

Saint Thomas the Apostle

The parish church of Longford & Hawkesbury

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Seeking to maintain and practice the traditional faith of the Church.

Sunday 15th August 2010 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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.

After the entrance hymn our children gather in front of the altar to begin their Liturgy of the Word.

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

Father Paul Burch SSC

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Fr Paul's recreation day is Friday

The prayer of the Church

Morning Prayer: Mon-Thurs 9.10am; Sat 9.30am, Sun 9am

Evening Prayer: Sun & Mon-Thurs 6.30pm
Sat 6pm (of Sunday)

Mass times this week

- Mon 16th **S. Stephen of Hungary**
7pm Mass
(The sick, disabled, housebound)
- Tues 17th Weekday of Ordinary Time
7pm Mass
(The Guild of All Souls)
- Wed 18th Weekday of Ordinary Time
6.30am Mass (followed by breakfast)
(The Catholic League)
- Thurs 19th Weekday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass (followed by refreshments)
(Ron & Sheila Stew)
11am Renewal of Marriage vows
- Fri 20th **S. Bernard**
10.30am Mass at S. Nicholas' Radford
- Sat 21st **S. Pius X**
10am Mass
(The people of Pakistan)
(followed by Coffee Morning & Parish Office)

NEXT SUNDAY

21st ORDINARY SUNDAY

10am PARISH MASS with Children's Liturgy

On duty next week...

Servers: Sophie, Jessica (Ac), Rachel (Cr),
Thomas (Th), William B (B), Ian (MC)

Reader: Barbara **Prayers:** Rosemary

Eucharistic ministers: Karen, Clare

Welcomers: Vanessa, Fiona

Coffee: Mary, Jennifer

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

Fr Paul writes...

Mary, Mother of all Christians

Mary, the Mother of our Lord has many many titles – some of them very well-known and well-used, like 'Our Lady' and the 'Blessed Virgin Mary'; others less well-known and well-used, like 'Mystic Rose' (as in the hymn 'Crown him with many crowns'), 'Tower of David', 'Morning Star', 'Star of the Sea'..... One of the titles given to Our Lady is 'Mother of the Church'. Remember how Jesus from the Cross confided the disciple John to his Mother and his Mother to John. John represents all of us. Mary is **our** Mother and the Mother of all who follow her Son, crucified for the salvation of the world. She doesn't belong to just some Christians of one particular denomination or persuasion – she is the Mother of **all** Christians. If only they, and we, loved her half as much as we should.

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, Audrey Brickell, Brian Hopley, Ron Stew, Patrick Lanaghan, Elizabeth Shaw, Mont Cleaver, John Todd, Rebecca Mistry, Jacqueline, Samuel Kangethe, John Clarke, Rosemary Parslow, Fr John Phillips, Barbara Hyde, Lynn Howe, Bren Hellier, Alexis Wallington, Fr Norman Stevens, Josephine Riley, Beulah Potter, Maudie Snow, Balfy Williams

The recently departed: Philip Chitty (priest), Cyril Bennett

Anniversaries of death: John Daly (bishop), Vera Green (15th); Hilda Turrell (16th); Gladys Irene Charles, Margaret Inglis (17th); Joseph Pegg, Walter Bull, Albert Charles, Emma Cox, Phyllis Groves (20th); Doris Mary Bruce (21st)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available on Saturdays at 5.30pm or by arrangement at other times.

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

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

The Saint Thomas lamp

burns this week for

Ron & Sheila Stew

celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary
this Thursday

and for

the repose of the souls of

**Niki Evripidou, Chris Evripidou,
Vera Green,
Margaret Inglis,**

Saint Thomas, pray for us.

**Please take this news sheet home for
your use.**

Noticeboard

Parish Office

For enquiries about Baptism, Marriage please come along to the hall on Saturdays 10.30-11.30am. It is preferable to phone Fr Paul in advance on 024 7636 4078.

For hall bookings please phone 024 7631 8412

Fr Paul is at Ansty straight after Mass today.

Congratulations to Sheila and Ron Stew on their 60th wedding anniversary this coming Thursday, 19th August. They will renew their marriage vows during a short service in church on Thursday at 11am.

Walsingham prayers The pilgrimage itinerary next week includes a period of prayer in the Holy House, during which we ask Our Lady to assist us in our intercessions for particular people and for our parishes and communities. If you have any particular intentions that you would like us to offer in the Holy House, please let Fr Paul have them by Mass next Sunday.

Going on holiday this year? Check out the churches in the area now. When you arrive is often too late. Fr Paul may be able to advise. Sunday Mass is our obligation home *and* away.

Church cleaning Please see Rosemary if you can give some time to clean church on a rota basis.

Readers please collect your readings and notes from the tray on the window sill. Readings for the next few months – notes for the next few weeks, more to follow.

Saint Thomas lamp A new list for intentions is now on the board. Just a reminder please: put YOUR name only on the sheet on the board against the date you would like the lamp to burn for your intention AND the intention for your prayer on the small slips on the window sill near S. Thomas. Either hand the slip to Fr Paul or place in the box .

Vigilance around church Please keep an eye on the church building and hall when you are passing during the holiday period. The best way to deter unwelcome visitors is for people to see lots of people going into church frequently during the week!