

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:

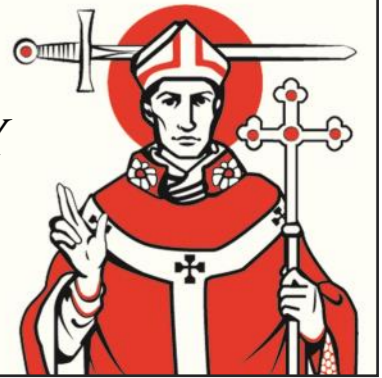
Ms Geraldine Leahy
Tel: 01732 453921



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PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS

CHURCHES IN SEVENOAKS, OTFORD,
BOROUGH GREEN AND WEST KINGSDOWN



Parish Newsletter

1st October 2023

OBEDIENCE OF GOD

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

How much can we trust what people say? Nowadays, it seems like more and more people don't follow through with what they say. In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus started by asking the people, "What is your opinion?" He wanted to get people thinking and talking, which is a smart way to teach something important, whether it's about faith or any big issue we face in the world.

In the parable told by Jesus, a father asks his two sons to work. One son initially refuses but eventually complies, while the other agrees but fails to act. When Jesus asks which son obeyed their father, the crowd responds, "The first." Jesus explains that often those regarded as less honourable are closer to God, as they believed John the Baptist's teachings when others did not.

This story encourages reflection on our actions and whether they align with our words or with God's will. It makes me think about how often we really think about doing what is right or what God wants. Our world often tells us to do what makes us happy, to live our life with careless freedom of choice. But doing what we want doesn't always make us happy. Looking at my own life, there were many times I did what I wanted, and it didn't bring happiness. Instead, it brought pain and problems, often caused by my own choices.

So, the big question is, are we really trying to do what is right, what God wants? When we have to make choices, do we stop and think about what God would want us to do, or do we just do what we want? From a young age, we're asked what we want to be when we grow up. But it's not really about what we want, it's about what we're meant to do, what our talents are, and how we can use them to make the world better.

This week, let's challenge ourselves. When making choices, let's stop for a moment and think, "Am I doing what's right, what God wants, or am I just doing what I want?" Even if just for a moment, let's turn to God and ask, "What should I do in this situation?" It might make our lives, and the world, a little better.

CONTACTS & ORGANISATIONS

Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Sevenoaks

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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: sevenoakslow@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: mmdbiggs@outlook.com

Webmaster

Barry Authers: sevenoakswebmaster@rcaos.org.uk

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Who are the Knights of Saint Columba?

The Knights of St Columba are a fraternal Catholic lay Order dedicated to the service of the Church and the community. Founded over 100 years ago, the mission of the Order is just as relevant today as it was then, working to support the mission of the Catholic Church while at the same time supporting the spiritual and temporal welfare of its members and their families. Following the social teaching of the Church, members work for the betterment of their communities, promoting good causes and raising awareness of moral issues. A particular emphasis is placed on working with the youngest members of our community, helping them to grow in the likeness of Christ. All of what we strive to achieve, we do so through our fundamental charisms of CHARITY, UNITY and FRATERNITY.

What do the Knights do?

It is hard to summarise the full scope of what the Knights do but put simply, our Order exists to support the clergy and wider church by endeavouring to fulfil any request made to us by our priests and bishops. We operate at all levels, from national projects such as our "Keep Christ in Christmas" and "He is Risen" campaigns where we promote the true meaning of these key feasts in our calendar through to local endeavours such as raising funds for local causes. In Southwark diocese we have a particular affinity with the Carmelite community at Aylesford so you will regularly see brothers from across our diocese performing various duties at the shrine. Our youth work also means that we run a full calendar of competitions and events for the youngest members of our communities.

Why should I join?

The Order gives all of its members the opportunity to live out their vocation as a Christian to the fullest through our charisms of charity, unity and fraternity. Members and their families are supported by the Order both spiritually and materially and we do our utmost to ensure that the families of our brethren who have passed to their eternal reward are well looked after. With regular socials, charity events, prayer sessions and retreats, there is something for everyone. Being a Knight will allow you to learn new skills from other brothers and improve existing ones. You will also have the opportunity to bring your own talents and ideas to the fore and share them with the community so together they can be used for the greater glory of God. Together we can be a great force for good in the community and make a difference.

