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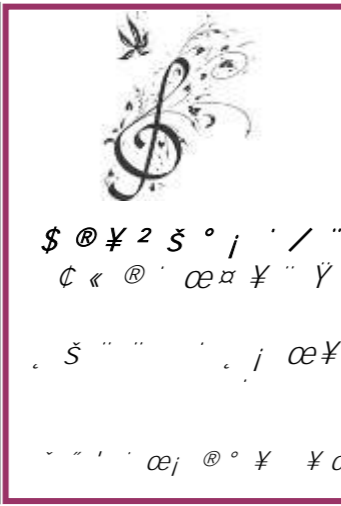
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Parish Newsletter

22nd October 2017

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**Today's Mass: Twenty-ninth Sunday (Year A)**

Today is World Mission Day, and the second collection is for Missio, the Church's official charity for overseas mission.

7            Cyrus was the king of Persia, and by conquering Babylon in 539 BC he - unwittingly - became the anointed one of God, who enabled the people of God to return to Israel. God can work even through non-believers.

h            : this song of praise stresses God's universal sovereignty over all the nations.

o            kn the rather long middle sentence, St Paul gives thanks for the Thessalonians' faith in action, work for love, and perseverance in hope. Later on, in his First Letter to the Corinthians (13:3), St Paul will stress the three virtues: faith, hope, and love.

8            : Jesus evades the trap set for him. When He says 'give to Caesar what is Caesar's, to God what is God's' He is not making the two realms equal. Give to the state what is due in taxes, yes, but the most important thing is to be totally committed to following God and his commandments.

             Perhaps there is also a reference to humans as God's coins, since we bear his image. We belong to God, as the coins belong to Caesar, and ultimately we must be given back to God.

Fr David



## St Thomas of Canterbury Sevenoaks



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



### MOST HOLY TRINITY OTFORD

U : Sunday  
 Wed  
 Friday

High Street, Otford  
 TN14 5PH

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 (Sacristan)  
 Anne Knight 01959 524488  
 (Acting Secretary)  
 parish.office@sevrparish.org.uk



### St Joseph's BOROUGH GREEN

U : Sunday

Western Rd, Borough Green  
 TN15 8AG

**Church contact:**  
 Antoni Offert  
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 parish.office@sevrparish.org.uk



### St Bernadettes West Kingsdown

U : Sunday  
 Thurs, Fri & Sat  
 Holy Days of Obligation

Fawkham Rd, West Kingsdown  
 TN15 6JP

**Rosary:** 1st Wed every month at  
**Adoration:** Wed  
 Thurs

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 Jill & John Gobel  
 Tel: 01474 853676  
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### St Thomas Catholic primary school



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 Tel: 01732 453921  
 www.saintthomas.co.uk

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 info@stthomaspreschoolsevenoaks.org.uk

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 The Catenians 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.  
 Sevenoaks, 9.15am Mass: Anne Murphy annemurphy2000@yahoo.com  
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 Tony Capozzi: st.thomas.rota@gmail.com

Anna Kidd 07816 277765; Kelly Sammuller 07521 428112; Paola Webb 07429 160394. Tuesdays 9.30am - 11.30am, Parish Centre  
 MaryAnn Perasso 01959 522337, www.racet.org  
 Teas or lunches, four times a year, held at St. Thomas's 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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 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



## A Twenty year Relationship with St Thomas's (part I) By MGr Boniface

The Dutch Montfort Missionaries, in their desire to open new parishes, walked from Chisitu Parish on the hills of Mulanje Mountain in the Southern part of Malawi to Chief Nazombe's Area on the border with Mozambique. It took them two days to walk a distance of 50 miles on very rough terrain through the bushes crossing rivers that had no bridges on them. When they got to the village they were tired and thirsty. It was Sotero and Mary Montfort, the parents of Fr. Boniface, who welcomed the first Dutch Montfort Missionaries that came to the area, hosted them in their house giving them food and drink.

