



## St Thomas of Canterbury Sevenoaks



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

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

Adoration: 8:00am - 12:00pm  
Monday 8:00am - 12:00pm  
Tuesday 10:00am - 12:00pm  
Thursday 11:00am - 12:00pm  
Saturday 8:30am - 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Saturday 10:00am - 12:00pm  
Monday 5:15pm - 7:45pm

Granville Road,  
Sevenoaks TN13 1ER  
Parish Office: Mrs Ingrid La Trobe  
Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri  
9:00am - 12noon  
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## Contacts & organisations

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### Parish Safeguarding

Your Parish Safeguarding Representative is Isabelle Parsons 07873 953423.  
The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator can be contacted on 02072 611606. In an Emergency dial 999.



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### MOST HOLY TRINITY OTFORD

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

Adoration Friday 11:00am - 12:00pm

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### St Joseph's BOROUGH GREEN

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

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Fawkham Rd, West Kingsdown  
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### St Bernadettes West Kingsdown

Mass: 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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Catechists The Catechists are a social club for Catholic men aged 18 to 108. We also help the parish with social events. We always 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 or on 07834 259 229.

Children's Liturgy of the Word St Vincent de Paul Society Sevenoaks, 9.15am Mass: Anne Murphy annemurphy2000@yahoo.com  
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Finance Committee:  
Chair: Bill Farren 07787 537350  
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sean.corrigan@sevrparish.org.uk

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Mother's Rosary Mondays, 11.00am at Star House, Star Hill Road, Sevenoaks. Tel: 01959 532500

Readers, Ministers Rosa, St Thomas Tony Capozzi: st.thomas.rota@gmail.com

Parents & Emphasis Mt Govern 07886 219742,  
Lourdes Marinetto-Travers 07900 591527  
Tuesdays 9.30am - 11.30am, Parish Centre

RACET (Rural Adult Education & Child Development) MaryAnn Perasso 01959 522337, www.racet.org

The Pi Tag or lunches, four times a year, held at St. Thomas in the Parish Centre. All older parishioners are welcome and lifts are available. Contact: Jackie Pembroke 01732 450197 ac.jbpembroke@gmail.com or Pat Harman 01732 453902 bobandpat.harman@gmail.com.

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West Kingsdown UCM: Monica Biggs (President)  
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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. Term time only. Contact: Enia Adeleye at youngdisciples@sevrparish.org.uk

Further details of organisations are available in our Parish Handbook and on our website  
Visit us at www.sevrparish.org.uk

## Pope Francis on Love & Joy

You are very welcome to attend meeting for lay people to explore and discuss the Pope's views on Love and Joy in the family, on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 10:00am – 1:00pm at West Malling. This event is suitable for all adult parishioners, and will include suggestions about how to put the Pope's message into practice. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Booking is essential: contact Carole Batty at [carolemflkent@gmail.com](mailto:carolemflkent@gmail.com) or on 07983 524727 for further details.



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Some quotes from *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on *Love in the Family*.

Just as a good wine begins to breathe with time, so too the daily experience of fidelity gives married life richness and body

The life of every family is marked by all kinds of crises, yet these are also part of its dramatic beauty. Couples should be helped to realize that surmounting a crisis need not weaken their relationship; instead, it can improve, settle and mature the wine of their union.

I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a Church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, a Mother who, while clearly expressing her objective teaching, always does what good she can, even if in the process, her shoes get soiled by the mud of the street

We have been called to form consciences, not replace them.

Few human joys are as deep and thrilling as those experienced by two people who love one another and have achieved something as the result of a great, shared effort.

I think, for example, of the speed with which people move from one affective relationship to another. They believe, along the lines of social networks, that love can be connected or disconnected at a whim of the consumer, and the relationship quickly blocked. We treat affective relationships the way we treat material objects and the environment: everything is disposable; everyone uses and throws away, takes and breaks, exploits and squeezes to the last drop. Then, goodbye.

Young love needs to keep dancing towards the future with immense hope.

Here let me say a word to fiancés. Have the courage to be different. Don't let yourselves get swallowed up by a society of consumption and empty appearances. What is important is the love you share, strengthened and sanctified by grace. You are capable of opting for a more modest and simple celebration in which love takes precedence over everything else.

Love needs time and space; everything else is secondary.

## Parish NOTICES

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### Today (Sunday)

#### Supply Priest

We welcome Fr Kenneth Egere from Port Harcourt in Nigeria, whom many will know as a regular visitor to the parish. He will be with us until the end of September.

### This Week

#### Portiuncula Indulgence

A plenary Indulgence may be gained once on Wednesday (the Feast in Assisi of St Mary of the Angels) on the following conditions: a visit to the Parish Church (ie St Thomas's), recitation of the Our Father, the Creed, and a prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, sacramental Confession, and Holy Communion. The Confession can be made a few days either side of Wednesday.

