

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



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

Headteacher:
Ms Geraldine Leahy
Tel: 01732 453921

GIVE A LITTLE GIFT AID FORM



Archdiocese of
Southwark

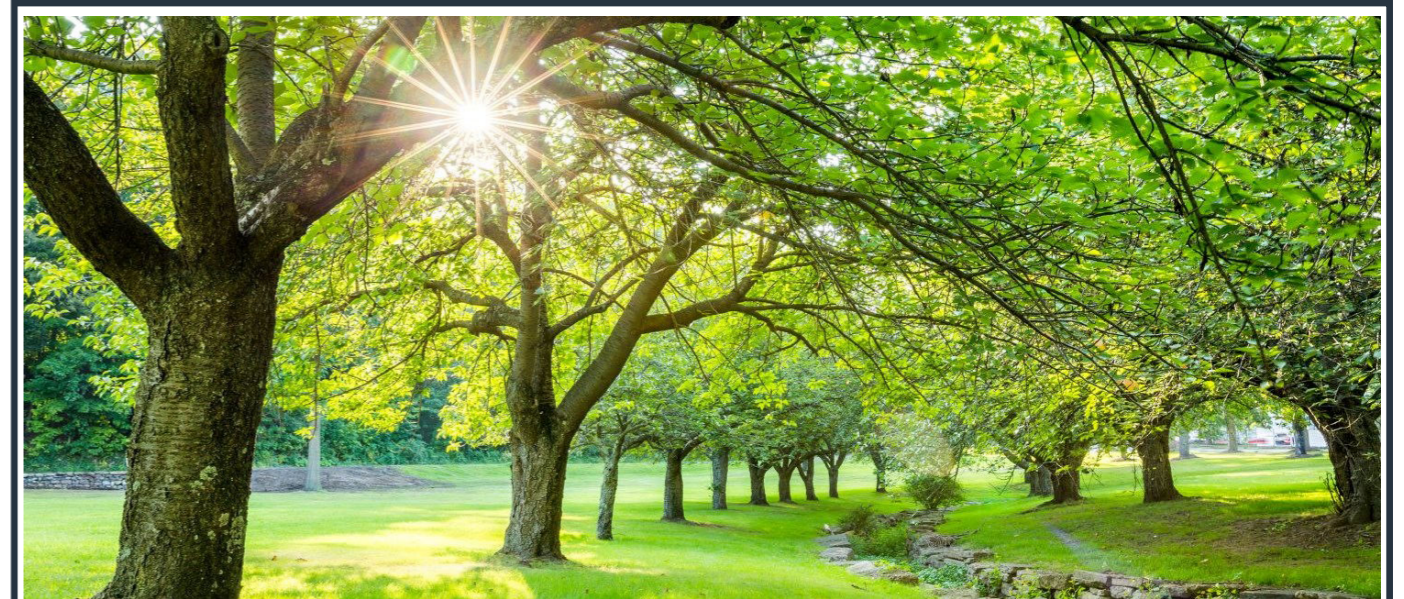
PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS

CHURCHES IN SEVENOAKS, OTFORD,



Parish Newsletter

18th August 2024



As we continue to enjoy the summer, with a few more weeks before our regular routines resume, it's important to reflect on how we use the time that God has given us. Summer is a gift—a time to rest, rejuvenate, and enjoy the beauty of creation. But whether we are working, resting, or playing, we must always remember that time itself is a gift from God. Let us use it wisely, bearing His grace and love in everything we do.

