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Churches in Sevenoaks, Otford,
Borough Green and West Kingsdown

Parish Newsletter

23rd July 2017

Today's Mass: Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: this passage is
God, who has absolute
exercises it with leniency.

Psalm: as so often, the psalm
message of the First
mercy and compassion.

Second Reading: when we pray
we are taking the initiative
Holy Spirit in us enable us.

Gospel: today's Gospel contains
parables about the kingdom of
The parable of the sower
with an interpretation
sows good seed in the soil
creates the church.
people who do not believe
a day of reckoning will
when the glorified Christ
purify the church of
moral law.

The short parable about
inspection: three measures
amount, enough for bread
people. This is Genesis
18: 6, where Abraham
cakes from three measures
heavenly visitors. The
final outcome of the
the messianic banquet.
Whatever the details,
parable is that God
not see it, and any
individuals or for the
God.

Fr David



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St Thomas of Canterbury Sevenoaks



Sunday Mass times:

Saturday
6:00pm

Sunday

8:00am (Latin)
9:15am (Children's Liturgy of Word)
11:15am
6:00pm

Weekday Mass times:

Monday 8:00am
Tuesday 9:30am
Wednesday 8:00am
Thursday 12:00noon
Friday 8:00am
Saturday 9:30am

Adoration:

Monday 8:00am - 12noon
8:00pm - 9:00pm
Tuesday 10:00am - 12noon
Thursday 11:00am - 3:00pm
Saturday 8:30am - 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday
10:00am - 10:30am,
5:15pm - 5:45pm

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The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator in an Emergency dial 999. See www.sevrccparish.org.uk



MOST HOLY TRINITY OTFORD

Mass times: Sunday 9:30am
Wed 10:00am

Adoration: Friday 11:00am - 1:00pm

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St Joseph's BOROUGH GREEN

Mass times: Sunday 9:30am*
*Currently taking place at
Borough Green Primary Sch Hall

Western Rd, Borough Green
TN15 8AG

Church contact:

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St Bernadette's West Kingsdown

Mass times: Sunday 11:00am
Thurs, Fri & Sat 9:15am
Holy Days of Obligation 11:00am
Rosary: 1st Wed every month at 7:00pm
Adoration: Wed 7:30pm - 8:30pm
Thurs 10:00 - 11:00am

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St Thomas Catholic Primary School



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Luokurdes - Mavis 07900 591521
Tuesday 10:30am, Parish Centre

Altar Servers: David Brunning Tel: 01732 465518
davidabrunning@btinternet.com

Catenians: The Catenians are a social club for Catholic men age 10-81.8 We also help social events. We always meetngs at Knole Park Golf Road. Meetings held on the first Friday of each month at 7.30pm followed by a meal. For further information, please contact: man 01732 453902
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Children's Liturgy: Sevenoaks, 9.15am Mass: Annemurphy2000@yahoo.com
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Children's Liturgy of the Word what is it for and how does it work?

Parish NOTICES

The Children's Liturgy of the Word programme starts every Sunday in the year. It is all organised and run by volunteers before, as we need a regular influx of new people to keep the programme going. This information on the groups, how they are run and what you can do to help.

First, it is simply to get the children out of Mass so people can hear the readings, Gospel and Homily in benefit. In fact, it is because we need to ensure our The Bishops go so far as to repeatedly experience in Church things that are barely comprehensible. The Liturgy groups aim to help children understand the message at an accessible and appropriate level.

We run four groups at the moment:

Cherubs, for children who do not attend this group with their parents. The Gospel is read to the parents, and then an appropriate story for the children, 1 responsible adult per session to open up the Marjorie Henne Room beforehand, and lead the children out and back into church.

Little Angels is for children who are left unattended - by their parents (in an intensive liturgy session because, in order to run it safely, we need 3 adults per session) is DBS checked and the 2 assistants are ensure that every child makes it safely into the Parish Centre and then back to their parents at the session. Catechists plan every liturgy session using a range of resources to explain the meaning of the readings and use a range of teaching methods to engage the children in the liturgy.

Big Angels is for children in Years R and 1. The children are getting more independent in this liturgy session. In this liturgy session, we again have a catechist (who is DBS checked) and 1 registered assistant. There are resources but there are needs to be a progression because we are an important part of the First Holy Communion programme in Year 3. Kenneth Egere who is still waiting for his visa, the Borough Green and 11:15am Masses.

