

Bed and Breakfast

Close to St Thomas' Church and School.
 Wonderfully quiet and very comfortable.
 Ideal for visiting family and friends.
 Open all year round.
 Contact: Ronnie Campbell
 01732 452988
 stablecottage7oaks@gmail.com
 www.stablecottagesevenoaks.co.uk

Sophie Wootton Borruso
 Portraits and
 Painted Silhouettes



www.sophiewbdrawings.com
 07850 100 881

Advertise your
 business here
 and be seen by
 more than
 500 local families
 every week.

email:
 advertising
 @sevrparish.org.uk

italiano & español

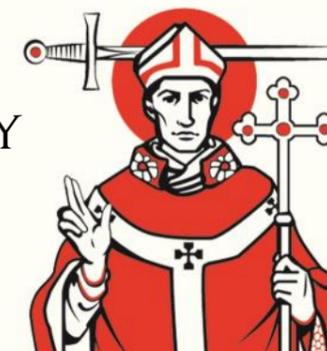
Experienced Private
 Language Tutor
 group or one-to-one
 GCSE and up to year 12
 Maria Natale Hacon
 01732 763973
 07917 272573



Archdiocese of
 Southwark

PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS

CHURCHES IN SEVENOAKS, OTFORD,
 BOROUGH GREEN AND WEST KINGSDOWN



Parish Newsletter

20th January 2019



Sevenoaks Shikon Karate Club



Club Instructor: James McSharry Email: 7oaksshikon@gmail.com
 Style: Wado-Ryu Karate Mobile: 07917 032024

Beginners Karate Class

Who
 When
 Where
 What time
 Why

Adults and age 12 and above
 Tuesdays from 22nd January 2019
 Solefield School Hall (Fiennes Way), Solefields Rd, Sevenoaks TN13 1PH
 8:00 pm – 9:15 pm
 Learn a traditional Japanese Martial Art. Learn Self-defence.
 Improve fitness/balance/coordination/lose weight.

For a **Free trial session**, and any questions, please email or telephone Club Instructor.

Sevenoaks-based consultancy offering
Marketing and Social Media services
 for small-medium businesses

- Social Media Management & Training Workshops
- Search Engine Optimisation
- Copywriting
- Retail Marketing & Events
- Marketing Strategy
- General Consultancy



www.wendywyssmarketing.com
 wendy@wendywyssmarketing.com

Please do take
 a copy of this newsletter home
 with you each week.

PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS

Bereavement Support Group



This Group has been running for over a year for those who have been bereaved recently or a long time ago. *We would really welcome any thoughts and ideas about making it more accessible and better serve the needs of bereaved parishioners.* Our aim is to create a warm, welcoming place to come and chat informally about your loved ones and get to know others in the Parish.

If you would like more information about this Group before our next meeting this *Monday 21st January* between 10.30 am – noon in the Parish Centre, St Thomas's Church, then please do contact either Ronnie Campbell 01732 452988, Isabelle Parsons 07873 953423 or Sarah Harrison by email sarah.harrison18@btinternet.com

It is very helpful for us to know if you plan to come.



Today's Mass: **SECOND SUNDAY of the YEAR (Year C)**

First Reading: the prophet Isaiah compares God's relationship with his people to that of a husband with his wife. The Old Testament frequently uses Marriage to explain God's covenant with his people.

Psalm: like Isaiah in the *First Reading* the psalmist cannot be silent about the wonders God performs for us. Let us too sing heartily *'a new song to the Lord'*.

The **Second Reading** today begins a series of passages from St Paul's *First Letter to the Corinthians*. Reading between the lines, it seems that the possession of different spiritual gifts led to pride and rivalry in the church at Corinth. Paul stresses that all forms of work and service are the work of the one Holy Spirit, the humbler forms of service no less than the more impressive.

