

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:

Assistant Priests: **Monday**
Parish Priest: **Tuesday**



Granville Road,
Sevenoaks TN13 1ER

Parish Office:
Temporary on Mon. & Wed.
9:00am-12:00noon
Tel: 01732 454177
sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk
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
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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:
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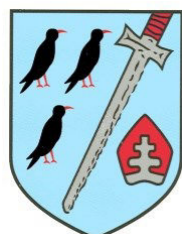


Fawkham Rd, West Kingsdown
TN15 6JP

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:
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St Thomas' catholic

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

Headteacher:
Ms Geraldine Leahy
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Archdiocese of
Southwark

PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS

CHURCHES IN SEVENOAKS, OTFORD,



Parish Newsletter

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12/13th October 2024



"It is your solemn duty to follow in the way of the Lord Jesus, together, and in union, with your Parish Priest; to pray for him and to join him in the celebration of Holy Mass, the source and summit of the Christian life, containing the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."

(excerpt from the Liturgy of the Induction Mass)

Dear Friends,

As we continue to reflect on the joy and grace of the Induction Celebration last Wednesday, these words remind us of our shared journey in faith. Together, we are called to be active workers in the vineyard of the Lord, supporting one another in prayer and service, and living as a community united in Christ's love.

In today's Gospel (Mark 10:17-30), we encounter the rich young man who seeks eternal life but struggles with letting go of his many possessions. Jesus' words challenge us to reflect on what might be holding us back from fully following Him. Is it our attachment to things and habits, our desire for comfort, or perhaps even our reluctance to step out of our familiar routines? This passage invites us to consider what it means to be truly free - to be unburdened by worldly attachments so that we can follow Christ with an undivided heart. As we reflect on this Gospel, let us ask ourselves: What do I need to let go of in order to follow Christ more fully? What does it mean for me to trust in God's wisdom and let Him lead my life?

This Sunday is also Prison Sunday, a time for us to remember those in our society who are imprisoned and those affected by crime. As we pray for them, let us ask for God's mercy to touch their lives and bring healing. Let us also reflect on Christ's words: "I was in prison, and you visited me" (Matthew 25:36). Our prayers and actions can offer hope and comfort to those who feel forgotten, reminding them that they too are loved by God and invited to the banquet of His grace.

As we continue through this month of October, dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, may we draw strength from prayer and deepen our trust in God's providence. Let us turn to Mary, who always said "yes" to God's will, and ask for her intercession as we strive to live out our faith with greater commitment and love.

With every blessing,

Fr Peter

Contacts & organisations

Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Sevenoaks

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PASTORAL & FINANCE COMMITTEES

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Secretary: John Foley - johnandmariefoley@gmail.com

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Adrian Pinington

Parish Lead for Catechesis:

Trish Pinington

Parishes Lead for Evangelisation:

Andrew La Trobe & Sue Sylvester

LITURGY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Coordinator

Barry Authers: sevenoaksadoration@rcaos.org.uk

Altar Servers (St Thomas's)

Catherine Ingram: ingramfamily15@yahoo.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 Hurl chris.hurl@outlook.com

Music Rota and Volunteers:

Kathleen Bouverie: kcbouverie@yahoo.com

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

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

SACRAMENTS & CATECHESIS

Confirmation Programme

Gabrielle Ellis: sevenoaksconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk

First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Programme

Catherine Tan: sevenoakshc@rcaos.org.uk

RCIA (for adults becoming Catholic):

Andrew Wilkinson: sevenoaksrcia@rcaos.org.uk

PRAYER & WELLBEING

Mothers' Prayers

⇒ Mondays at 11:30am at Star House, Star Hill Road 01959 532505

⇒ Thursday after the 12noon Mass in the Parish Centre

Parent & Toddlers Group

Tuesdays 10:00am - 12:00noon MH Room

Mary Hunt 07890 229794

Lectio Divina

Kathie Gonzalez 01732 761253

Listening to you (Bereavement Support)

Third Monday, 10:30am until midday in Parish Room

Sarah Harrison, Kate Travers, Ann Livingston, Sally Haggarty.