This weekend's readings call us to focus on something even more profound: the wisdom of God. In the First Reading, we hear that the Wisdom of God has prepared a feast and invites us to partake. But to accept this invitation, we must become like children—humble and open to receive (Matthew 18:3–4). This humility is key, especially when faced with the mystery of the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers us His Flesh and Blood as true food and drink. To many, this might seem strange, even foolish, much like the crowds who questioned Jesus. But Jesus repeats Himself with great intensity, urging us to believe in the unbelievable. His Flesh is true food, His Blood true drink. Through the Eucharist, the "folly of the Cross" is made present to us once again, for the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:18–25). In every Eucharist, we are invited to the banquet of heaven. We approach not only bread and wine but the true Body and Blood of Christ. In this sacred feast, God renews His everlasting covenant with us, reminding us of His promise to destroy death and bring us eternal life (Isaiah 25:6–9).

So, as we enjoy these remaining summer days, let us remember to give thanks to God in the Eucharist for all His blessings. Whether in our rest or our work, may we always live wisely, walking in His love and grace.

Contacts & organisations

Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Sevenoaks

Presbytery and Parish Office: 12 Granville Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 1ER
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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: sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk

Oxford, 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 07796564018 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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Proverbs 9:1-6
 Psalm 33
 Ephesians 5:15-20
 John 6:51-58

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN
 Year B — 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

S.D.C. SOCIETAS DOCTRINAE CHRISTIANAE
www.sdc.me.uk

Jesus says:

I AM THE
 LIVING
 BREAD



THOSE WHO e ____ my
 f _____ and
 d _____ my
 b _____ will live in
 m ____ and I will live
 in t _____.

HOW DO WE EAT JESUS' BODY?
 Colour in the letters with a star (*) to
 reveal two words.

NDHXO INYMKO
 GRTEHUMLYB
 *G*O*M*M*U*N*I*O*N*

Parish and other NOTICES

LISTENING TO YOU GROUP

The next Listening To You will be on Monday, 16th September in the Parish Room from 10.30am until midday when a warm welcome will be offered to anyone wishing to talk or be listened to. If in the meantime, you have a more urgent problem, please do contact one of the team via the Parish Office.

MGR BONIFACE'S PRESENTATION OF HIS WORK IN MALAWI

Mgr Boniface has been visiting our Parish in Sevenoaks for over 20 years and during that time he has got to know most of us- with his big smile! He is the Vicar General of Archdiocese of Blantyre.

Malawi is a landlocked country and is one of the poorest in the world. The country faces a number of problems; rapid population growth, dependence on rain-fed agriculture, climate change and environmental degradation. It's a predominantly Christian country and Catholics make up about one-fifth of its population.

Please join us for a presentation of his work in the Parish Room on Saturday 31st August at 4:30pm (prior to 6pm mass). Refreshments will be served.

For those who wish to donate to support his work - please speak to him directly or send to Parish Bank account, 60-19-02, 25782002 (marked reference Fr Boniface) and we can remit the money to his Archdiocese.

THE PILGRIMS GROUP TOUR TO MINSTER ABBEY & ST AUGUSTINE'S SHRINE AND CHURCH, RAMSGATE

A coach outing on Wednesday, 11th September 2024

The visit starts at Minster Abbey. Founded less than a 100 years after the arrival of St Augustine in 597AD to Christianise England, the Abbey is still home to 12 Catholic Benedictine nuns and in our short time there, we can enjoy the tranquility of their gardens and prayer-filled space. Refreshments and a simple lunch is available. We then continue to the Shrine and church of St Augustine. Designed by A.W.N Pugin as his personal church, it is an example of exquisite Gothic Revival by one of main architects of the Houses of Parliament. Price: £37pp excluding refreshments & lunch. More details are in a flyer. Please ask Felicia, nfe.17205@gmail.com, 07719 606 970 if your interest has been piqued.

ST EDITH DEVOTIONS - PILGRIMAGE TO KEMSING

We are looking forward to celebrating the memorial of our local saint, St Edith of Kemsing, at 3:30pm on 15th September at the Well in Kemsing. A number of us are proposing to make a Pilgrimage from St Thomas' on the day, walking to Kemsing - if you would like to join us, please do!