Gospel: the first miracle (or 'sign' as John calls it) contains a depth of meaning. *'My hour has not come yet'* shows that Jesus always acted in accordance with the Father's plan, not his own. This miracle is a sign of God's overflowing generosity; it is a prefiguration of the Eucharist; it validates our intercessory prayer to Mary, His mother; the replacement of water with wine in the Jewish ritual stone jars symbolises the replacement of the Old Covenant with the New; and it firmly endorses the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Fr David

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SEVENOAKS

Sunday Mass times:

Saturday
6:00pm

Sunday
8:00am (Latin)
9:15am (Children's Liturgy of the 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 8:30am - 12noon
7:00pm - 8:00pm
Tuesday 10:00am - 11:00am
Thursday 11:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday 8:30am - 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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



Granville Road,
Sevenoaks TN13 1ER

Parish Office: Mrs Ingrid La Trobe
Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri
9:00am - 12noon
Tel: 01732 454177
sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk
www.sevrccparish.org.uk
@7oaksCatholic

CONTACTS & ORGANISATIONS

Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Sevenoaks

www.sevrccparish.org.uk Parish Tel: 01732 454177

Parish Priest: Fr David Gibbons, KHS
davidgibbons@rcaos.org.uk

Assistant Priest: Fr Paul Okora
paulokora@rcaos.org.uk

Retired Priest: Canon John Bailey, KHS
Tel: 01474 852223

Parish Secretary: Mrs Ingrid La Trobe sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk
Presbytery and Parish Office: 12 Granville Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 1ER
Parish Office hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri 9:00am - 12noon

Parish Safeguarding

Your Acting Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sally Kelly 07814 423383.
The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator can be contacted on 02072 611606. In an Emergency dial 999.

Adoration:

Barry Authers - adoration@sevrccparish.org.uk

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

Bereavement Support Group: A monthly meeting, on the third Monday of each month for all those who have been bereaved recently, or a long time ago. Held from 10.30am till noon, Parish Centre, St Thomas's Church. If you would like more details, please phone either Ronnie Campbell 01732 452988, Sarah Harrison 01959 522357 or Isabelle Parsons 07873 953423.

Catenians: 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 second 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, Sunday Mass:

Sevenoaks, 9.15am Mass:
Anne Murphy - annemurphy2000@yahoo.com
Otford, 9.30am Mass:
Alex Wilson-Beales - Tel: 07789 776602
Borough Green, 9.30am Mass:
Fiona Newton - fionanewton321@btinternet.com

Finance Committee: Chair: Bill Farren 07787 537350

Gift Aid: Sean Corrigan
sean.corrigan@sevrccparish.org.uk

Lectio Divina: Kathie Gonzalez Tel: 01732 761253

Mothers' Prayers: Mondays, 11.30am at Star House, Star Hill Road, Sevenoaks. Tel: 01959 532505

Readers, Ministers & Welcomers Rota: St Thomas
Andrew Pembroke: st.thomas.rota@gmail.com

Parents & Toddlers: Anna Kidd 07816 277765; Kelly Sammuller 07521 428112; Paola Webb 07429 160394.
Tuesdays 9.30am - 11.30am, Parish Centre

RACET (Rural Africa Children's Education Trust):
MaryAnn Perasso 01959 522337, www.racet.org

The Pilgrims: 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.

Scripture Fellowship: Reading a Gospel together.
Andrew Wilkinson - 07847 652846

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP): Please contact us if you know of someone who would benefit from a visit or some financial help. We aim to help anyone irrespective of a person's religion. Kathie Gonzalez - ugonzalez@btinternet.com (01732 761253)
Frances Smith - francesrsmith@hotmail.com
Joan Perkins - perkins_aj@hotmail.com

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM):
Borough Green UCM: June Dinmore (President)
Tel: 01732 672602
West Kingsdown UCM: Monica Biggs (President)
per_ardua_ad_astra@hotmail.com

Young Disciples: Informal catechesis for school years 4 - 9, Sundays after 9.15am Mass in the TV room upstairs, starts with refreshments. Term time only.
Enia Adeleye - youngdisciples@sevrccparish.org.uk

Further details of organisations are available in our Parish Handbook and on our website.

