be a happy reception afterwards. Tickets for the occasion will be £25. We hope to have enough to give a donation to charity.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 24th September

6:00pm (Sat)

8:00am (Latin)

9:15am

11:15am

6:00pm

9:30am *Otford*

9:30am *Borough Green*

11:00am *West Kingsdown*

Monday 25th

8:00am

Tuesday 26th

9:30am

1:00pm *Otford*

Wednesday 27th

8:00am

10:00am *Otford*

Thursday 28th

10:00am *Borough Green*

12:00noon

Friday 29th

8:00am

10:00am *West Kingsdown*

Saturday 30th

9:30am

1:00pm

SUNDAY 1st October

6:00pm (Sat)

8:00am (Latin)

9:15am

11:15am

6:00pm

9:30am *Otford*

9:30am *Borough Green*

11:00am *West Kingsdown*

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

People of the Parish

Edward & Marguerite Maxwell
(wedding anniversary)

In thanksgiving

Well-being of John Slattery

Diane McConnell CBE

Special Intention

People of Kemsing

Michael Toole RIP

Feria

Rosemary Meakins RIP

Ss Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs

Ann Callaghan RIP

Funeral Mass - Elisabeth Gordon RIP

S Vincent De Paul

Recovery & good health
of Clarence D'Souza

Health & wellbeing of the donor's family

Feria

Holy Souls

Good intentions of the donor's family

Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Diana Connell

Stanislaw Anisterewicz RIP

S Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

James José Martin Walker RIP
(anniversary)

Wedding
Alexander Buxton & Grace Annandale

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

Fr Vipin & Fr Peter

Mary Moore RIP

Holy Souls

Holy Souls

Michael Toole RIP

In thanksgiving

Johnson Ayoung-Chee RIP

People of the Parish

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

ANNIVERSARIES

Richard Spice, Michael Meany, Henry Peppiatt, Dieter Mankiewitz, George Harris, Helen Jaffa, Denis Mode, Frederick Mead, Malcolm Lott, James Brett, Roseanna Walsh, Mary Bayton, Tony Smith, Delia Devine, Peggy Hart, Mary Dixon, Mary Tint, Christopher Gouck-Gallo, Settimo Tondina, Lola Hine, Grace Peters, Kate Etheridge, Kenneth O'Brien, Bridget Medhurst, Joseph Stevenson, Albert Griessen, Philomena Cromwell, Joan Small, Sylvia Webb, Margaret Keefe, James McVicar

THE SICK

Philip Hardaker, 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.

LATIN ANTIPHONS

Entrance:

Salus pópuli ego sum, dicit Dóminus. De quacúmque tribulatióne lamáverint ad me, exáudiam eos, et ero illórum Dóminus in perpétuum.

Communion:

Tu mandásti mandáta tua custodíri nimis; útinam dirigántur viæ meæ ad custodiéndas iustificatiónes tuas.