A strong relationship developed so much so that they chose to put up in the house of Sotero and Mary on their subsequent missionary visits. When the missionaries found a suitable place to settle, they asked Sotero and Mary to move to live in that place. Just before they moved to the new place Mary gave birth to Boniface, their sixth son, on 19th October 1967. Sotero and Mary took care of the property of the missionaries until the time when they built their rectory and the current Church which is now Chiringa (Our Lady of the Poor) Parish.

Boniface grew up and went to Pius XII Seminary in 1981 and later to the Major Seminary in 1986. He was ordained priest on 31st July 1993. Archbishop James Chiona sent him for studies in Rome at the Pontifical Urban University in July 1996 to study Philosophy. While in Rome in 1997 he got in touch with Mgr Michael Smith of Tonbridge who welcomed him to his parish to take refuge from the heat and the summer closure of the college in Rome. In that year Fr Boniface served in the parishes of Edenbridge, Tonbridge and Sevenoaks before going back to Rome giving the priests the opportunity to take their vacations. That was the beginning of a relationship with Sevenoaks Parish that has now lasted twenty years. Fr Richard Harvey was so kind as to invite Fr Boniface to Sevenoaks every year even though he had finished his studies in Rome and gone back to Malawi.

The relationship with Sevenoaks Parish helped Fr Boniface to find a place where he could stay during summer holidays in Rome as the colleges would close and everybody would be asked to get away. Sevenoaks was a second home for this student in need of shelter. It also helped Fr Boniface to meet some of his needs as a student as his poor diocese could not afford to meet them.

Now Fr. Boniface works as Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Blantyre. He is the right hand person for the archbishop and is involved in the administration of the diocese. The archdiocese has five commissions:

- z *The Pastoral Commission* oversees all issues dealing with pastoral work, priests, sisters, brothers, the laity, the youth, communications, liturgy etc.
- z *The Health Commission* runs clinics and hospitals as part of the Church's mission of evangelization and of caring for the sick. It is necessitated by the huge shortage of government hospital infrastructures and the Church complements government efforts. The Health Commission oversees the running of all clinics, hospitals and their boards. Most of the rural clinics are church owned. There is a contract with government to provide health personnel in some of them as well as the medicines. In other places government does not come in to help. The needs are huge from personnel, infrastructure (buildings and equipment) and medicines.
- z *The Education Commission* oversees all matters dealing with Catholic education. The diocese has primary and secondary schools all of which are accessed by everybody and there is good collaboration with government through the Diocesan Education Commission. The salaries of the teachers are paid for by government. The problem we have is that of maintenance and expansion of the school blocks in some places due to big numbers of students as well as the provision of teaching and learning materials. There is lack of resources to build new schools in some very rural areas where students have to walk long distances to access education.
- z *The Catholic Development Commission* (CADECOM) is a developmental arm of the diocese. It helps the rural masses with education in the area of agriculture (enhancing irrigation farming, crop diversification etc.), sanitation (provision of toilets in schools, water through drilling of boreholes and piped water), disaster management, and works much more like your Caritas here. Recently it played a crucial role when the country suffered very bad floods and experienced severe drought in the following year leading to severe food shortages. CADECOM worked hand in hand with the United Nations under the World Food Program.
- z *The Justice & Peace Commission* is responsible for civic education, advocacy, primary justice, review of laws and the enhancing of justice in society in general. All these Commissions have their final authority coming from the Bishop and therefore report to Fr. Boniface and the Archbishop himself. So Fr. Boniface is very busy!

Next week: Fr. Boniface thanks our Parish

## Parish NOTICES

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### Today

#### 11:15am Mass

The Traditional Choir will lead the music today.

#### World Mission Sunday

The second collection is for Missio; please use the Missio envelopes to Gift Aid your donation. World Mission Sunday is your chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of peace to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people. Visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) for further information.

#### Fourth annual Mass count

The final Mass count is today.

### This Week

#### S.V.P.

Meet on Monday in the Marjorie Hennessy Room at 7:30pm. Enquiries to Kathie Gonzalez - 01732 761253.

#### Funeral of Settimo Tondina RIP

To be held on Friday at noon, at Holy Trinity, Otford.