Visit us at www.sevrccparish.org.uk

Follow us on Twitter
@7oaksCatholic



High Street, Otford
TN14 5PH

MOST HOLY TRINITY OTFORD

Mass times: Sunday 9:30am
(with Children's Liturgy of the Word)
Wed 10:00am
Holy Days of Obligation 10:00am
Adoration: Friday 11:00am - 12:00noon

Church contacts:
Anne Knight 01959 524488
(Acting Secretary)
sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk



Western Rd, Borough Green
TN15 8AG

ST JOSEPH'S BOROUGH GREEN

Mass times: Sunday 9:30am
(with Children's Liturgy of the Word)
Thurs 9:30am
Holy Days of Obligation 6:00pm

Church contact:
Antoni Offert
Tel: 07513 041075
sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk



Fawkham Rd, West Kingsdown
TN15 6JP

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 10:00am - 11:00am

Church contact:
Jill & John Gobel
Tel: 01474 853676
sevenoaks@rcaos.org.uk

ST THOMAS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



South Park,
Sevenoaks, TN13 1EH
Headteacher: Mrs Claudia Aquilina
Tel: 01732 453921
www.saintthomas.co.uk

St Thomas' Pre School
Head: Mrs Debbie Whitehead
Tel: 01732 779517
info@stthomaspreschoolsevenoaks.org.uk

ADOREMUS, LIVERPOOL, SEPTEMBER 2018 'THE SPLENDID MYSTERY OF THE MASS' PART 2

If you would like to listen to Bishop Robert Barron, this talk is available on the Centre for Catholic Formation's website - <https://www.ccftootingbec.org.uk/adoremus/>. Last week, we focussed on Bishop Barron's General Remarks on the Mass. His talk continues this week with part one of his 'Walk through the Mass'.

Introductory rites of the Mass

The Mass begins before it begins: by the very act of gathering, we are experiencing the mystery of the Church:

- ◆ We come from all places - social, educational, gender, race - to one place.
- ◆ It is a new space, a community which calls us out of the world of hatred, violence, division and stratification.

Entrance Hymn: singing at the Mass is not decorative. It is our different voices coming together in harmony. Most of us are bad singers but when we sing together, we don't sound too bad. Twelve football players who are lousy individually remain lousy as a team. But singing works the other way round. In our singing we express the harmonic quality of heavenly singing (but not the singing of the angels). Our song is here in this place, not in heaven. Mass is meant to be heaven on earth, when heaven and earth embrace.

Sign of the Cross: we claim ourselves as belonging to the Trinitarian God. We often think "I invent myself, I decide who I am". But through the sign of the Cross on our body, we say "I don't belong to myself, I belong to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I live in Trinitarian love".

In the Mass, the **priest** is not operating in his own name: the personality of a priest is not important. Priests put on vestments and go to a ritual space, greeting people **in person Christi capitis**, in the person of Christ the head.

Acknowledging our sin: When bright lights shine on me, what do I notice? All the imperfections on my glasses – scratches, smudges. You see your own sin not when you are driving away from the light but when you drive into the light, like a dirty car windscreen. When you turn towards the light of grace, that is when you know you are a sinner. At the beginning of Mass we turn in adoration towards the light to acknowledge our sins and, like Bartemeus, we cry out "Kyrie Eleison" - Lord have mercy.

Gloria: a beautiful prayer of Adoration. All you need to know about someone you can find out asking one question - what do you worship? What is of highest worth? What do you give "glory in the highest" to?

Liturgy of the Word

This is the moment in our encounter with Christ when we are conversing with the Lord:

- ◆ Our faith makes the rather odd claim that "God has spoken". God is not simply some mystical abstraction, but a Person who addresses us. The heavens proclaim the glory of God, through human history, and through prophets and patriarchs of the Jewish people, and finally, through His Son.
- ◆ People believe that the only story we have is the one we make up for ourselves. But we Biblical people know we belong to a greater story - the **Salvation Story**. We need to hear this story told over and over again. If you stay away from the Mass you start believing you can make up your own story. Come to Mass and hear the great Biblical story told again and again.

Old Testament Reading: an early heresy was Marcionism - a version of Christianity without the Old Testament. But you are not going to get Jesus right unless you understand the Old Testament - Jesus 'according to the writings'. Think of the Road to Emmaus, where Christ walks through the Old Testament so the disciples understand who he is.

