

## St Thomas of Canterbury

### 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.sevrccparish.org](http://www.sevrccparish.org)



**High Street, Otford  
TN14 5PH**

## MOST HOLY TRINITY

**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

**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**  
Tel: 07513 041075  
sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk



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

## St Bernadette's

**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**  
Tel: 01474 853676  
sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk



## St Thomas' catholic

**South Park,  
Sevenoaks, TN13 1EH**  
[www.saintthomas.co.uk](http://www.saintthomas.co.uk)

**Headteacher:**  
Ms Geraldine Leahy  
Tel: 01732 453921

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Archdiocese of  
Southwark

## PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS

CHURCHES IN SEVENOAKS, OTFORD,



Parish Newsletter

15th September 2024



This Sunday, we celebrate Home Mission Sunday, also known as *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday*, a day dedicated to the mission of the Church here in England and Wales. It is a day when we are reminded of our calling to share the joy of the Gospel, not just abroad but in our own communities, homes, and parishes. As Pope Francis emphasized in his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, we are called to be joyful witnesses of Christ's love, reaching out to those who may feel distant or disconnected from the Church, and bringing the light of Christ into their lives.

The Gospel today perfectly complements this call to mission, as Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter, speaking with boldness, declares, "You are the Messiah." This moment is pivotal in the life of the disciples and for us as well. It calls us to reflect on who Jesus truly is for each of us, and how this understanding shapes our lives and our mission. Jesus reveals that His kingship is not one of worldly power or glory, but of self-sacrificial love—a love that leads to the cross. To follow Him means to take up our own crosses, living lives of service and self-denial, for the sake of others and the Gospel.

As we reflect on Home Mission Sunday, we are reminded that this mission begins in our own hearts. It starts with our personal encounter with Jesus through prayer, the sacraments, and the Scriptures. But our mission mustn't be confined to the walls of the church, extending to our families, workplaces, and neighbourhoods, where we can be living witnesses of Christ's love.

As a parish community, we are invited to ask how we can support each other in this mission of evangelisation. There is much good work already happening in our parish through catechesis, sacramental preparations, and various ministries. Yet, Home Mission Sunday encourages us to discern if there is more we can do to grow together in faith and reach out to those who may be distant from the Church. Perhaps this is an invitation to reflect on how we can use our God-given talents to serve both within the parish and beyond, building up the Body of Christ in all we do.

This Sunday a small group of pilgrims will walk to Kemsing to venerate St Edith, our local saint. They will carry with them the prayers and intentions of the whole parish, and I encourage all of you to join them, either by walking alongside them or through prayer. This pilgrimage is a reminder that we are all on a journey together, united in Christ, as we seek to deepen our faith and share His love with others.

As we move through this week, let us pray for the grace to embrace our mission with joy, taking up our crosses and following Christ.

## Contacts & organisations

### ***Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Sevenoaks***

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

**Website:** [www.sevrparish.org.uk](http://www.sevrparish.org.uk) **Tel:** 01732 454177

**Parish Priest:** Fr Piotr Kucharski [piotrkucharski@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:piotrkucharski@rcaos.org.uk)

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Vipin James, [vipinjames@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:vipinjames@rcaos.org.uk)

**Assistant Priest:** Fr John Eyike, [johneyike@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:johneyike@rcaos.org.uk)

**Parish Deacon:** Rev'd Neil Philipson [neilphilipson@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:neilphilipson@rcaos.org.uk)

**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Magdalena Wiacek [sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sevenoaksadoration@rcaos.org.uk)

#### **Altar Servers (St Thomas's)**

Catherine Ingram: [ingramfamily15@yahoo.com](mailto:ingramfamily15@yahoo.com)

#### **Catenians**

Social club for Catholic men

Aiden O'Mahony: [aidan.omahony@btinternet.com](mailto:aidan.omahony@btinternet.com)

#### **Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sunday Mass**

*Sevenoaks, 9:15am Mass:*

Mark O'Prey: [sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk)

*Oxford, 9:30am Mass:*

Catherine Bennett: [sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk)

*Borough Green, 9:30am Mass:*

Fiona Newton: [fionanewton321@btinternet.com](mailto:fionanewton321@btinternet.com)

#### **Choirs**

*Music Group:*

Lonnie Christophers [lonniechr@hotmail.com](mailto:lonniechr@hotmail.com)

*Traditional Choir:* Barbara Page 01732 454729

*Borough Green:* Chris Hurlll [chris.hurll@outlook.com](mailto:chris.hurll@outlook.com)