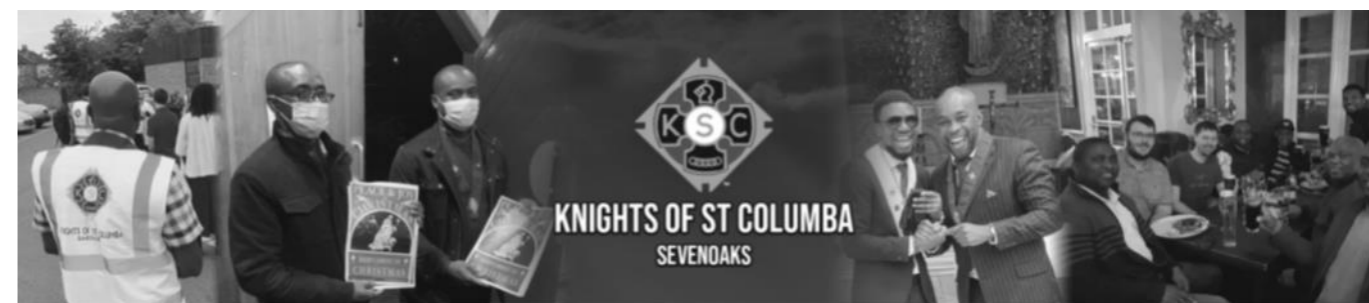
How do I join?

Membership is open to all practicing Catholic men over the age of 16. We will be holding recruitment events after Masses across the parish in the coming weeks and there will be a 'find out more event' announced soon. You can also find out more and/or enquire about joining by talking to Br David after Mass at St Joseph's or by contacting him at the details below:

Br David Havard

T: 07821049827

E: action.youth@kscsouthwark.org



PARISH AND OTHER NOTICES

TODAY

CAFOD talks

There will be a talk about the CAFOD Harvest Appeal after Masses this Sunday.

First Holy Communion 2023/2024

This is a gentle reminder that today, between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM, Fr. Piotr will be available at Presbytery to receive the completed forms for Secondary School admissions. We kindly request that you do not drop off the forms at the church or Presbytery. Your punctuality and cooperation in submitting the forms in person during the designated time slot are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

THIS WEEK

Finance Committee

Will meet on Thursday 5th October at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Friday: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please fast on Friday and put your donation in next weekend's Second Collection.

Go to cafod.org.uk/fastday for more information about the need and where your money goes, and for prayer suggestions.

NOTICE

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.

Autumn Quiet Day

You are invited to a Quiet Day of Reflection on Saturday 21st October at The Poulth House barn, Ashes Lane, Hadlow TN11 9QU (entrance opposite North Frith Farm) from 10.00 am to 4:00 pm. Through the use of poetry, prayer, music, scripture and nature, the day will be an opportunity for quiet contemplation of Gospel stories concerning those in the autumn of their lives, specifically Anna and Simeon.

The day will be led by Sevenoaks parishioner Gilly Fenner who has worked as a spiritual director for 20 years. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Please wear weather appropriate clothes and shoes as part of the day will be outside. Suggested contribution £5.

All are welcome though numbers are limited to 20. If you wish to attend please email Gilly at gf58b@iCloud.com

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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-SIXTH SUNDAY

Fr Vipin & Fr Peter
Mary Moore RIP
Good health for Kath Booth
Wellbeing of Lionel Edwards
People of the Parish
In thanksgiving
Johnson Ayoung-Chee RIP
Sidney Hearn RIP

Monday 2nd

8:00am

The Holy Guardian Angels

Recovery & good health of Clarence D'Souza

Tuesday 3rd

9:30am

Feria

Tommy Hooks RIP

Wednesday 4th

8:00am

S Francis of Assisi

Tony Smith RIP (anniversary)

10:00am *Otford*

Holy Souls

10:30am

Funeral Mass - Rosemary Meakins RIP

Thursday 5th

10:00am *Borough Green*

S Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

Malcom Lott RIP (anniversary)

12:00noon

Wellbeing of Canon Luke Smith

Friday 6th

8:00am

S Bruno Priest

Good health & wellbeing of Marie Mascarenhas

10:00am *West Kingsdown*

Patricia Ann Ray RIP

Saturday 7th

9:30am

Our Lady of the Rosary

Joe Andradi

SUNDAY 8th 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-SEVENTH SUNDAY

Terry & Maureen Flaherty (5th anniversary)
Mass available
Mass available
Peter Daniels RIP
Mass available
People of the Parish
Mass available
Mary Malangoine RIP

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Baptism

Welcome to
**Elijah Webster
& Aria Gullen**
who were Baptised last
Sunday, at St Thomas',
Sevenoaks.

Wedding

Congratulations to
**Alexander Buxton
& Grace Annandale**
who were married at
St Thomas' last Saturday.

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: Omnia, quæ fecisti nobis, Dómine, in vero iudicio fecisti, quia peccávimus tibi, et mandátis tuis non obœdívimus; sed da glóriam nómini tuo, et fac nobíscum secúndum multítudinem misericórdiæ tuæ.

Communion: Meménto verbi tui servo tuo, Dómine, in quo mihi spem dedísti; hæc me consoláta est in humilitáte mea.