### Next weekend

#### End of Summer Time

The clocks go back on Saturday evening. Don't forget or you will find yourselves praying for an extra hour before Mass starts next Sunday!

#### Men's Retreat - Aylesford

A group of 8 Parishioners will be on retreat with Mgr Matthew Dickens. Please remember them in your prayers.

### Notices

#### Altar Servers

David Brunning and Antony Tyler will be starting training soon for new Altar Servers. Anyone who has made their first Holy Communion may become an Altar Server. Please complete and hand in the Application Form, available in St Thomas's Entrance, or contact Ingrid in the Parish Office. We need lots more Altar Servers, so don't be shy about coming forward!

#### Pilgrims' Visit - Monday 30th October CANCELLED

We are sorry to write that the Aylesford trip is cancelled as the driver of the community coach is very ill. There will not be, we think, time to engage another driver before the final arrangements with Aylesford need to be made. If the situation should be resolved we will phone you. I wanted to let you know now rather than next week. Perhaps those of us who were going would all remember especially on 30th October, to be united in their prayers for world peace. Enquiries Pat 01732 453902

#### Visit from Bethlehem Nativity Group on 4th/5th Nov

They will briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of olive wood from the Holy Land. Proceeds help and support poor Christian families. They accept cash, cheques and online banking transfers (from Parishioners only) and offer monthly instalment payments. See what they offer on [www.facebook.com/TheBethlehemNativityGroup/](http://www.facebook.com/TheBethlehemNativityGroup/).

#### Otford Junior Choir

Anne Knight's husband, Richard, left a bequest to St Bartholomew's Church, Otford for the formation of a junior choir. The choir is open to all young people, aged 9 years and older. It will be led by Debbie Gjeloshaj who is a dynamic, fun teacher with a background in opera and theatre. First monthly session is on Sunday 5th November, 3-4pm, St Bartholomew's Church side-room. Attendance is free, no need to book, just turn up on the day.

#### Parents and Toddlers playgroup

The Parents and Toddlers playgroup are looking to update the home corner toys and would be very grateful to receive donations of good quality second hand toys. Specifically we require: dolls and accessories, play food and shopping, toy kitchen



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accessories, dressing up costumes. Donations can be left in the Parish room after Sunday 9.15 Mass or during playgroup which takes place on Tuesdays mornings from 9:30 till 11:30. Contact: Kelly 07521 428112, Paola 07429 160394, Anna 07816 277765.

### All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation

On Wednesday 1st November, Masses at St Thomas's will be at 8:00am, 9:30am, 12noon, 2:00pm (St Thomas's Primary School) and 8:00pm. There will be Mass at Otford at 10:00am, West Kingsdown at 11:00am and Borough Green at 6:00pm.

### All Saints Day Mass at St Gregory's School

St Gregory's warmly welcome you to join them for one of these three Masses. However, there are limited spaces available for each Mass, so if you do wish to join us you must e-mail to reserve a space. Mass times are: 8:45, 11:05 and 14:00. Please e-mail Jane Ireland, our chaplain, with your name and the time of Mass you wish to attend. [jireland@sgschool.org.uk](mailto:jireland@sgschool.org.uk)

### St Joseph's Parish Dinner

Will be held on Sat 18th November, 7:30pm for 7:45pm. £20 per head for four course meal, two glasses of wine, coffee & mints. For tickets and further information please contact Marie (01732 762525) or Julie (01732 883819)

## Parish Courses/Programmes

### First Reconciliation & Communion Programme 2018

Thank you to everyone who attended the Registration Evening. Please submit your application forms no later than Sunday 5th November. If you missed the Registration Evening and would like your child to take part please contact the Parish Office.

### Scripture Fellowship - a new study group

Would you like to live the adventure of Jesus's life with the aid of Mark's Gospel and thus better your spiritual life? If so please consider joining a group study of Mark's Gospel (Gospel of Church Year B) which starts on Wednesday 8th November, running weekly for 20 sessions from 8:00-9:00pm in the Parish Centre Upper Room. Please bring a copy of Mark's Gospel. Queries: Andrew Wilkinson 07487 652846.

