

Saint Thomas the Apostle

The parish church of Longford & Hawkesbury

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Seeking to maintain, practice and hand on the traditional faith of the Church.

Sunday 15th January 2012

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Welcome to the Parish Mass

A particularly warm welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time today

It is our custom at S. Thomas' to observe a period of silent prayer to prepare ourselves for worship.

For those who have hearing difficulties, please select the "T" switch on your hearing aid.

During the entrance hymn our children normally gather in front of the altar to begin their Liturgy of the Word. We hope to resume this in the near future

Smaller children are welcome to use the children's corner during the service under the supervision of an adult.

Please join us in the parish hall for refreshments after Mass

PARISH PRIEST

Vacant

Parish Mass Rota – The current rota is available at the back of Church

Mass times this week

- Mon 16th Feria of the 2nd week in Ordinary time
Mass at St Luke's 9.30am
- Tues 17th **St Anthony**
Mass at St Luke's 8.30am
- Wed 18th Feria of the 2nd week in Ordinary time
Mass at St Luke's 7.00pm
- Thurs 19th Feria of the 2nd week in Ordinary time
9.30am Mass at St Thomas's followed by refreshments
- Fri 20th Feria of the 2nd week in Ordinary time
No Mass
- Sat 21st **St Agnes**
Mass at St Luke's 9.30am
Coffee Morning in Church Centre 10.30am

NEXT SUNDAY 22nd January 2012

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10am Parish Mass

Please note that for the time being, the only Masses celebrated in the parish will be the Sunday Parish Mass at 10am and Mass on Thursday at 9.30am

On duty next week...

Servers:

Reader: George

Prayers: Joyce

Eucharistic Minister: Linda B

Welcomers: Moya/Janice

Coffee: Vanessa/Linda C

Please do remember that if you are unable to carry out any of your responsibilities on the rota you should find a replacement

THE WORD THIS WEEK

What does it mean to be a follower of the Lord Jesus ? Surely to listen and hear his voice, and to go where he leads us. Today, as we enter the “ordinary” season of the year, we begin our story of Jesus’s life and ministry with the calling of the first disciples. John fulfils his ministry - pointing to the Lamb of God - and the disciples follow where he points. His word to them is simple and inviting: “Come and see.” This echoes the calling of Samuel - a simple call, by name, which Samuel does not understand: discipleship is about trust, which Samuel shows simply by saying “Speak, Lord; your servant is listening. The Psalm also underlines this, as we (the disciples of the Lord) sing together: “Here I am, Lord ! I come to do your will.” We hear his call, and we freely go to him, to listen again to the words of the Master.

Please include in your prayers...

The sick: Elda Cunningham, Connie Jefferies, Hannah Murray, Jane Cartmell, Penny Blight, Barbra Manley, Connie Jackson, Olive Coffel, Freda Hibberd, Paul Newton, Chris Wright, Brian Hopley, Elizabeth Shaw, Mont Cleaver, John Todd, Rebecca Mistry, John Clarke, Rosemary Parslow, Lynn Howe, Josephine Riley, Maudie Snow, Charles Dell, Serena, Yvette, Callum, Cheryl, Mike Wilson, Mike Stanley, Jontelle Thorneycroft, Joan Richards, Alexis Wallington, Margaret Inglis, Muriel Underwood

The recently departed: Joan Bull

Anniversaries of death: Ellen Polkey, Alfred Potter, June Morris, Reginald Morson, Hubert Turrell, Alice Clark, James Allen Edgar, Nancy Sheffield

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available by appointment. Please contact Fr Kit on 024 76688604

The **Sacrament of Anointing** is available for the sick or prior to an operation. Please ask Fr Kit

Please contact Fr Kit if you require **Holy Communion at home** due to sickness or incapacity.

The Saint Thomas lamp
burns this week

for the repose of the soul of

JOAN CLARKE

Saint Thomas, pray for us

Notice Board

Parish Office

For enquiries about Baptism, Marriage, and Hall bookings come along to the Church Centre on Saturdays 10.00am -12.00 noon, ask for Joy

Today we welcome Fr Norman who has been with us for most of our Thursday morning Masses. We thank him for standing in today at the last moment

Joan Bull – We were saddened this week to learn that Joan had died. Joan and her late husband Ken were communicants here at St Thomas’s for many years, she will be sadly missed.

Joan’s body will be brought into Church at 7.00pm on Wednesday 25th January and her Requiem Mass is on Thursday 26th at 11.00am

PCC Meeting – Depending on interview dates being arranged the next meeting will be on Tuesday January 24 in the Church Centre at 7.00pm

Dates for your Diary

Trip to “South Pacific” – Wednesday 8 February
More details on this for those who have booked onto this trip shortly

Confirmation – This will be on Tuesday 14th February at St Luke’s, our first opportunity to meet Bishop Jonathan

Brean Children’s Festival – Saturday 9th June

Saturday Coffee Morning – With the demise of Exhall Methodist Church and the proposed amalgamation of Salem and Union Place Baptist Churches it has been decided that the second Saturday of the month will revert to being a St Thomas coffee morning, so we are now looking for two volunteers to this coffee morning. If you can help out please see Rosemary or Roger

Please take this news sheet home for your use.