#### **Church Cleaning (St Thomas's)**

James McSharry: [jamesmcsharry@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesmcsharry@hotmail.com)

#### **Church Flowers (St Thomas's)**

Kate Travers: [katetravers521@hotmail.com](mailto:katetravers521@hotmail.com)

#### **Confirmation Programme**

Gabrielle Ellis: [sevenoaksconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sevenoaksconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk)

#### **Parish Finance Committee**

Secretary: Mary Scott - [3maryscott@gmail.com](mailto:3maryscott@gmail.com)

#### **First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Programme**

Catherine Tan: [sevenoaksfhc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sevenoaksfhc@rcaos.org.uk)

#### **Gift Aid:**

Sean Corrigan: [sevenoaksgac@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sevenoaksgac@rcaos.org.uk)

#### **Holy Trinity Committee**

Secretary: Barry Authers - [sevenoaksmht@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sevenoaksmht@rcaos.org.uk)

#### **Lectio Divina**

Kathie Gonzalez 01732 761253

#### **Listening to you (Bereavement Support)**

Third Monday, 10:30am in Parish Room

Ronnie Campbell, Sarah Harrison and Kate Travers

[sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk)

#### **Loaves and Fishes Foodbank**

Isabelle Mercer: [h.imercer@btopenworld.com](mailto: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](http://www.racet.org)

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

Andrew Pembroke: [st.thomas.rota@gmail.com](mailto:st.thomas.rota@gmail.com)

#### **Repository**

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

#### **RCIA**

For adults becoming Catholic:

Andrew Wilkinson: [sevenoaksrcia@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sevenoaksrcia@rcaos.org.uk)

#### **Retreats**

Catherine Roger: [c.rodger@btinternet.com](mailto:c.rodger@btinternet.com)

#### **St Bernadette's Committee**

Secretary: Jill Gobel - [jill.gobel@btinternet.com](mailto:jill.gobel@btinternet.com)

#### **St Joseph's Committee**

Secretary: John Foley - [johnandmariefoley@gmail.com](mailto:johnandmariefoley@gmail.com)

#### **The Pilgrims**

For retired parishioners

Jackie Pembroke 01732 450197

#### **Scripture Fellowship**

Reading a Gospel together

Andrew Wilkinson: [andrewwilkos@gmail.com](mailto:andrewwilkos@gmail.com)

#### **St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)**

Can help financially, practically, and through visits to the

isolated or housebound. Contact Paul Boyle 07407 041922

or Kathie Gonzalez [sevenoakssvp@gmail.com](mailto:sevenoakssvp@gmail.com)

#### **Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) (West Kingsdown)**

Ann Vallins: [annvallins@yahoo.com](mailto:annvallins@yahoo.com)

#### **Webmaster**

Barry Authers: [sevenoakswebmaster@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sevenoakswebmaster@rcaos.org.uk)

## MORE NOTICES

#### **WINE TASTING EVENING**

Discover the delicious wines of the Loire in north-western France. To be held at St Joseph's Church, Borough Green, on Friday, October 25, at 7:30pm. Six wines will be offered, with food to accompany each wine, at a cost of £20 per person (cash or cheque). A maximum 50 tickets will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, available from 15th September, after Masses, from the Parish Office or by contacting [fionanewton321@btinternet.com](mailto:fionanewton321@btinternet.com) or [johnandmariefoley@gmail.com](mailto:johnandmariefoley@gmail.com). **Profits to St Joseph's Church**

#### **MEN's PARISH RETREAT: Aylesford 1st to 3rd Nov 2024**

**"To be a pilgrim"** A weekend to explore the next steps on our path led by Chris Chapman. Christopher Chapman is an experienced spiritual director and retreat leader.

The cost for the retreat for full board, lodging and the retreat facilitator is £240. If you would like to attend please pick up a registration form from the back of your Church. The registration form and non refundable deposit of £20 made payable to 'RCAS Sevenoaks' must be returned to the Parish Office in an envelope marked PARISH RETREATS by the 16th September. Lift shares to Aylesford will be organised. Any queries please contact Catherine Rodger by email at [c.rodger@btinternet.com](mailto:c.rodger@btinternet.com) or by ph:01732 458852

#### **PARISH SECRETARY VACANCY**

We are looking for a new Parish Secretary starting towards end of September. This will be a part time role 9.00am-12.15pm Monday-Friday. The role is to provide comprehensive support to the Parish Priest and Clergy in all administrative matters within the Parish and will cover secretarial and office management work. Previous secretarial/administrative experience is essential. You will need to build strong working relationships across the Parish team and greeting all colleagues, clergy and visitors in a pleasant, compassionate and professional manner. You will be the first point of contact within the Parish office and therefore an integral member of the team. The successful candidate will have similar experience of working as a Secretary.