Contact via sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk

Retreats

Catherine Roger: c.rodger@btinternet.com

Scripture Fellowship

Reading a Gospel together

Andrew Wilkinson: andrewwilkos@gmail.com

SOCIAL ACTION

Caritas Representative: Gina Harnett

Catenians (social club for Catholic men)

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

Knights of St Columba

Br David Havard: action.youth@kscsouthwark.org

Loaves and Fishes Foodbank

Isabelle Mercer: h.imercer@btopenworld.com

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

Contact Paul Boyle 07407 041922 or Kathie Gonzalez

sevenoakssvp@gmail.com

St Thomas' Coffee Morning

Thursdays 10:15-11:45am in our Parish Centre.

Contact Frances Smith at francesrsmith@hotmail.com

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) (West Kingsdown)

Ann Vallins: annvallins@yahoo.com

OTHER MINISTRIES

Church Cleaning (St Thomas's)

James McSharry: jamesmcsharry@hotmail.com

Church Flowers (St Thomas's)

Kate Travers: katetravers521@hotmail.com

Repository - currently in need of volunteers to help manage and oversee its operations. At present, it is not fully functional, but with your support, we can bring it back to life. Please contact Fr Peter if you can help.

URGENT APPEALS

✓ **CAN YOU HELP?** As you know, Fr John has recently joined our Parish and is settling in well. He holds an International Driving Licence, which allows him to drive in the UK, but this will expire in about a year. Fr John has never driven in the UK before and prefers to drive an automatic car. Given the large geographical area of our Parish, with 3 Mass centres, it's important that Fr John can drive as soon as possible. He needs assistance in two areas:

⇒ Car purchase: Fr John is looking to buy a small second-hand car. If you have one that you are looking to sell, please let us know.

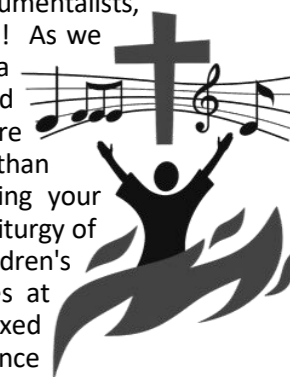
⇒ Driving lessons: He is also seeking driving lessons and practice, ideally in an automatic car, so he can prepare for and pass the UK driving test. Private lessons in Sevenoaks are very expensive and have long lead times, and the Parish may need to help cover the cost. Is there anyone who could offer him driving lessons?

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

✓ MUSIC AT MASS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Pianists, organists, instrumentalists, singers - your help is needed! As we look towards the Music Rota for the coming Autumn and Advent seasons, the gaps are more noticeable than ever. Please consider sharing your gifts to help us enhance the Liturgy of our 6:00pm Vigil, 9:15am Children's and 11:15am Sunday Masses at St Thomas. There are no fixed expectations and full guidance and support is available.

If you are musical and can help us, please get in touch with Kathleen Bouverie kcbouverie@yahoo.com



Prisoners' Sunday



This Sunday, 13th October, marks **Prisoners' Sunday** and the beginning of **Prison Week** (13th-19th October), a special time to focus on the needs of prisoners, their families, and all affected by imprisonment. As a parish, we are invited to reflect on how we can offer our support to those in prison and their loved ones, remembering Jesus' call, "I was in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:36).

Prisoners and their families often experience deep isolation, fear, and hardship. Many children are affected by the imprisonment of a parent, and families are torn apart. Meanwhile, prisoners themselves may struggle with mental health issues, loneliness, and the challenge of reintegrating into society after release.

The Catholic charity **Pact (Prison Advice and Care Trust)** is at the forefront of providing practical support to prisoners and their families. Their work is rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, and their mission is to offer hope, dignity, and assistance to those affected by imprisonment. Last year alone, Pact supported over 485,000 prison visits and assisted thousands of families through their helplines, emergency grants, and practical support services.

WHAT CAN WE DO AS A PARISH TO HELP?

⇒ **Pray** for prisoners, their families, and those working in the criminal justice system. Pray for mercy, healing, and the restoration of dignity. Our collective prayers can bring about miracles of hope and transformation.

⇒ **Raise Awareness**, share the message of Prison Week with others in our parish and beyond. Use this time to raise awareness about the struggles prisoners and their families face.

⇒ **Donate:** Your financial contribution will help to provide emotional and practical support to prisoners and their families, enabling them to rebuild their lives and strengthen family bonds.



