

## NEWSLETTER

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**Today's Mass: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (Year A)**

Today we reflect on one of the greatest mysteries of our Catholic faith: the Body and Blood of Christ. This great Solemnity is usually called by its Latin name: Corpus Christi. The 9:15am and 11:15am Masses today end with the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament; please *follow* the servers and the priest carrying the Blessed Sacrament.

In the **First Reading** Moses reminds the people - and us - that God fed them with manna from heaven during their forty years in the wilderness. They - and we - also need another bread: the Word of God.

The **Psalm** is a psalm of praise, doubtless chosen because of its reference to God feeding us "*with finest wheat*".

There is a **Sequence** today, the 'Lauda Sion', which was composed by St Thomas Aquinas, and is a hymn telling of Christ's institution of the Eucharist and our Catholic belief in transubstantiation.

The **Gospel** reading, which is the passage in *St Matthew* after the Feeding of the Five Thousand, portrays Jesus explicitly talking about the Eucharist: His bread "*is my flesh, for the life of the world*". *Fr David*

**Visiting Priests**

Today (Sunday) we welcome Fr Mark Odion, MSP to celebrate the Mass at Otford and Fr Michael Ezenwammadu, CSSp to celebrate the 6:00pm Mass.

**Day for Life**

Each year *Day for Life* provides an opportunity to reflect on the dignity of every human person and to pray for and support all life from conception to natural death. This year's *Day for Life* focuses on those who have lost a child and those women anxious about their pregnancy, as we approach the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Abortion Act.

Please support the *Day for Life* in the second collection, to provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities of the Church. To make a donation by cheque kindly make it payable to the parish; you can also donate online: [www.dayforlife.org/donate](http://www.dayforlife.org/donate). Please also take a *Day for Life* postcard.

**This Week**

**Feasts**

There are a number of significant Feasts this week. Tuesday is the memorial of S Alban, protomartyr of Britain. Thursday is the Feast of SS John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs, both of whom are portrayed in the mural behind the Altar in St Thomas's. Friday is the Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Saturday is another Solemnity, of the Nativity of S John the Baptist.

**Diocesan Clergy Conference**

Fr David will be away this week, attending the Diocesan Clergy Conference in Merville, in France.

**Tuesday 9:30am Mass**

Year 6 will attend this Mass; parents and other family members are particularly invited to attend also.

**Sevenoaks Ordinariate Mass**

On Thursday, at 7:30pm in St Thomas's church: all welcome.

**Do you have a small office table you don't need and could donate?**

Ingrid has reorganised the office now that the new printer has arrived. Does anyone have a small office table you don't need anymore? No bigger than 120cm wide and 50cm deep. Thank you.

**Parish Working Party - Saturday 1st July, 9:00am**

We need to clear out a lot of rubbish and make the garden presentable for the Parish Garden Party. Some of the work will entail a bit of heavy lifting, so we need a few strong volunteers; we also need gardeners to do some de-weeding. Please come and help if you possibly can, and we aim to finish by 11:00am.



**BAPTISM**

Welcome to:

**Isabelle Rose  
WICKS**

who was baptized last weekend at St Thomas's

**Please remember the sick who have been commended to our prayers**

Thomas Healy, Rosemary Remnant, Hazel Pilorz, Maureen Way, Sue Chamberlain, Ana Pilar Santos

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Dorothy Hogbin, Peter O'Neill, Bill Brabin, Charles Allchorne, Philomena Baynes, Geoffrey Wooding, Michael Aftergutt, Edmond Smith, Spencer Louell, Antal Beke, Henry Bissell, William Sheehan, Mary Coles, Mark Campbell, Mimi Pogany, Peter James, John Mullens, Patrick Russell

## PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS - NEWSLETTER

### **Parish Summer Garden Party July 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 5:00pm**

In the Presbytery Garden. Please pick up a flyer and we look forward to seeing you all there: food, BBQ, afternoon tea & cake, bar, raffle with great prizes, music and children's games. Free entry.

Please fill in sign-up lists in porches - this is just to give us some idea of numbers - all welcome on the day!

We are looking for various items; please contact as below if you are able to contribute any of the following:

- *Food for afternoon tea* - cakes, scones etc and tea/coffee.  
Contact: Sandie (sndpet@aol.com),
- *Food for BBQ* - sausages, hamburgers etc.  
Contact: Hugh (h.imercer@btopenworld.com),
- *Drinks for bar* - beer, wine, Pimms, prosecco etc.  
Contact: Bill (bill.farren@btinternet.com),
- *Raffle prizes*  
Contact: Ann (annosullivan7oaks@gmail.com),
- *Books for book stall* - Contact Christopher Bell (chris@christopherbell.plus.com)
- help with decorating, setting up tables & chairs etc., and lifts for the elderly.  
Contact: Ben (ben.andradi@gmail.com).