Responsorial Psalm: not just a nice musical interlude after a puzzling Old Testament reading, but a response to the reading, using a brilliant song book. It is all there in the Psalms – anger, frustration, joy, hatred of one's enemies, great love for God.

Second Reading: is normally apostolic: faith based upon testimony of those who knew Jesus. But the early Christians were not just not musing spiritually. When St Paul preached there were riots; when I preach, they serve me tea. This was radical apostolic teaching = grabbing the whole world by lapels to tell them about Jesus.

Gospel: this is the Word in person speaking to us, and the Alleluia gives it heightened solemnity.

Homily: continues our conversation – it is a kind of bridge, a continuation of the Word of God to the present situation. In the Homily, the priest channels the fears, hopes, desires of the people.

Creed: not just an interlude! The Creed is part of our great response to what we have heard, a one-page summary of the Biblical revelation, the creation, incarnation, the dying and rising, to which we say "I believe, I believe, I believe". It is our moment to stand up and say "I accept this with my whole body and soul".

Prayers of the Faithful: having heard what God has communicated to us in the readings, we come back to God with a confident request. We make bold to ask and ask and ask, as part of the call and response of the Mass.

Final part next week...

PARISH NOTICES

Contents this Week

Pages 3-4	Parish Notices
Page 5	Mass Intentions
Page 6	Mass Readings
Page 7	Sunday Message
Page 8	Mass Activity for Children
Page 9	From the desk of the Parish Priest - <i>The Mass 1: The Mass is Scriptural</i>
Page 10	Adoremus, Liverpool September 2018 - 'The Splendid Mystery of the Mass' - 2
Page 11	Contacts & Organisations

Today

Day of Prayer for Peace on Earth

Today in the Bishop's Cycle of Prayer we pray for peace in the world. The theme this year is taken from Pope Francis' message: *'Good politics serves peace'*. Pax Christi has adopted these words of the Pope as a prayer you can use:

"How I wish that all men and women of good will would look at the Cross if only for a moment! There, we can see God's reply: violence is not answered with violence, death is not answered with the language of death. In the silence of the Cross the uproar of weapons ceases and the language of reconciliation, forgiveness, dialogue and peace is spoken".

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/peace-sunday-2019>

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

This week of prayer continues until Friday. This year's theme: *'Only justice'*. Visit the Churches Together in Britain & Ireland website for more: <https://ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer>.

Churches Together in Sevenoaks and District have their United Service today (Sunday) at 4:00pm in the Vine Evangelical Church, Hitchen Hatch Lane. The theme is *'Only Justice'*, prepared by the churches in Indonesia. Speaker: Duncan Warmington from 'Embrace the Middle East'.

The Otford United Service is today (Sunday) at 6:30pm, St Bartholomew's Church of England Church, Otford.

Visiting Priest

We welcome Fr Michael Ezenwammadu, CSSp, to celebrate the 8:00am and Borough Green Masses today.

This Week

Monday: Bereavement Support Group

This group meets on Monday January in the Parish Room, 10:30am – 12:00 noon. All those who have been bereaved, whether recently or a while ago, are invited to come along for mutual support.

Monday: Christian Unity Gathering

We are hosting Weekday Prayers for Unity on Monday, 2:30pm – 3:00pm in the Parish Room. The theme this year is *'Only Justice'*. Beverly Hamadeh, who lives locally, will reflect on her work for the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group. Prayers and reflections will be followed by refreshments at 3:00pm. Enquiries to Pat 01732 453903. All welcome.

Tuesday: St Thomas' School

Year 3 will attend the 9:30am Mass. As usual, all parents and family members are most welcome to attend as well.

Tuesday: Confirmation Catechists' Meeting

Confirmation catechists are reminded of their planning meeting on Tuesday, 8:00pm in the Parish Room.

Notices

Borough Green Thursday Mass

At the request of parishioners at St Joseph's, the Thursday Mass will change from 9:30am to 10:00am. This change will take effect from the first Thursday of February (7th).