## Other Notices

### Catholic History Walks

Please see details on the noticeboards, Wednesday 25th October, 2pm - The King's Good Servant (the story of St Thomas More).

### The Gifts of Old Age: Mental wellbeing, spirituality and older people 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017, St Mary's University, Twickenham. 9.30 – 4.00 pm

A day exploring the integration of mental health and the spiritual life, bringing together older people and those who care for them: parishioners, chaplains, clergy, ministers, counsellors and mental health professionals. Keynote by Paul Farmer CEO of leading mental health charity Mind. The day will cost £35 including a buffet lunch. For more details, contact Kit Penny at [inspire@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:inspire@stmarys.ac.uk) or see [www.stmarys.ac.uk/inspire](http://www.stmarys.ac.uk/inspire) or see noticeboards.

In collaboration with The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

### Churches Together in Sevenoaks & District

Their AGM is on Thursday 16th November at 8pm, at St Johns Hill United Reformed Church. There will be a talk on the work of the Sevenoaks Welcomes Refugees group. All welcome.

### Sheltered Housing for Catholics, St Scholastica's Retreat - Vacant flats available

The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics, in 36 self-contained flats at £429pcm, who are able to care for themselves, who are 60 years or over and who are of limited financial means. Information from: The Warden, Deacon Sean Duffy, Princes Risborough (01844) 344437. [info@stscholasticas.co.uk](mailto:info@stscholasticas.co.uk) [www.stscholasticas.co.uk](http://www.stscholasticas.co.uk)

### Please see the noticeboards in the Church porches

- z Events Executive job advert for a graduate from the Catholic Trust for England and Wales
- z Temenos Chamber Choir - Remembrance Concert

## Parish Finances

### Offertory - 14/15 October

St Thomas	1,108.67
Otford	261.67
B Green	226.90
W Kingsdown	131.86

CAFOD appeal	£2,500.00
ACN appeal	£1,888.17
B.Green Building fund	£2,100.00

The totals for Standing Orders are not included and are notified monthly. Thank you for your generosity and support.



From the Desk of the Parish Priest

## What happens at Baptism?



Let us look at the main parts of the Baptism of a child. After the celebrant's greeting there is the Opening Dialogue. This takes place at the entrance to the church, to show that Baptism is, in part, entry into the Church. The celebrant asks the parents the name of the child and what they are asking of God's Church (answer: *Baptism*), and if they understand their duty to train the child in the practice of the faith. He then asks the godparents if they are ready to help the parents in this. They all make the sign of the cross on the child's forehead.

Notice that the child already has a name. Baptism is not a naming ceremony like 'christening a ship' but the child is given a *Christian* name. Notice also that the role of the godparents is to support the parents in bringing the child up in the practice of the faith.

After the Liturgy of the Word, homily and intercessions (at the Ambo) come the Preparatory Rites. First is the alarming sounding Prayer of Exorcism. This is not about casting out demons but a prayer asking God to give the child the grace necessary to withstand the temptations of the devil. Then comes the Anointing before Baptism, an anointing on the breast with the oil of catechumens. This derives from the oiling down with olive oil of athletes and gladiators in the ancient world and is symbolic of receiving the strength of Christ.

The celebrant, parents and godparents, and the child now go to the Font. After the Prayer over the Water, or blessing of the water, there are the Renunciation of Sin and the Profession of Faith,

made by the parents and godparents. They answer *I do* when the celebrant asks them if they reject Satan and believe in God. Here the parents and godparents are answering on behalf of the child.

The celebrant then Baptizes the child. He must use the words *Name, I Baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit* and he must immerse the child or pour water over the head three times. Often a shell is used to pour the water. The shell is a symbol of pilgrimage (and therefore of the child's forthcoming pilgrimage through his or her life), but also it affords just the right amount of water for the purpose.