⇒ **Volunteer:** Pact's work relies on volunteers who can offer their time and skills to support prisoners and their families. Whether it's volunteering to visit prisoners, helping at a family visitor centre, or supporting Pact's helpline, your involvement can make a meaningful difference. If you feel called to volunteer, Pact has many opportunities to get involved.

LET US TAKE ACTION TOGETHER

This Prisoners' Sunday, let us pray, act and give together as one family of God's children. As **Cardinal Vincent Nichols** reminds us, "Pact supports people throughout England and Wales, whatever their beliefs. Its work is varied, and includes care for children whose parents have been sent to prison, as well as offering practical assistance to people leaving prison who are trying to make a fresh start and put their past behind them."

Let us be the hands and feet of Christ, offering mercy and hope to those who need it most. Together, through prayer and action, we can help prisoners, their families, and those affected by the criminal justice system to find healing and a fresh start.

For more information on how to support this important mission, please visit www.prisonadvice.org.uk or contact Pact directly.

Parish and other NOTICES

✓ **DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.** This Sunday begins the Prison Week. Please remember in your prayers those in prison, their loved ones, and those who work with them (more on page 7).

✓ **NEXT WEEKEND - World Mission Sunday.** The Second Collection will be to support *Missio* and the missionaries around the world.

✓ **INDUCTION MASS.** Fr Peter would like to express his heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the beautiful celebration of his Induction Mass. Special thanks to Bishop Paul for leading the liturgy and all those who helped with the preparations, hospitality and those who donated such wonderful variety of refreshments. A big thank you to our Altar Servers, amazing Music Group, flower arrangers and all Parishioners for such a great support. We priests are deeply grateful to be part of such a wonderful parish community.

✓ **PARISH OFFICE.** We are pleased to announce that Silvana Wuttke will be joining us as the new Parish Secretary, starting from 1st November. In the meantime, the Parish Office will operate at a reduced capacity on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am-12noon. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to welcoming Silvana to the team.

✓ **PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US IN OCTOBER.**

St. Thomas of Canterbury, Sevenoaks:

- ⇒ Mondays 8:30am at the start of Adoration
- ⇒ Tuesdays 6:00pm at the start of Adoration
- ⇒ Saturday, after 9:30am Mass, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and led by the Rosary Group.

St. Joseph's, Borough Green:

- ⇒ Thursdays after the morning Mass, around 10:30am

Most Holy Trinity, Otford:

- ⇒ Thursdays 7:30pm at the start of Adoration
- ⇒ Fridays 11:00am at the start of Adoration

St. Bernadette's, West Kingsdown:

- ⇒ Fridays after the 10:00am Mass

✓ **ROSARY EVENING IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES.** Join us on Sunday, 20th October at 5:00pm in St Thomas' Church, Sevenoaks for a special Rosary evening, celebrated in different languages, to mark World Mission Sunday. This is a wonderful opportunity to unite in prayer for the global mission of the Church. As St. Padre Pio reminds us, "*The Rosary is the weapon for these times.*" Let's come together in faith, trusting that prayer can bring about miracles. Please make the effort to attend—your presence and prayers matter!

✓ **MOTHER'S PRAYERS** every Thursday after the 12noon Mass in the Parish Centre. It is a special time for mothers to unite in faith and offer prayers for their families and the broader community. All are welcome.

✓ **ST THOMAS' COFFEE MORNING.** Everyone is welcome to our weekly coffee mornings to be held every Thursday morning 10:15-11:45am in our Parish Centre.

✓ **PILGRIM WALK TO CANTERBURY.** Congratulations to our pilgrims who have completed the last stage of the Canterbury walk this weekend.

✓ **GARDEN TIDY-UP AT HOLY TRINITY, OTFORD.** Please join us on Saturday 19th October 10am-12noon to help keep our garden tidy. No experience needed and refreshments will be provided.

✓ **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT.** On Monday, 21st October, two parishioners from the Bereavement Support team will be available in the Parish Room from 10:30am until midday. If you would like the opportunity to talk in confidence about a bereavement or other loss (such as a job, health, or family pet), you are warmly welcome.

✓ **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 johndandmariefoley@gmail.com. Profits to St Joseph's Church.