St Thomas's Repository

A new book, entitled *'Devotions to St Thomas Becket'* (who is, of course, our Patron Saint) is on sale in the Repository. It incorporates various devotions to St Thomas, including a new Novena for Christmas, a pilgrimage programme to Canterbury, and other prayers; it is illustrated by a monk of Silverstream Abbey.

The usual items are on sale, including new copies of *'A Simple Prayer Book'*, which includes the Order of Mass and other prayers and devotions.

New Twitter account

The parish now has its own Twitter account: @7oaksCatholic. We hope to include updates on parish activities, re-tweets of relevant tweets from Catholic organisations, as well as providing our parish newsletter each week. If you are a Twitter user do please follow us, and encourage other to do so! Thanks very much.

PARISH NOTICES

Holy Trinity, Otford Questionnaire

The local Holy Trinity Committee has produced a questionnaire, about recruiting volunteers for various ministries there. These will be distributed on the first two Sundays of February; please complete them and return them to a member of the committee.

Cleaning the Church at St Thomas

Thanks to the response to our recent request for help we are virtually up to strength on the 4 cleaning teams. This is good news. For the pre Christmas clean we had extra helpers: a big thank you to all involved. This year please help us keep our church clean by taking home your possessions eg glasses, gloves, scarves and brollies. Put back books and papers and if possible please remove toddlers' snacks before they get trodden into the parquet floors. Very many thanks.
Pat Harman

Catholic History Walks

See the poster for information about these Walks in London on Sundays 13th, 20th, and 27th January.

St Luke's Food for Thought 2019 series

'Refugees & Immigration Detainees in the UK Today': speakers B Hamadeh and N Haq. Friday 8th February, doors open 7:30pm, talk 8:00pm, event ends at 9:45pm, at St Luke's (C of E) Church Hall, Eardley Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 1XT. Hot refreshments.

Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ

Weekend Workshop/Retreats for the Bereaved at Aylesford Priory, Kent.

Dates in 2019: March 22-24th and October 11-13th. Cost: Single £177, Sharing £160, Senior Citizens £171.

Booking: www.thefriars.org.uk, 01622 717272

Enquiries: mflbereavemnet@rcaos.org.uk,
earpartridge@gmail.com, 01303 670880.

Booking leaflets in all porches.

Follow your heart - Discernment & Vocation

A weekend retreat for young women, reflecting on the vocation to religious life, 15th - 17th February 2019 in Liverpool. To reserve a place contact Sr Lynne fcl lynnefcj@hotmail.com. Poster in all porches with further details.

Altar Servers needed

We need more Altar Servers generally, and will be commencing another training course shortly. In particular, we need more Servers for the 11:15am Mass on Sunday at St Thomas's. This is the principal Mass, and the one at which things should be done in their fullness, but we are hampered by lack of Servers.

Altar Servers are not restricted to youngsters; any adults who can serve, or who would be prepared to learn how to serve, and who could help at the 11:15am Mass, please speak to Fr David.

Quiz Night at St Joseph's, Borough Green

There will be a Quiz Night at St Joseph's on Friday 15th February starting at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £10 and include a ploughman's meal. Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. There is a maximum of 6 persons per table. Either make up your own team or join with others on the night. All profits go to Church Funds. Tickets from Julie 01732 883819, June 01732 672602 or Marie 01732 762525.

Situations vacant

The Centre for Catholic Formation of the Archdiocese has the following vacancies:

- ✦ Adviser for Catechesis & Adult Formation in Kent: this is a full-time post, involving some evenings and weekends;
- ✦ Resource Assistants: 2 part-time (15 hours per week in term time) posts at Tooting Bec;

For full information and details about how to apply, visit the diocesan website at <http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk>. The closing date for applications is 1st February.