If you need a lift on the day please contact me at the above email address.

Ben

### **Gift Aid**

If you haven't yet done so, please collect your box of envelopes. If you can't find your box email Sean Corrigan (sean@corrigan-family.com) or ring Ingrid in the Parish Office.

If you pay by Standing Order or put money in the 'loose' collection, now is the time to review the amount you give: are you giving back to God generously out of all the good gifts he gives you?

If you pay UK tax but do not yet use the Gift Aid system, please fill in a Gift Aid form or contact Sean Corrigan (sean@corrigan-family.com). You make the same contribution as now but we can claim back the tax you have paid. This brings in a substantial amount to parish funds.

### **Parish Accounts for 2016**

A summary of the Parish Accounts for 2016, prepared by Bill Farren, Chair of the Finance Committee, is displayed on the church noticeboards. They have been duly certified by the Independent Examiner.

### **Repository - new stock of First Holy Communion Gifts**

Open at the usual times after Mass, lots of new stock.

### **New Style Parish Newsletter on the way...**

We are changing the format of the Parish Newsletter over the next few months. We are looking for a Parishioner with some experience in Advertising (or perhaps just some enthusiasm would be plenty enough). The Newsletter will be part funded by an Advertisement page. Would you perhaps be able to source the adverts, and put together the page on perhaps a monthly basis? Please contact Ingrid in the Parish Office, even if just to suggest someone who might be interested. Many thanks!

### **Parish Retreats at Aylesford Priory**

**Women's Retreat: 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Becoming mirrors of God: living a reflective life**

Led by Alice Keenleyside.

**Men's Retreat: 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**The call of the Father** - Led by Mgr Matthew Dickens.

Have you remembered to submit your form? Please do consider attending these enriching Parish Retreats (perhaps organise a group of friends to go together?)

If you would like to attend please pick up a REGISTRATION FORM from the back of your Church or download a form from: [www.sevrcparish.org.uk](http://www.sevrcparish.org.uk), and

return it to the Parish Office **as soon as possible**.

Any QUERIES please contact Catherine Rodger by email at [c.rodger@btinternet.com](mailto:c.rodger@btinternet.com) or by phone: 01732 458852.

### **SVP Indian Student Sponsorship**

Parishioners are able through the parish SVP group to sponsor an Indian child's education. Sponsoring a school student is £15 a year, a Technical and Vocational Training student is £70 and a Higher Education student is £120 a year. If you would like to help by sponsoring a student please take one of the green forms on the table in the porch. Thanks.

### **St Bernadette's, West Kingsdown**

- Thank you to everyone who attending the UCM Summer Fair last weekend. We raised a meaningful £359.50 for Dementia Awareness.
- St Bernadette's UCM now have a Facebook page. It is a closed group and to apply for membership please find the full title: 'St. Bernadette's Catholic Church West Kingsdown'.

### **Please see the noticeboards at St Thomas's -**

- Faith in Action Volunteer 2017/2018
- Corpus Christi Procession at Westerham, 18th June, 3pm.
- Pilgrims Newsletter, Aylesford
- Refugee Week - Westminster Cathedral, 23 June 6pm.
- Justice and Peace Newsletter.

### **FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**YOUNG DISCIPLES:** Two groups of informal catechesis for school years 4-6 and 7-9, Sundays after 9.15am Mass in the TV Room upstairs (starting with refreshments). Term time only. New members very welcome.

Contact: Enia Adeleye at [youngdisciples@sevrcparish.org.uk](mailto:youngdisciples@sevrcparish.org.uk) for further information.

**SVP:** Monday 19th June, in Parish Centre

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS:** Mondays, 11.00am at Star House, Star Hill Road, Sevenoaks. Tel: 01959 532505

**CONFIRMATION:** Session 2, Thursday 29th June, St Thomas's Church, 7.30pm

**ODINARIATE MASS:** Thursdays, Fortnightly, next is on 22nd June. Refreshments after.

**PARENTS & TODDLERS:** Tuesdays 9.30am - 11.30am, Parish Centre (Contacts: Emma McGovern 07786 219742, Lourdes Marinetto-Travers 07900 591527)

**SEVENOAKS CATENIAN CIRCLE:** The Catenians are a social club for Catholic men and we welcome visitors to our meetings at Knole Park Golf Club on Seal Hollow Road. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm followed by dinner at 8.30pm.

For further information, please contact [aidan.omahony@btinternet.com](mailto:aidan.omahony@btinternet.com) or 07834 259 229.

**BOROUGH GREEN UCM :** First Thursday of each month, 7.30pm, St. Joseph's, Borough Green

### **Offertory - 11th June**

St Thomas's	1063.49
Otford	213.34
B Green	155.95
W Kingsdown	132.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,565.20</b>

2nd Collection:  
(CaTEW) £334.71

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for your generosity