**For more details please see our website:** <https://www.sevrparish.org>

Please send a cover note indicating why you would be a suitable candidate and a CV to [ben.andradi@gmail.com](mailto:ben.andradi@gmail.com) (Chair, Finance committee) by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

#### **REPOSITORY AT ST THOMAS'**

We are seeking a volunteer to manage the Church repository at St Thomas'. For more information or to sign up, please contact Fr Peter or Magda in the Parish Office. Magda is available from Monday to Friday (except Tuesdays), between 8:30am and 12:15pm.

#### **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE KENT NOTICES**

- 2024 Building A Better Marriage days will be held in

Worcester Park St Matthias parish Saturday September 28th [worcesterpark@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:worcesterpark@rcaos.org.uk);

Wimbledon The Sacred Heart parish Saturday October 26th [wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk);

Woolwich St Peter the Apostle parish Saturday November 2nd [woolwich@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:woolwich@rcaos.org.uk);

- Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ weekend retreat. Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024

For anyone who has experienced bereavement, whether recently or some time ago. We grieve, remember, hope and give thanks for our loved ones in the light of the Resurrection of Jesus. Cost £260 Single shared £230. For more information and bookings contact: Tel: 01622 717 272 or email: [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)

#### **ST. AUGUSTINES'S PARISH, Tunbridge Wells. PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE, 2nd-9th OCTOBER 2024**

"Peace, peace, peace! Be reconciled! Only Peace. Make your peace with God and among yourselves. For that it is necessary to believe, to pray, to fast and to go to confession (26/6/1981)".

A wonderful and spiritual pilgrimage, accompanied by four priests, with the opportunity of celebrating the Feast of the Holy Rosary while out there. If you have not been before, or even if you have been many times, Medjugorje is a remarkable place where Our lady offers us an abundance of blessing.

Travel arrangements with "Discover Medjugorje Peace Tours". Return Flights from Gatwick Airport transfer in Croatia. 7 Nights half board 4 Star (breakfast and 4 course main meal). Centrally located 4 Star Hotel St. Antonia, air conditioning and free WIFI. Shared ensuite rooms. Bags - 1 23kgs checked-in, 2 small cabin. £799 per person sharing, £180 single supplement. ATOL licenced Trip. (Personal Travel insurance is not included.) Places limited, if interested please let Mike Southern know: [michael.southern@me.com](mailto:michael.southern@me.com) or 07702 082907

## Parish and other NOTICES

**THIS WEEK SECOND COLLECTION** for Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization. This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country.

**PEMBURY LECTURES.** Wednesday 18th September the first of the Pembury Lectures takes place. Fr Peter Edwards of the Bournemouth Oratory will give a talk entitled "St Philip Neri & St John Henry Newman: helping us be 'saints in our own home' mass 7pm - refreshments 7:30pm and talk at 8pm

**MOTHER'S PRAYERS.** Please join us for Mothers' Prayers every Thursday from after the 12noon Mass in the Parish Room. It is a special time for mothers to unite in faith and offer prayers for their families and the broader community. All are welcome.

### PILGRIMAGE WALK - Charing to Chilham

We would welcome more pilgrims (human and canine) on the penultimate leg on Saturday 21 September when we will walk from Charing to Chilham. Catch the 0831 from Otford or 0841 from B'Green. Buy a return ticket to Chilham and bring food and water for the journey. For further info, please contact Br David 07821 049827 or Margaret 01732 885295.

### ST DUNSTANS' CHURCH - QUIZ NIGHT

Quiz Night to raise funds for church improvements Saturday 28th September 2024 7:00pm for 7:30pm start. Tables of 6 or less. Cost £12.50 per head – including ploughman's supper. Bring your own drink, glasses and nibbles, Tickets available after Mass or on the door, Please contact 01892 529 158 or southborough@rcaos.org.uk

### FR PETER'S INDUCTION MASS

We are delighted to announce that, although Fr Peter began his ministry in Sevenoaks Parish last year, the official Induction Mass was postponed, mainly due to the renovation of the parish centre. Now, with the renovation complete, the time has come for the formal celebration of Fr Peter's installation as our Parish Priest. The Induction Mass, presided over by Bishop Paul Hendricks, will take place on Wednesday, **9th October at 7:00 pm at St Thomas of Canterbury Church**, Sevenoaks. After the Mass, we invite you to join us for refreshments in our newly renovated parish centre. We look forward to celebrating this important event in the life of our parish with you.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS SIGNING

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

- ✓ Sunday, 6th October between 5:00 - 6:00pm
- ✓ Monday, 7th September between 5:00 - 7:00pm

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

### BECOMING A CATHOLIC (RCIA)

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Perhaps you have questions about the Church or are thinking about becoming a Catholic yourself? Or maybe you're already Catholic but feel like you'd like to deepen your understanding, starting from the basics?