Parish Finances

What return can I make to the Lord for his generosity to me? Psalm 116

Offertory - 13/14 January 2019

St Thomas	1,313.90
Otford	253.57
Borough Green	194.57
West Kingsdown 6/1	115.40
West Kingsdown 13/1	125.55
TOTAL	£2,002.99

Christmas Offering (additional)	£440.00
SPUC 2nd Collection	£467.26
Crib Donations	£657.66
Advertising	£100.00
Standing Orders - December	£4,511.57

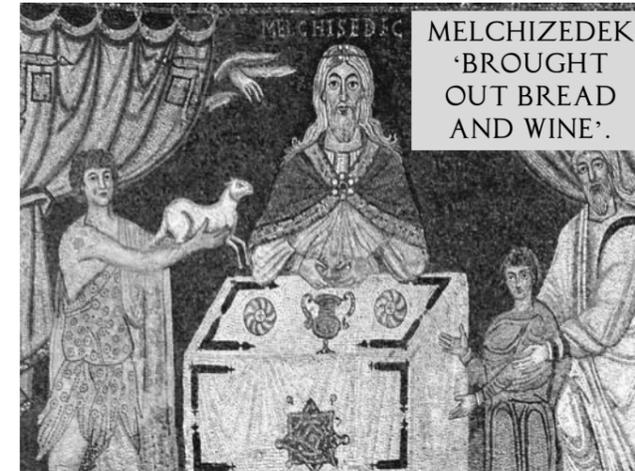
Thank you for your generosity and support.

Front cover: *Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld, The Wedding Feast at Cana, 1819, Hamburg.*



From the Desk of the Parish Priest

The Mass 1: The Mass is Scriptural



On the seven Sundays of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Easter I propose to examine the Mass. And the first point to emphasise is that we Catholics are the true 'Bible Christians'. That is to say, the Mass is thoroughly scriptural.

When I was Director of the diocesan Formation Centre I often found myself explaining the Mass to groups of people, such as Confirmation candidates and Ministers of Holy Communion. I would start by asking 'where in the scriptures do we get the Mass from?' and would always get the answer 'the Last Supper'. 'Yes, and where else?' I would ask. Sometimes people would mention the Feeding of the Five Thousand, but that would be about it. And yet both the Old and the New Testaments are so filled with passages about the Mass that it would be easier to list those books which don't refer to it.

The Old Testament

In the Old Testament there are many Eucharistic references. There is the rather mysterious Melchizedek who "brought out bread and wine" in *Genesis* 14: 18-20 and who is described as a priest in *Psalm* 109:4 and mentioned in *Hebrews* 5: 5-6. He is cited in the Roman Canon. There is also the manna from heaven which God provided for the Israelites in their 40 year trek to the Promised Land (see *Exodus* 16, *Numbers* 11, and *Deuteronomy* 8). St John's Gospel contrasts the manna with the living bread offered by Jesus (*John* 6).

Isaiah and other prophets frequently prefigure the Mass. A well known example is *Isaiah* 25: 6: "on this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food". This idea of a banquet – and especially a Wedding Banquet – is one to which we shall return later. The prophet Malachi (1: 11) appears

to specifically prophesy about the Christian offering of Mass: "for from the rising of the sun even to the going down, my name is great among the Gentiles, and in every place there is sacrifice, and there is offered to my name a clean oblation: for my name is great among the Gentiles, says the Lord of hosts".

In *Leviticus* 24 there is a description of the 'Bread of the Presence', complete with a recipe for baking the bread, which is "part of the food offerings presented to the Lord". Here the bread was in the Tabernacle; later it was transferred to the Temple (see *1 Kings* 7: 48). The Passover in *Exodus* 12 also has many Eucharistic associations, especially the sacrificial lambs (more of this later) and the institution of the feast of unleavened bread.

The Psalms have many references which we take to be Eucharistic, including the line in the well-known 22nd Psalm ('The Lord is my shepherd'): "you have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes". Finally, there is the reference in *2 Maccabees* (12: 43-45) to it being a 'fine and noble action' to have a sacrifice offered for the dead, which is called "holy and devout".

Old Testament themes

This brings me on to another point. Besides references to bread and wine, such as the manna from heaven, which prefigure or point to the Mass, there are certain key aspects of the Mass which we find constantly throughout the Old Testament. One is the idea of sacrifice, and another is the concept of thanksgiving. These come together in what is known as the Todah sacrifice ('todah' means 'thanks' in Hebrew). In *Exodus* 24:11 Moses and the elders "beheld God, and ate and drank". Twelve centuries later Jesus and 12 apostles would eat and drink at the Lord's Supper, the first Eucharist ('thanksgiving'). The ancient rabbis believed that when the Messiah came all sacrifices except the Todah would cease; indeed only the Todah continues, as the Christian Sacrifice of the Mass.