The Anointing after Baptism follows; this is the important Chrismation with Chrism. Chrism is olive oil and balsam (a sweet perfume), consecrated by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday. Just as in the Old Testament priests, prophets and kings were anointed by the High Priest, so in Baptism the child is anointed on the crown of the head to become *a member of Christ who is Priest, Prophet, and King*. Chrism will also be used later on when the child receives the Sacrament of Confirmation.

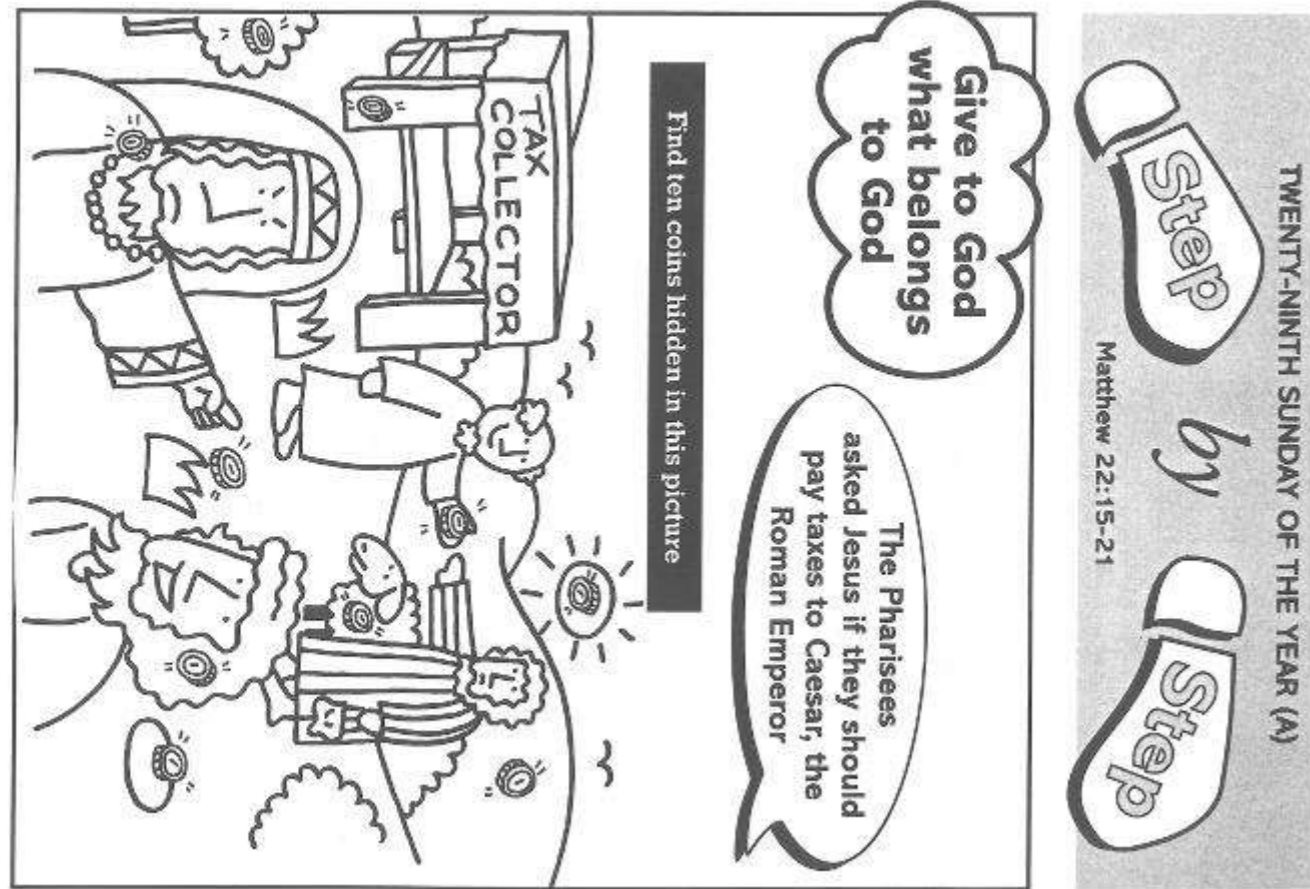
The child receives the Lighted Candle, to show that he or she is now a child of light and has received the flame of faith. In the Ephphetha rite, the celebrant touches the child's ears and mouth, and says a prayer reminding us of the responsibility of all Baptized Christians to hear the Word of God and to proclaim one's faith in Christ.

at baptism Your child becomes a child of light

Next comes the Lord's Prayer, and it is placed in this position to show that the newly Baptized child is now a son or daughter of God, by virtue of being incorporated into Christ and His Church in Baptism, and can address God as *Our Father*.

