## 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.sevrcparish.org



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#### 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: 075I3 04I075 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

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South Park, Headteacher:
Sevenoaks, TN13 1EH Ms Geraldine Leahy
www.saintthomas.co.uk Tel: 01732 453921

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Parish Newsletter

## PARISH OF

# ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

**SEVENOAKS** 

CHURCHES IN SEVENOAKS, OTFORD,

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



19th/20th October 2024



#### Dear Friends,

In today's reflection, we see how true discipleship calls us to embrace service and sacrifice. Often, while following Christ, we might get entangled in temptations to seek positions of honour or authority, but Jesus shows us a different way. To truly follow Him, we must be willing to walk the path of the cross—serving others with humility, even at great personal cost. This call to sacrificial love is beautifully echoed by Isaiah, who speaks of the suffering servant who gives his life as an offering for sin. Like this servant, we are reminded that our mission as Christians is to be a source of hope and redemption for others, even if it involves hardship. Jesus Himself embraced this role fully, not seeking glory for its own sake, but offering His life for the salvation of all.

Today, as we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**, we are invited to consider how we, too, are called to serve. The Church's mission is to bring the Gospel to every corner of the world, and this responsibility belongs to each of us. The theme of this year's Mission Sunday, "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet," reminds us of the universal nature of this call. No one is to be excluded from hearing the Good News of salvation.

Next weekend, we will welcome the Spiritan Fathers for a mission appeal. Their work, often in challenging and remote places, reflects the same mission of service and sacrifice that Christ modelled for us. By leaving behind their homes and embracing the needs of the poor, the Spiritans are a living testament to what it means to live out the Gospel. They remind us that the call to mission is not optional—it is a central part of our Christian identity.

While we may not be called to travel to distant lands, each of us can participate in the Church's mission. Whether by supporting missionaries through prayer and financial offerings or by being witnesses of Christ in our own communities, we are all part of this great task. We are reminded that even in our local context, there are many who have not yet experienced the transformative love of Christ.

Finally, as in today's psalm, let us rejoice that the Lord delivers us from death and grants us life. This gift of life, however, is not just for ourselves. As we drink from the cup of salvation at the altar, may we be strengthened to go out and share that gift with others.

With every blessing,



## 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: sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk

Parish Office hours: Temporary office hours Monday and Wednesday 9am-12noon only

**Webmaster:** Barry Authers: sevenoakswebmaster@rcaos.org.uk **Safeguarding Rep:** Ken Baines (sevenoakssg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

Safeguarding DBS: Sally Kelly (sevenoakssg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)
The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator can be contacted on 020 7261 1606; in an emergency dial 999

### **PASTORAL ® FINANCE COMMITTEES**

### **Parish Finance Committee**

Secretary: Mary Scott - 3maryscott@gmail.com

#### **Holy Trinity, Otford**

Secretary: Barry Authers - sevenoaksmht@rcaos.org.uk

#### St Jospeh's, Borough Green

Secretary: John Foley - johnandmariefoley@gmail.com

#### St Bernadette's, West Kingsdown

Secretary: Jill Gobel - jill.gobel@btinternet.com

Gift Aid: Sean Corrigan: sevenoaksgac@rcaos.org.uk

#### Parish Lead for Formation:

**Adrian Pinington** 

#### **Parish Lead for Catechesis:**

**Trish Pinington** 

### Parishs 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

- $\Rightarrow$  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

#### Choire

Music Group: Lonnie Christophers lonniechr@hotmail.com Traditional Choir: Barbara Page 01732 454729 Borough Green: Chris Hurll chris.hurll@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: sevenoaksfhc@rcaos.org.uk

**RCIA** (for adults becoming Catholic):

 $And rew\ Wilkinson: sevenoaksrcia@rcaos.org.uk$ 

## 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

## November

GIVE THEM

ETERNAL REST

O LORD



## PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED

Praying for the dead is a long-standing Christian tradition deeply rooted in Scripture. Especially in November, we take time to remember each deceased person by name, bringing them before the Lord's mercy. It is important that we make the effort every year to recall their names in prayer and offer Masses for their souls.