#### First Friday

This Friday is the first Friday in August. The First Friday is a devotion deriving from the visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by St Margaret Mary Alacoque in the seventeenth century. In one of these Our Blessed Lord promised the grace of final repentance to those who, for nine consecutive months, attend Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion on the first Friday of the month.

Friday is also, of course, in England & Wales a day of abstinence from meat. This small act of self-denial is intended to remind us that Christ died for us on the cross on a Friday.

#### Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Edward Cloke and Shalini Fernando is on Saturday at 1:00pm, in St Thomas's.

#### Next Sunday

is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This Feast of the Lord displaces the Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Those who read at Mass please note!

### Notices

#### Holy Trinity, Otford

The redecoration of the Sanctuary and the erection of the new statue of the risen Christ are now complete. These were paid for by the Knight bequest, for which we are most grateful.

#### St Joseph's, Borough Green

Work continues apace on the new church, and the contractors have made good progress. You can see from the pavement that the paving has been laid at the front and round the building; meanwhile the interior is being redecorated and various internal works completed. The drainage has (finally) been fixed.

#### Order of Mass

If you need the words of the Order of Mass to assist you in following the Mass, they can be found in *A Simple Prayer Book*. Copies are available from the Repository, priced £1.95. If the Repository is unmanned, please put the money in the Repository wall box next to the Sacristy door.

#### Parish Office and Mass Intentions

Ingrid is on holiday from Thursday 3rd August. She will be back in the office on Thursday 31st August. If you have any 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.

#### Are you a driver? Do you go to Mass at Otford?

We are still looking for help to bring Pearl, a resident of the Chipstead Lake Cheshire Home, to Mass. We are a small group with a 4-week rota at this time. More helpers, longer rota. Usually we take Pearl to Otford as this is nearest. If you can help please contact Andrew Watts 01732 462538.





# God loves his children


**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**  
Matthew 13:44-52

**Step by Step**


**Priceless treasure!**

Jesus told three stories about the kingdom of heaven


Match each picture with its story



A Precious Pearl




Hidden treasure




A Fishing net

**A fishing net catches many different kinds of fish. The kingdom of heaven has many different kinds of people too!**


Which two fish are exactly the same? Write the letters below




A



B



C



D

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are exactly the same.

# Mass intentions

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

## Sunday **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

6:00pm (Sat)	Monique Langhorn RIP
8:00am	Rodrigues Family Intentions
9:15am	People of the Parish
11:15am	Jenkins Family (thanksgiving)
6:00pm	Ben Penollar RIP (Anniv)
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Holy Souls
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	The Creedons RIP
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Tony Goldsmith RIP (Anniv)

## Monday **S Ignatius of Loyola, Pr**

8:00am	Beryl Pluck
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## Tuesday **S Alphonsus Liguori, B D**

9:30am	Yvonne Davies RIP
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## Wednesday **Feria 2**

8:00am	For strength to face a recent cancer diagnosis
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Teresa (birthday)

## Thursday **Feria 3**

9:15am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Clara Butler (sick)
12:00noon	For a safe journey and holiday

## Friday **S John Vianney, Pr**

8:00am	Benjamin Paul Edwards - 50th Birthday
9:15am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Cesar Fernandes RIP

## Saturday **of Our Lady**

9:15am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	John Lett RIP
9:30am	Joseph & Josephine Brown RIP
1:00pm	Wedding of Edward Cloke & Shalini Fernando

## Sunday **The Transfiguration of the Lord**

6:00pm (Sat)	Jan Markowski RIP (Anniv) & Arthur Heard RIP (Anniv)
8:00am	Harry & Evie Bell RIP
9:15am	Gerald Mullan RIP
11:15am	Margaret Edmeads RIP & for the comfort of David
6:00pm	People of the Parish
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Matthew Scott RIP (Anniv)
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	UCM Intentions
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Good Estate of Bob Wiseman

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

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

### Departed

Please pray for the souls of

Monique Langhorn,  
Sheila Mandy Marsh  
Myra Piercy  
who have recently died.

### Anniversaries:

Arthur Deacon, Clifford Mitchell, Catherine Duncan, George Atkins, Patrick Masterson, Len Eastwood, Ann Palmer, Margaret Rivera, John Barr, Irene Staples, Deacon William Eason, Sidney Kay, Ethel Kelleher, Bernard McHugh, Reginald Miller, Phyllis Goodall, Neville Devine, Isabella Baxter, Doreen Wismayer

**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:

Deus in loco sancto suo; Deus qui inhabitare facit unanimes in domo, ipse dabit virtutem et fortitudinem plebi suae.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Beati misericordes, quoniam ipsi misericordiam consequentur. Beati mundo corde, quoniam ipsi Deum videbunt.