Seraphs is our most senior group, for children in Year 2 and 3, although from January the Year 3 children attending and remain in church during the whole Mass as part of their preparation for Holy Communion. The group does lots of discussion, some more complex written activities, drama and even guided meditation; this liturgy is run by 1 DBS checked catechist and 1 registered assistant.

We are so lucky in the parish to have talented people prepared to give up their time to help with Children's Liturgy. However, it is worth saying that you may not realise you have this talent until you have a go! We need more people and I would ask you to consider if you can help. People are doing a fantastic job of looking after the children when their children are very young but as they grow up they may not be able to help with the other areas of parenting. It makes us like a bath with the plug out: we always need help!

If the thought of running a group as a Catechist is rather daunting, perhaps you would consider being an assistant. Any help with Little or Big Angels or Seraphs would be appreciated, and people often find it easier to do when they have seen how each session runs as an assistant, they are often willing to help. We are particularly short of people to help run the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIA) for young people aged 11-15. If you are that age, please consider lending a hand.

My contact details are in the Contacts page of the newsletter, and I would be happy to be contacted to book you as soon as possible. New volunteers do need to complete a safeguarding form which I can email to you. Please send any experience you have in undertaking this role to Isabelle Parsons - if you are a parent who has a child in the appropriate age range you can certainly help.

Anne Murphy

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Today (Sunday)

Visiting Priest

This Week

Adoration change on Monday

West Kingsdown UCM

Notices

St Thomas School News

We say farewell to Fiona Michelle Murray who is moving to a new school. Elena Petcu who is returning to her home country. We also wish our Year 6 secondary school children who are also congratulating the results: for example the results are expected or above the 77%, considerably higher than the 61% the children play. We also congratulate the children who are also congratulating the results: for example the results are expected or above the 77%, considerably higher than the 61% the children play.

New Sacristy Bell

A new bell, rung at the beginning of Mass, is a symbol of the presence of God. We have a new bell, rung at the beginning of Mass, is a symbol of the presence of God. We have a new bell, rung at the beginning of Mass, is a symbol of the presence of God.

Order of Mass

You need the words of the Mass. A Simple Prayer Book. We have a new bell, rung at the beginning of Mass, is a symbol of the presence of God.

St Thomas's Parish Parenting Course

Is parenting the hardest job you will ever do? Would you like to be a better parent? We have a new bell, rung at the beginning of Mass, is a symbol of the presence of God.



Parish NOTICES



From the Desk of the Parish Priest

How can the Old Testament

Parish Office and Mass Intentions

Ingrid is on holiday from Thursday 3rd August. She will be back in the office on Thursday 3rd August. Sexton will be Charles and Rachel. Please support our Mass Intentions for August and the first week of September. It would be most helpful if you could submit them before the end of July.

Holy Trinity Otford - Friends of Kent Churches Annual

Ride & Stride 9 September 2017. Please support our year event. August and the first week of September. It would be most helpful if you could submit them before the end of July. Please notice in porch for more detail.

THE PILGRIMS -

The Group for Retired and Older Parishioners

A Visit to Rochester Cathedral: Friday 15th September

When you look at the figures painted on the apse of the parish church in Sevenoaks, the scene is the right is that of St. John the Baptist. This figure is that of the Outline of Rochester Cathedral. Following on from our outing last autumn to the churches within our parish we would like to explore our connections with Rochester Cathedral. To pray there, to explore the town and to socialise over lunch and wine. We will be travelling by coach with a pick up from Otford (for car parking) and set to arrive in Otford at 10.30am. Our guide in the Cathedral will be June and friends. Please put this date in your diaries; there will be information at the beginning of September when the newsletter is resumed. We look forward to seeing you then. For more information please contact Jackie Pembroke ac.jbpembroke@gmail.com 01732 450197; or Pat Harman 01732 453902; bobandpat.harman@gmail.com

Parish Finances

Offertory - 16th July

TOTAL £1,511.63

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Please see the noticeboards at St Thomas' Church

Loaves and Fishes Foodbank

Many thanks for all your donations. They supply families in need. The next collection is on 20th September 2017. We are looking for volunteers to organize the food collection at St John's Chapel, Aylesford. To find out more please contact Kathie Gonzalez 07736 813427 or Andrew Wilkinson 07487 652846.