This year, Holy Souls envelopes will be available, and we encourage you to write the names of your deceased loved ones, friends, and parishioners for whom you wish us to pray in November. Instead of our traditional Books of Remembrance, there will be a special box near the Altar where these names will be placed. You can hand the envelopes to a priest after Mass. Any donations in the envelopes will go toward offering Holy Souls Masses throughout the year, whether in our parish or in parishes with fewer Mass intentions. In this way, we not only remember their names before the Lord but also assist them on their journey to eternal life.

## PLENARY INDULGENCE

A Plenary Indulgence, applicable only to the Holy Souls, can be obtained once per day in any church or cemetery between 1st and 8th November, under the usual conditions: recitation of the Our Father and Creed, sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the Holy Father's intention.

**ALL SAINTS' DAY** on Friday, 1st November, a **Holyday of Obligation**, which means all Catholics should attend a Holy Mass. Services as follows:

St Thomas's, Sevenoaks:

8:00am (Latin), 9:30am, 12:00noon, 8:00pm. Most Holy Trinity, Otford: 10:00am.

<u>St Bernadette's, West Kingsdown:</u> 11:00am. <u>St Joseph's:</u> 6:00pm.

**ALL SOULS** (Memorial of all the faithful departed) on Saturday, 2nd November. Mass at St Thomas' at 9.30am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Litany for the Souls of the Faithful Departed.

THE BLESSING OF GRAVES at Greatness Cemetery will take place on Sunday 3rd November at 3:00pm. We will gather outside behind the Cemetery chapel for a communal prayer followed by individual blessing of graves.

MASS for DECEASED PARISHINERS. We would like to invite you for a special Mass offered for the deceased parishioners and members of our families who have passed

to the Lord this last year. Those who have been bereaved, whether recently or years ago, are especially invited to this Mass on Saturday 23rd November 2024 at 9.30am followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. The families are encouraged to bring the Funeral booklet or a photo of the loved one.

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## Parish and other NOTICES

- ✓ WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. The Second Collection this weekend supports *Missio* and the missionaries around the world.
- ✓ GENERAL OFFERTORY in SEPTEMBER was £15,448. CAFOD Second Collection on 6th October was £1072.50. Thank you for your continuous support.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ ROSARY EVENING IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. Join us this 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.
- ✓ ST PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP. This is a prayer group for those discerning and practicing discipleship in our parish led by Deacon Neil which meets in the Parish Centre from 7:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, and includes time of fellowship over tea and coffee, praise & worship led by musicians, consideration of Church teaching and prayer. For more information please contact Deacon Neil
- ✓ 'MY LIFE IS MAGIC' FUNDRAISING EVENING. Last Friday evening was a great success! Janet Clare, accomplished member of The Magic Circle, gave a wonderfully engaging talk on her life as a magician. The 'packed house' was then mesmerised by a handful of tricks performed in person by Janet and also viewed on an old video recording of her when she competed in the world championships in 1988 in The Hague, Holland. Along with the magic the audience had the opportunity to enjoy light refreshments, a glass of wine or two and enjoy each other's company. So, a wonderfully entertaining and social evening was had by all! £1,070.00 was raised and split evenly between The SVP and Mary's Meals. A special thank you to Janet Clare and all who supported the evening in anyway.

- ✓ RIDE AND STRIDE. Congratulations to Adam and Alex Sears (St Bernadette's), Margaret Briggs (St Joseph's) and Barry Authers (Holy Trinity) who between them raised £1690 in September by Riding and Striding to multiple churches in Kent. Half the proceeds go to The Friends of Kent Churches and half goes to the participants respective churches. They would like to thank all who sponsored them in their efforts.
- ✓ 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 johnandmariefoley@gmail.com. Profits to St Joseph's Church.