The plan for the walk is as follows:

- We will meet at St Thomas' at 10:45, for an 11:00am start
 - Please bring a packed lunch - we will have time to take our lunch/have a cuppa at Holy Trinity Otford
 - Departure from Holy Trinity Otford will be 1:30pm
- Arrival at St Edith's Well in time for: Devotion at 3:30pm, Vespers at St Mary's Church at 4pm, and Afternoon Tea at The Bell at 5pm.

Some print outs of walking directions will be left in the Porch if you are interested; if you have any questions about the route or would like a copy of the walking directions, please let Gina know (gina.hartnett@hotmail.com). If you would like to join us from Holy Trinity Otford, the second half of the Pilgrimage will be suitable for younger children of the Parish.

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 or download a form from the website: www.sevrcparish.org.uk (just click on the news and masses tab and this opens up a tab for retreats and the registration form). 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 or by ph:01732 458852

2024/2025 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME REGISTRATION

Registration for the next First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation Programme is now open. Our initial parents' meeting is on Friday 4th October at 7pm and the sessions will begin in November. A full list of programme dates are listed at the end of the registration form. All sessions will take place at St Thomas of Canterbury Church in Sevenoaks. <https://forms.office.com/e/wXt1HVKc1L>

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 18th AUGUST

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY (B)

Helena Kendrick
People of the Parish
Bjorn Chambless RIP
Diana Latter RIP
John Travers RIP
Laurence Joseph Murphy RIP
Marie & John Foley (wedding anniversary)
Patrick Bunton RIP
Peter & Stephanie Catherwood RIP

Monday 19th

8:00am Colin King - good health

Tuesday 20th Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor

9:30am Connie M Burton RIP

Wednesday 21st Saint Pius X, Pope

8:00am Robin Geffen
10:00am Otford Wellbeing of Cannon Luke Smith

Thursday 22nd Our Lady, Mother and Queen

10:00am Borough Green Ubbo Bakker RIP
12:00noon Graham Thorpe RIP

Friday 23rd

8:00am Helena Kendrick
10:00am West Kingsdown Holy Souls

Saturday 24th Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

9:30am Maria Amaya Gallo & Michael Gouck

SUNDAY 25th AUGUST

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY (B)

Wellbeing of Eugene Bannon and comfort of his wife
Good intentions of the donor's family
Helena Kendrick
Anthony & Brigid Butler
Peggy LaTrobe RIP
People of the Parish
Johnson Ayoung Chee RIP
Catherine Maher (100th birthday)

Latin Antiphons

Entrance:

Protector noster, aspice, Deus, et respice in faciem Christi tui, quia melior est dies una in atriis tuis super millia.

Communion:

Apud Dominum misericordia, et copiosa apud eum redemptio.

Please keep in mind:

Fr VIPIN's SUMMER BREAK: 19.08-24.08

Fr PIOTR's SUMMER BREAK: 03.09-13.09

ST THOMAS' COFFEE MORNING - Can you help?

St Thomas is keen to set up a coffee morning for people in our church and local community. The aim is to provide a simple drop-in coffee/tea and biscuits every Thursday morning from 10.15 to 11.45 in our new church parish room. To run this successfully, we estimate we need a minimum of 20 male and female volunteers. This will mean people only have to help out once in every 5 or 6 weeks. Can YOU spare a couple hours to help in this fun, social venture for the parish?

If you are interested, or, if you have any questions, please contact one of us: Frances Smith: francesrsmith@hotmail.com/ Catherine Rodger: c.rodger@btinternet.com/ Fiona Newton: fionanewton321@btinternet.com

THE SICK

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 AUGUST

John Catlin, Catherine Clemens, Stanley Bearchell, Sidney Mabe, Susan Livingstone, Ruth Salt, Annistia Moore, Jason Levett, Mary McHugh, Eileen Bourquin, Douglas Griggs, Olive Crusswell, Richard Knight, Christina Coleman, Ann McInerney, Anne Gomar, June Preen, Ann Harrison.

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