For you in our Diocese Day for Catechists at St Georges Cathedral on the 20th September. Details to follow early September.

Babysitting and summer childcare available

I am experienced and responsible. References can be supplied. Contact: 07598848660, odger@gmail.com

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books would or could have been written. Old Testament stories only considered through the lens of Christ, and how He saves us. Other examples of historical events help us to understand the cross as the sacrifice for our sins and which also appears in the story in Nehemiah, which is the rebuilder of broken walls. If you take a printed Old Testament, in the middle of it contains the story of David. In the Old Testament, a king who was a shepherd and a warrior. In the New Testament, a king who was a shepherd and a warrior. In the Old Testament, a king who was a shepherd and a warrior. In the New Testament, a king who was a shepherd and a warrior.

In my first article on the Old Testament not only prepared the way for Christ but also revealed Him. How can books written hundreds of years before hand be about Jesus?

In fact, it might be easier to find the Old Testament not about Jesus. There are four main groups of Old Testament writings of which prefigure Jesus, which reveal Him, which give us a context to understand Him.

A second category is symbolism. In the book of Exodus, a woman coming through the waters of the Red Sea. It was a metaphor for the relationship between God and His people. The new people of God (the Church) were to sin, selfishness and death. Jesus, who was born in the land with its eternal banquet. If you look at the main Prayer Book for Children, you will see the Lord says 'to my Lord, sit at my right hand'. Although neither the people of the Old Testament nor the later writers who wrote the Bible.

Old Testament stories make sense when viewed through the lens of Christ.

God loves his children

The wheat and the weeds

Join the numbers to find out what he planted!

Jesus told a story about a farmer who planted some wheat. A wicked man came and planted something else as well!

Step by Step
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)
Matthew 13:24-43

Trace the letters and colour the pictures

They will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of heaven

At the end of time God will separate good people from bad. What will happen to good people then?

Mass intentions

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

Sunday 23rd Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6:00am Celia Piddock RIP
 8:00am Françoise Hobeika
 9:15am Intentions of the Rodrigues
 11:15am People of the Parish
 6:00pm Helen-Glover
 9:30am Miss H. M. McNabb RIP
 9:30am Jim Collins RIP
 11:00am Joan Warby RIP

Monday 24th Feria

8:00am Ida Fernandes (speedy recovery & good health)
 12:00noon Funeral Mass for Cecelia Piddock RIP

Tuesday 25th S JAMES, Ap

9:30am Safe journey & good health of mother & baby during overseas trip. Thomas Healy, Rose Remnant, Hazel Pilorz, Sue Chamberlain, Ana

Wednesday 26th SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM

8:00am Joseph & Josephine Brown RIP
 10:00am Mathew Ryan

Thursday 27th Feria

9:15am Henry Bishop RIP
 12:00noon Intentions of the Rodrigues family
 Myra Piercy

Friday 28th Feria

8:00am Holy Souls
 9:15am Joyce Boon RIP

Saturday 29th S Martha

9:15am Ron Holden RIP
 9:30am Miss H. M. McNabb RIP

Sunday 30th Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6:00am Monique Langhorn RIP
 8:00am Rodrigues Family Intentions
 9:15am People of the Parish
 11:15am Jenkins family (thanks giving)
 6:00pm Ben Penollar RIP (Anniv)
 9:30am Holy Souls
 9:30am The Creedons RIP
 11:00am Tony Goldsmith RIP (Anniv)

Baptism

Welcome to

Cassia Clavel Dixon

&

Isabella Evelyn Eakins

who were baptized at St Thomas

recovery & good health

Please remember the sick who have been commended to our prayers, especially:

Thomas Healy, Rose Remnant, Hazel Pilorz, Sue Chamberlain, Ana

Departed

Please pray for the family
 Myra Piercy

who has recently

Anniversaries:

Kate Atwell, Lucy Day, Edward Rawlings, Pa, Michael Doohoy, Joyce Boon, Leslie Castell, Mrs Norfolk, Elizabeth Walsh, Rebecca Eyre, Couchman, Antonio Pal

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

Sunday 8:00am Mass Antiphons

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ecce Deus adiuvat me, et Dominus suscepit me. Domine, quoniam bonum est.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Memoriam fecit mirabilium suorum misericors et miserator