

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.sevrcparish.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
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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

Headteacher:
Ms Geraldine Leahy
Tel: 01732 453921

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PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS

CHURCHES IN SEVENOAKS, OTFORD,



Parish Newsletter

22nd September 2024



The Book of Wisdom this Sunday gives us a glimpse into the hearts of the Lord's enemies, who resent Him for challenging their authority. Their words even anticipate the mockery Jesus would face on the Cross: "If the Just One be the Son of God, He will deliver Him" (Matthew 27:41-43). While the leaders plot His death, today's Gospel shows us Jesus freely offering Himself in sacrifice, fully trusting in the Father. Yet His disciples miss the point. Instead of contemplating the meaning of His coming Passion, they argue among themselves about who will be the greatest. Jesus seizes this moment to teach them that true greatness in His Kingdom is found not in status or power, but in humble service. He calls them to be "servants of all," and uses the example of a child to symbolise the vulnerability and humility they must embrace.

We are all called to follow Christ's example of self-giving love. As St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Philippians, we must have the same mind as Christ, who humbled Himself, even to death on a cross (Philippians 2:5-11). Our lives should reflect this humility, seeking not our own glory but the good of others. In everything we do, we are called to serve, especially the most vulnerable among us.

The Little Sisters of the Poor, whom we welcome to our parish this weekend, embody this spirit of humble service. For over 150 years, they have cared for the elderly poor at St Peter's Residence in Vauxhall. Inspired by their foundress, St Jeanne Jugan, the Sisters offer compassion and dignity to those in need, regardless of faith or background. Their work is a living witness to Christ's call to serve the least among us. We encourage you to support their mission, whether through donations, volunteering, or prayer. Together, we can help them continue their ministry of love and care.

Please, pray this week for the fruits of our upcoming Confirmation group retreat. May this time be one of grace and growth in their relationship with Christ. Additionally, we ask for your prayers as we begin our First Holy Communion programme, guiding our children to a deeper love and understanding of the Eucharist.

In all these ways today, we are reminded that our Christian life is not about seeking status or recognition, but about offering ourselves in humble service. Let us strive to have the mind of Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, and who calls us to do the same in our daily lives.

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 Piotr Kucharski piotrkucharski@rcaos.org.uk

Assistant Priest: Fr Vipin James, vipinjames@rcaos.org.uk

Assistant Priest: Fr John Eyike, johneyike@rcaos.org.uk

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

Parish Secretary: vacant: 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: sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk

Otford, 9:30am Mass:

Catherine Bennett: 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 Hurlll chris.hurll@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, Sarah Harrison and Kate Travers

sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk

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: sevenoaksrcia@rcaos.org.uk

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 07407 041922

or Kathie Gonzalez sevenoakssvp@gmail.com

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) (West Kingsdown)

Ann Vallins: annvallins@yahoo.com

Webmaster

Barry Authers: sevenoakswebmaster@rcaos.org.uk

MORE NOTICES

FROM FATHER BONIFACE

My sincere thanks to the Parish Priest Fr Piotr, Fathers Vipin, John, and Deacon Philip, and all the parishioners. You are wonderful people, very warm and kind. Away from home, you created a home for me here, invited me to your homes, and shared our joys and sorrows. Thanks for all your help towards my pastoral ministry in Malawi. Together we touched the lives of many people. Some of you came to the talk on Malawi that I gave and others have seen it on the website of the parish. Thanks to the organizers and you all for the support that you have given towards the hunger and education appeal that I made to help our diocese. I am very grateful for the generosity I have experienced over the years. May the Lord reward you a hundredfold. As I go home, I promise to keep you in my prayers, do pray for me too. God bless!

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.



ST EDITH DEVOTIONS - PILGRIMAGE TO KEMSING

Last Sunday's pilgrimage to St. Edith's Holy Well was a great success. The weather was fantastic and we were joined in fellowship by a group from St Edmunds in Beckenham - it was a great turnout! Devotions at St Edith's Well were followed by Vespers in St Marys Church after which the day was finished off with refreshments at The Bell. It was a really lovely day spent in peaceful contemplation and good company. We look forward to next year's pilgrimage.



Parish and other NOTICES

THIS WEEK SECOND COLLECTION for St Peter's Residence in Vauxhall and the Little Sisters of the Poor.

NEXT WEEK SECOND COLLECTION for SVP. The SVP annual collection for our parish SVP group is this coming weekend 28/29th September. We are totally dependent on your generous donations for helping the needy of all kinds in the parish, in the locality and further afield. We are twinned with 3 impoverished villages in India whom we help, for example, with goat and sheep rearing and the educational needs of the children.

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING. The next Finance Committee meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd October at 7:30pm in the Upper Parish Room.

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 October 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.

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.

We are hoping to enjoy celebrating Father Piotr's induction with a cheese and wine evening and would appreciate any contributions of finger foods, cheeses, savouries or bottles of wine. Non-perishables can be left in the parish centre kitchen or brought on the night.

For any queries please mail Sue Sylvester at sueandgeoffsylvester@gmail.com

MAGIC SHOW FUNDRAISING 11th OCTOBER 7:30pm

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 jamesmcharry@hotmail.com.

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

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 sevenoaksrcia@rcaos.org.uk or Fr Peter at piotrkucharski@rcaos.org.uk.

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 or johnandmariefoley@gmail.com. Profits to St Joseph's Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

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

Monday 23rd Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest

8:00am Anne Collaghan RIP

Tuesday 24th Our Lady of Walsingham

9:30am
1) Brygita Równicka (1st anniversary)
2) Kazimiera Korzystko RIP

Wednesday 25th

8:00am
1. Helena Kendrick
2) Anna Pacia RIP
Holy Souls
10:00am *Oxford*

Thursday 26th Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

10:00am *Borough Green* Good health for Joseph Quinn
12:00noon
1. Margaret & Ted Nowakowski RIP
2) Donor's Intention

Friday 27th Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00am
1) Canon Luke Smith (birthday)
2) Anna Pacia RIP
10:00am *West Kingsdown* Canon Luke Smith (birthday)

Saturday 28th Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr

9:30am Holy Souls

SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

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

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

Anne Collaghan RIP

1) Brygita Równicka (1st anniversary)
2) Kazimiera Korzystko RIP

1. Helena Kendrick
2) Anna Pacia RIP
Holy Souls

Good health for Joseph Quinn
1. Margaret & Ted Nowakowski RIP
2) Donor's Intention

1) Canon Luke Smith (birthday)
2) Anna Pacia RIP
Canon Luke Smith (birthday)

Holy Souls

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY (B)

Hugh Peter Sissons RIP
People of the Parish
Good intentions for Rajan
Anna Głowa
Kazimiera Korzystko RIP
Valerie John Ingram (52nd wedding anniversary)
James Jose Martin Walker RIP
Holy Souls

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

Winifre Maylea, John Rawlins,
Josephine Cudlipp, Andrew
Gallingjam, Martin Duffey, Joy
Wooding, Agnes Emerson, Sidney
Hearn, Irene Sterling, Thomas Burke,
Michael Bowe, Elizabeth McDonald,
David Fitzsimmons, Ivy Rapiciano,
Eunice Dart, Margaret Abbott, Ellen
Brown, Mabel O'Brien, Audrey Bruce,
Edmund Vaughan, Alexander Gleeson,
George Moore, Alfred Dipple, Frances
Larkin.

Latin Antiphons

Entrance:
Salus pópuli ego sum, dicit Dóminus. De
quacúmque tribulatióne clamáverint 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.