**WE CATHOLICS
ARE THE TRUE
'BIBLE CHRISTIANS'.**

Fundamental aspects of the Mass, such as the Real Presence, the Messianic Banquet, the Altar, the sacrificial priesthood, the precious blood, and communion with God all have their origins in the Old Testament and in Jewish thought and practice before Jesus' own times.

GOD LOVES HIS CHILDREN

Find out more about children around the world at cafod.org.uk/kidzzone



CAFOD
Just one world

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: John 2:1-11

There was not enough wine for everyone at the wedding!

How did Jesus help?

They ran out of something - mark it with a tick ✓



Draw lines to match the pictures

Jesus filled six Jars with water and changed it into wine. The Disciples were amazed and they believed in Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AT ST THOMAS'S CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

- Sunday 20th January 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)**
 6:00pm (Sat) Celia & Patrick Kinnell RIP (Anniv)
 8:00am Marie Mernock RIP (birthday)
 9:15am Joseph & Josephine Brown RIP
 11:15am People of the Parish
 6:00pm Martha Ellison - who is seriously ill
 9:30am Otford Marie Authers RIP
 9:30am Borough Green Mrs Sandra Nightingale RIP
 11:00am West Kingsdown Bertha & Ruth Lett RIP
- Monday 21st S Agnes, VM**
 8:00am For Leah's good health during pregnancy
- Tuesday 22nd Feria**
 9:30am June Daphne Kirby RIP
- Wednesday 23rd Feria**
 8:00am Vicky Carswell RIP
 10:00am Otford Anne Knight
- Thursday 24th S Frances de Sales, B D**
 9:15am West Kingsdown Linda Harding & family
 9:30am Borough Green Mrs Jane Williams, good health
 12:00noon Deceased relatives, Griffiths & Caldwell families RIP
- Friday 25th The CONVERSION of S PAUL, Ap**
 8:00am Deceased relatives, Andradi-Brown family RIP
 9:15am West Kingsdown Steph Blackburn
- Saturday 26th SS Timothy & Titus, BB**
 9:15am West Kingsdown Dee & Peter Avery
 9:30am Holy Souls
- Sunday 27th January 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)**
 6:00pm (Sat) Hazel Pilorz RIP
 8:00am Bill Sherratt RIP (Anniv)
 9:15am People of the Parish
 11:15am Good health (terminal cancer)
 6:00pm Mary & Amelia Corbett RIP & deceased family members RIP
 9:30am Otford Deceased relatives, Frith & Gaunt families RIP
 9:30am Borough Green Jon Le Sbirel RIP
 11:00am West Kingsdown Fiona Knight RIP

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

- Sue Chamberlain,
- Michael Gerald Cleere,
- Elaine Cuthbertson,
- Sister Rosemary McCaffrey fmsa,
- Patrick Moore, Fr Pat O'Leary,
- Rosemary Remnant,
- Ana Pilar Santos, Ann Steven,
- Bernard Summerville, Antony Tyler,
- Jim & Margaret Vinson, Jill Wilson

Anniversaries

- Terence Lyons, Bob Kossowski, Eileen Bass, Ethel Whiddett, Oswald Brown, Mary Collier, Dorothy Claydon, Marguerite Ogden, Mary Gerrard, Kathleen Kavanagh, Mary Collier, Bernard Burt, Sheila Murphy, Nora O'Neill, Sandra Spokes, Brian Denton, Kathleen Wright, Val Parsons, Nora West, Thomas Moran, Vera Hearn, Isabella Worsley, Sheila Gill, Mary Ann Wilkinson, Mary Mannelly, Emily Walshe, Bertha Allchorne, Ray Neale, Johnny Lepak, Joan Harris

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
 Omnis terra adoret te, Deus, et psallat tibi; psalmum dicat nomini tuo, Altissime.

Communion Antiphon
 Nos cognovimus et credidimus caritati, quam Deus habet in nobis.