The Final Blessing and Dismissal rounds off the ceremony.

# God loves his children

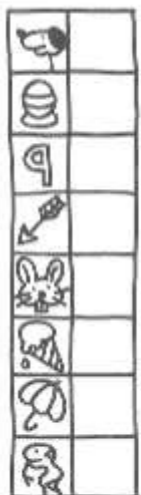


Jesus told them ...

'Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar'

What else did Jesus say?

Write the first letter of each picture to find the name of a Roman coin



Colour every word with a star and read the words that are left



# Mass intentions

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

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

6:00pm (Sat)	Maura & Donal Corcoran
8:00am	Peter Player RIP (Anniv)
9:15am	People of the Parish
11:15am	Sick friends & family of Margaret Munday (Traditional Choir)
6:00pm	Mark Hüpen-Johnson (unwell in hospital) & for his family
9:30am Otford	Mary and Antony Tyler
9:30am Borough Green	Doris Hullett RIP
11:00am West Kingsdown	John Coakley RIP

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8:00am	Mrs Sheila Mary Marsh RIP (lately deceased)
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## U FERIA

9:30am	Mgr. O'Brien RIP
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## † FERIA

8:00am	Mgr Boniface - happy birthday for the 19 Oct
10:00am Otford	Holy Souls - special intention

## U FERIA

9:15am West Kingsdown	Ken O'Brien RIP
12:00noon	Good estate of Mary Tyler

## 7 FERIA

8:00am	For the unborn in Ireland
9:15am West Kingsdown	In thanksgiving - Fernandes family
10:00am Otford	

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9:15am West Kingsdown	Rev James Friedenthal
9:30am	Helen Grove - well being
11:00am	Mass for Andrew & Jackie Pembroke - Ruby Wedding Anniversary

## 0 THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

6:00pm (Sat)	People of the Parish
8:00am	Andrew & Jackie Pembroke, 40th Wedd Anniv
9:15am	Baby Jacques Lacour RIP (Anniv)
11:15am	Joseph & Josephine Brown RIP
6:00pm	Bernard Brigham RIP & the comfort of his family
9:30am Otford	For the wellbeing of the Trinity Folk Group
9:30am Borough Green	Private John Scanlon RIP
11:00am West Kingsdown	Tomboy Doherty RIP

### Baptism

Welcome to

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who were baptized at  
St Thomas's last weekend.

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

Sue Chamberlain, John Cooney,  
Maureen Hanton, Thomas Healy,  
Rosemary Remnant, Hazel Pilorz,  
Maureen Way, Ana Pilar Santos,  
Mary Tyler

### Departed

Please pray for the souls of

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who have recently departed.

### Anniversaries

George Foucher, Kerry Holleran, Ann  
Wells, Leontine Eagleton, Harry Smith,  
Lucy Parker, Dudley Glenister, Joseph  
Maverley, Kathleen Baxter, Gillian  
Turner, Peter Brett, Christopher  
Hogben, Barbara Man, Valerie Staples,  
Eric Griffiths, Bernard Price, Margaret  
Clarke, Susan Vasini, Giorgio Siuglia,  
Norah Berry, Jean Still

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

### Sunday 8:00am Mass Antiphons

Ego clamavi, quoniam exaudisti me, Deus; inclina aurem tuam, et exaudi verba mea. Custodi me, Domine, ut pupillam oculi; sub umbra tuarum protege me.

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Filius hominis venit, ut daret animam suam redemptionem pro multis.