✓ **ENHANCED LISTENING SKILLS COURSE** to enhance skills you already have innately and enable you to use them with confidence. It is an interactive course which could help you both in your daily life, and in a range of settings from ministry in visiting people or supporting people to working as a mentor at school or work. The course will be held over 2 dates: 29th November and 6th December from 7-9pm. It will be led by Sue Buddin who is a very experienced former Relate counsellor and trainer. She has kindly agreed to run this course for us in our parish on a voluntary basis. It will be held in the parish centre. Tea and coffee will be available. There is a limit on numbers attending the group so if you would like to attend can you please contact either Catherine Rodger at c.rodger@btinternet.com or Gina Hartnett at gina.hartnett@hotmail.com.

✓ **YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE!** Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue... or have stopped talking all together? Retrouvaille helps married couples through difficult times. Register now for next programme starting 8th-10th November. Call 0788 7296983 or Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com For more see: www.retrouvaille.org.uk

✓ **FR VIPIN'S RETREAT.** Please pray for Fr Vipin, as he begins his annual retreat this week. For every priest, an annual retreat is a time of spiritual renewal and an opportunity to step away from the daily responsibilities of ministry, reflect on their vocation, and recharge spiritually.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER

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

Monday 14th

8:00am

Tuesday 15th

9:30am

Wednesday 16th

8:00am
10:00am Otford

Thursday 17th

10:00am Borough Green
12:00noon

Friday 18th

8:00am
10:00am West Kingsdown

Saturday 19th

9:30am

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY (B)

Phil Key RIP
Donors Intention
Walter RIP
Fr Jake Dicto RIP
Bridget Alexander RIP
People of the Parish
The good estate of Malcolm Family
Walter (Waclaw) RIP (greg.)

1) Walter (Waclaw) RIP (greg.)
2) Christopher Gouck

St Teresa of Ávila, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

1) John Farren RIP (25th Anniversary)
2) Walter (Waclaw) RIP (greg.)

Walter (Waclaw) RIP (greg.)

Eugene Bannon RIP

Walter (Waclaw) RIP (greg.)

Cyril Waite RIP (Birthday)

Walter (Waclaw) RIP (greg.)

Fr Kevin Delaney RIP

Walter (Waclaw) RIP (greg.)

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY (B)

People of the Parish
Walter RIP
Maureen and Colm Bradley RIP
Walter (Waclaw) RIP (greg.)
Drenda brothers (Thanksgiving)
Canon Luke Smith's continued recovery
Brenda and Harry Dewhurst on 62nd Wedding Anniversary
Hilario Fernandes (90th Birthday)

PRAY FOR THE 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 OCTOBER

Pat Ellis, William Jaffa, Kathleen Stubbs, Zofia Olszowska, Francesca Scrace, Richard Spice, Michael Meany, Henry Peppiatt, Dieter Mankiewitz, George Harris, Helen Jaffa, Denis Mode, Frederick Mead, Malcolm Lott, James Brett. Roseana Walsh, Mary Boyton, Anthony Smith, Delia Devine, Peggy Hart, Mary Dixon, Mary Tint, Mr Lewis, 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, Lilian O'Grady, Patricia Johnson, Ron Jones, Helene Dawson, Kitty Collins, Mary Walshe, Mark Bullock, William Schnorr, Tony Ivil, Kay Johnston, Marian Crofton, Desmond Tanner, Winifred Pepper, John Taylor, John Arundel, Jean Brown, John Mansfield, Edward Thompson, Maureen Mode, Lorenza Conning-Rowland, Mary Woodhams, Deirdre Dodd, Michael Kohnt, Thomas Anthony White, Margery Gordon, Margaret Gates, more to follow.

*Eternal rest grant unto them
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

LATIN ANTIPHONS

AD INTROITUM:

Si iniquitates observáveris, Dómine, Dómine, quis sustinébit? Quia apud te propitiátio est, Deus Israel.

AD COMMUNIONEM:

Dívites eguérunt et esuriérunt; quæréntes autem Dóminum non minuéntur omni bono.

recently died

Bridie Tobin

funeral on Monday 4th November (1:30pm) at St Joseph's

Eugene Bannon

funeral on Wednesday 6th November (11:30am) at St Thomas'

Michael Clark

funeral on Wednesday 6th November (2:00pm) at St Thomas'