The RCIA is a journey for anyone exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic. Whether you're completely new to the Church or looking to strengthen your relationship with Christ, this program is for you. Our sessions begin on Monday, 14th October 2024, at 8pm and run through a combination of in-person and online gatherings. Each session is an opportunity to learn, ask questions, and grow in a supportive community.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Andrew Wilkinson, our RCIA Coordinator at sevenoaksrcaia@rcaos.org.uk or Fr Peter at piotrkucharski@rcaos.org.uk.

### SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER 7:30 pm!

A special fundraising social evening for adults on Friday, 11th October at 7:30 pm in the Parish Centre.

JANET CLARE – member of the Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star will entertain us with her talk 'My Life is Magic' Light refreshments will be provided and there will be a chance to win some 'nice' wine via a raffle.

Tickets £15, and the chance of additionally buying £5's worth of raffle tickets, will be on sale at the end of the Masses at St Thomas' on the weekends of Sunday 22nd & Sunday 29th September.

For parishioners from Most Holy Trinity, St Joseph's and St Bernadette's who do not normally attend St Thomas', tickets can be purchased via email from jamesmcsharry@hotmail.com.

All proceeds will be split between Mary's Meals and SVP.

## MASS INTENTIONS

All masses are at St Thomas's CHURCH unless otherwise stated

### SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00am  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Saint Edith of Kemsing

8:00am  
10:00am *Otford*

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00am *Borough Green*  
12:00noon

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Hasang, and their Companions, Martyrs

8:00am  
10:00am *West Kingsdown*

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist

9:30am Nancy Condon RIP

### SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER

6:00pm (*Sat*)  
8:00am (*Latin*)  
9:15am  
11:15am  
6:00pm  
9:30am *Otford*  
9:30am *Borough Green*  
11:00am *West Kingsdown*

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (B)

Wellbeing of John Smoker  
Helena Kendrick  
Louise Laval Radegonde RIP (anniversary)  
G D'Souza RIP & L. Rodrigues RIP  
Anna Pacia RIP  
Holy Souls  
People of the Parish  
People of Kemsing

Philip Hubert

- 1) Barry Griffiths RIP
- 2) Anna Pacia RIP

1. Good intentions of the donor's family
  - 2) Kazimiera Korzystko RIP
- Holy Souls

- Anna Pacia RIP
1. Ann Livingstone (birthday)
  - 2) Donor's Intention

- 1) Suffering women and infants in Afghanistan
  - 2) Kazimiera Korzystko RIP
- Holy Souls

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY (B)

Maurice McSharry RIP & family  
All dec'd of the donor's family  
Lynn Cornfield (aunt of Gemma Capozzi)  
Della O'Connor  
Wellbeing of Michael Bunton  
Helena Kendrick  
Private Intention  
People of the Parish

### THE SICK

Micheal Bunton, Helena Kendrick,  
Milena Currall, Sue Spilstead,  
Elizabeth Sherratt, Philip Hardaker,  
Paulina Andrea, Zamora Hernandez,  
Mavis Mitchell Lambert, Toni  
Barrett, Frank Easterbrook, Lynne  
Stanley, Veronica Williams, Yvonne  
Bollen, Ann Steven, Sean Cloke, Ann  
Farren and all in care and nursing  
homes in the Parish.

### ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

Daisy Norfolk, Flora Hopkins,  
Margearite Matthews, Catherine  
Wood, Bernard Brigham, Mary  
O'Leavy, Douglas Bass, Adelaide  
Wheatcroft, MARIO Dibley, George  
Flangagan, Margaret Quinn, Jeanmary  
Laing, Patsy Wilson, Stanislaw  
Aniserewicz.



*Eternal rest grant unto them*

*O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace.*

### Latin Antiphons

#### Entrance:

Da pacem, Dómine, sustinéntibus te,  
ut prophétæ tui fidéles inveniántur;  
exáudi preces servi tui, et plebis tuæ  
Israel.

#### Communion:

Quam pretiósá est misericórdia tua,  
Deus! Fílii hóminum sub umbra alárum  
tuárum confúgient.