- ✓ AN EVENING WITH BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI Archbishop John invites young adults (18-40) to join him at St George's Cathedral for "An Evening with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati" on Thursday 31st October at 6:30pm. The evening will include praise and worship led by One Hope Project, a talk by Archbishop John, and a social afterwards. No tickets necessary, just turn up. For further details, visit www.tinyurl.com/frassatieve.
- ✓ 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
- ✓ ENHANCED LISTENING SKILLS COURSE to enhance skills you already have. 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 in our Parish Centre. Tea and coffee will be provided. There is a limit on numbers attending so please book with either Catherine Rodger at c.rodger@btinternet.com or Gina Hartnett at gina.hartnett@hotmail.com.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY (B)
6:00pm (Sat)	Federica Boecklin & Michele Foresti on 25 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
8:00am ( <i>Latin</i> )	Walter Gutkowski RIP
9:15am	Maureen and Colm Bradley RIP
11:15am	Walter Gutkowski RIP (greg.)
6:00pm	Drenda brothers (Thanksgiving)
9:30am Otford	Canon Luke Smith's continued recovery
9:30am Borough Green	Brenda and Harry Dewhurst on 62nd Wedding Anniversary
11:00am West Kingsdown	Hilario Fernandes (90th Birthday)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	
8:00am	Walter Gutkowski RIP (greg.)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> St John Paul	
9:30am	1) Victoria E Lepore (neé: Edwards) RIP
	2) Walter Gutkowski RIP (greg.)
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
8:00am	Walter Gutkowski RIP (greg.)
10:00am Otford	In thanksgiving for friends
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	3 0
10:00am Borough Green	Walter Gutkowski RIP (greg.)
12:00noon	Mgr O'Brien RIP
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	
8:00am	Walter Gutkowski RIP (greg.)
10:00am West Kingsdown	Walter Gutkowski RIP
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	
9:30am	Walter Gutkowski RIP (greg.)
SUNDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	THIRTIETH SUNDAY (B)
6:00pm <i>(Sat)</i>	<ol> <li>Michael McSharry RIP (birthday)</li> <li>Patrick &amp; Shirley Rae RIP</li> </ol>
8:00am ( <i>Latin</i> )	Emily French & Angus Gould on their wedding day
9:15am	Walter Gutkowski RIP
11:15am	Brenda Casey RIP and the comfort for the far
6:00pm	People of the Parish
9:30am Otford	On 21st birthday in Thanksgiving & return to full health
9:30am Borough Green	Walter Gutkowski RIP (greg.)
11:00am West Kingsdown	Ellen Price RIP

#### 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'

May they rest in peace

#### 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 Joan Wallis, Margaret Bryer, Yeminsi Ogunkola, Gerry Howard, Mary Henry, Mary Maguire, Sean Mullan, Genowefa Best, Olive Archard, Patrick O'Driscoll, Susan Oliver, Walter Crosland, Rosemary Spurling, May Chown, John Delaney, Anne Hickey, Mary Biggs, Ronald Mooney, Pier de Havilland, George Foucher, Kerry Holleran, Ann Wells, Edwina Playfair, Leontine Eagleton, Harry Smith, Lucy Parker, Dudley Glenister, Joseph Maverley, Kathleen Baxter, Gillian Turner, Peter Brett, Christopher Hogben, Barbara Man, Valerie Staples, Theresa Palmer, Eric Griffiths, Bernard Price, Margaret Clarke, Susan Vaziani, Giorgio Siuiglia, Jean Still, Eleonor Hammerson, Maria Galuszka, Mary Kay, Priscilla Cramer, Joan Microns, Denise Fabian, Angela Simmonds, Henry Halpin, Jack Jaquez, Baby Lacour, Mary Grabham, Jean Campbell, Mary Hibling, Desmond Hickey, Margaret Thackaberry.

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

## LATIN ANTIPHONS

### AD INTROITUM:

Ego clámavi, quóniam exaudísti me, Deus; inclína aurem tuam, et exáudi verba mea. Custódi me, Dómine, ut pupíllam óculi; sub umbra alárum tuárum prótege me.

#### AD COMMUNIONEM:

Ecce óculi Dómini super timéntes eum, et in eis qui sperant super misericórdia eius; ut éruat a morte ánimas eórum, et alat eos in fame.