

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**



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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

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St Joseph's

Mass times: Sunday 9:30am
(with Children's Liturgy of the Word)
Thursday 10:00am
Holy Days of Obligation 6:00pm

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Fawkham Rd, West Kingsdown
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St Bernadette's

Mass times: Sunday 11:00am
Friday 10:00am
Holy Days of Obligation 11:00am
Adoration: Wed 12:00noon- 1:00pm

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PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS

CHURCHES IN SEVENOAKS, OTFORD,



Parish Newsletter

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,

Fr Peter

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 20th 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 21st

8:00am

Tuesday 22nd

9:30am

Wednesday 23rd

8:00am

10:00am Otford

Thursday 24th

10:00am Borough Green

12:00noon

Friday 25th

8:00am

10:00am West Kingsdown

Saturday 26th

9:30am

SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER

6:00pm (Sat)

8:00am (Latin)

9:15am

11:15am

6:00pm

9:30am Otford

9:30am Borough Green

11:00am West Kingsdown

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY (B)

Federica Boecklin & Michele Foresti on 25th Wedding Anniversary

Walter Gutkowski RIP

Maureen and Colm Bradley RIP

Walter Gutkowski RIP (greg.)

Drenda brothers (Thanksgiving)

Canon Luke Smith's continued recovery

Brenda and Harry Dewhurst on 62nd Wedding Anniversary

Hilario Fernandes (90th Birthday)

Walter Gutkowski RIP (greg.)

St John Paul II, Pope

1) Victoria E Lepore (née: Edwards) RIP

2) Walter Gutkowski RIP (greg.)

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In thanksgiving for friends

Walter Gutkowski RIP (greg.)

Mgr O'Brien RIP

Walter Gutkowski RIP (greg.)

Walter Gutkowski RIP

Walter Gutkowski RIP (greg.)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY (B)

1. Michael McSharry RIP (birthday)

2. Patrick & Shirley Rae RIP

Emily French & Angus Gould on their wedding day

Walter Gutkowski RIP

Brenda Casey RIP and the comfort for the family

People of the Parish

On 21st birthday in Thanksgiving & return to full health

Walter Gutkowski RIP (greg.)

Ellen Price RIP

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.

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