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# PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS



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: the  
sows good seed in the soil  
creates the church. The  
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 makes  
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

Granville Road,  
Sevenoaks TN13 1ER

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### Parish Safeguarding

Your Parish Safeguarding Representative is  
The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator in an Emergency dial 999. See contact details on page 11.



### MOST HOLY TRINITY OTFORD

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

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

High Street, Otford  
TN14 5PH

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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

Fawkham Rd, West Kingsdown  
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Sevenoaks, TN13 1EH  
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Mary Ann Perasso 01959 522303  
Luokurdes - Mavis 07900 591521  
Tuesday 10.30am, Parish Centre

**Altar Servers:** David Brunning Tel: 01732 465518  
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**Catenians:** The Catenians are a social club for Catholic men aged 18+. We also help social events. We always meet at Knole Park Golf Club. Meetings held on the first Tuesday 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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**Mothers Prayers:** Mondays, 11.00am at Star Hill Road, Sevenoaks. Further info 01732 5000

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# Children's Liturgy of the Word what is it for and how does it work?

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 Mass at an 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 Hennebery Room beforehand, and lead the children out and back into church.

**Little Angels** is for children who are left unattended - by their parents (the 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 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 catechist (who is DBS checked) and 1 registered assistant. In this liturgy session, we again have a variety of resources but there are no aids as the children learn through the year. There needs to be a progression because we are an important part of the children's lives and the First Holy Communion programme in Year 3.

**Seraphs** is our most senior group, for children in Year 2 and 3, although from January the Year 3 children start 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 needed in all areas of the parish when their children are very young but as they grow up they can help in other areas of the parish. 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 not alone. We are particularly short of people to help run the Little Angels group. If you are interested in helping, please contact Anne Murphy at that age, please consider lending a hand.

My contact details are in the Contacts page of the newsletter, and I would be happy to talk to you as soon as possible. New volunteers do need to complete a safeguarding form which I can email to you. If you have any experience of undertaking this role, please let me know. If you are a parent who has a child in the appropriate age range you can certainly help.

Anne Murphy

# Parish NOTICES

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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 school. We also wish Year 6 children who are going to secondary school. We also congratulate the children who have achieved good results: for example the children who have achieved 77%, considerably higher than the national average of 61%. The children play a part in the school's success and we are proud of them.

**New Sacristy Bell**


A new bell, rung at the beginning of Mass, will be used to announce the start of the service. The bell is a gift from the parish and will be used to announce the start of the service. The bell is a gift from the parish and will be used to announce the start of the service.

**Order of Mass**

You need the words of the Mass. A Simple Prayer Book is available for £1.95. Unmanned, please put the box next to the Sacristy.

**St Thomas's Parish Parenting Course**

Is parenting the hardest job you will ever do? Would you like to be a better parent? This course will help you to be a better parent. The course will be held on Friday 15th September. Places are limited. Please contact Anne Murphy on 527568 or email annelillian76@bt.com



# 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 on duty on Thursday 3rd August. If you have any Mass Intentions for the first week of September please submit them before the end of July.

### Holy Trinity Otford - Friends of Kent Churches Annual Ride & Stride 9 September 2017

Charities and August. Please support our year event. Please support our year event. Please support our year event.

### 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 figure on the right is that of St. John the Baptist and the figure on the left is that of the Virgin Mary. 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 a drop off at the Cathedral. A guide will be provided. 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 earlier. The bank appreciated your donations for 52 weeks a year and needs your donations. The next collection is on 12th September 2017. We are looking for volunteers to organize the foodbank at St John's Chapel, Aylesford in Autumn or Winter. To find out more please contact Kathie Gonzalez 07736 813427 or Andrew Wilkinson 07487 652846

For you and your diocesan Day for Catechists at St Georges Cathedral on the 21st September. Details to follow early September.

### Babysitting and summer childcare available

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books would or could have. Old Testament stories only come viewed through the lens of Christ, and how He saved. Other examples of historical Passover helps us to understand the cross as the sacrifice of sins and which also appears in the story in Nehemiah, which is a rebuilder of broken walls. If you take a printed Old Testament, the middle of it contains David is quite literally the Temple in Jerusalem was built in heaven.

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

In my first article on the Old Testament not only prepared the way for Christ but also revealed His true nature. How can books written hundreds of years beforehand 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 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 was remembered as a sign of our relationship with God. God, why have you forsaken me? Some what I can't understand. The Font by our leader when Jesus Christ was baptized in the Jordan, which was a sign of our baptism into the new people of God (the Church). The new people of God are those who are saved from sin, selfishness and death. The new people of God are those who are saved from sin, selfishness and death. The new people of God are those who are saved from sin, selfishness and death.

Although neither the people of the Old Testament nor the later writers who wrote the Old Testament were able to understand the full significance of the Old Testament, it is clear that the Old Testament is a prophecy of the New Testament. The Old Testament is a prophecy of the New Testament. The Old Testament is a prophecy of the New Testament.

# God Loves his children

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**

Matthew 13:24-43

**Step**

by

**Step**

**The wheat and the weeds**

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

Join the numbers to find out what he planted!

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**

Matthew 13:43

**Step**

by

**Step**

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> Feria

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

## Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM

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

## Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Feria

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

## Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Feria

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

## Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> S Martha

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

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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