

# 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 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)



## 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)

**All very welcome**

## Mass times this week

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Easter weekday  
7pm Mass  
*(Pope Benedict, anniversary of election)*

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Easter weekday  
7pm Mass  
*(Local councillors)*

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> S. Anselm  
6.30am Mass (followed by breakfast)  
*(The Archbishop of Canterbury)*

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Easter weekday  
9.30am Mass (followed by refreshments)  
*(The unemployed)*

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> **S. GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND**  
10.30am MASS at S. Nicholas' Radford

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Easter weekday  
10am Mass (followed by Coffee Morning)  
*(Carers)*

## NEXT SUNDAY

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**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:** Fiona **Prayers:** Dave

**Eucharistic ministers:** Karen, Clare

**Welcomers:** Elizabeth, Tina

**Coffee:** Clare, Rachel

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 one of the churchwardens

## Vestry Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This takes place immediately after the Parish Mass today. If you are on the electoral roll please stay behind for this necessary meeting, which includes the election of churchwardens, PCC members and welcomers, as well as a presentation of the reports of the Parochial Church Council for the last year. Because of the meeting there will be no coffee after Mass this morning.

### Morning & Evening Prayer

Please note the slight changes to the times of Morning and Evening Prayer. During the week Morning Prayer will now be at **9.10am** and Evening Prayer at **6.30pm**.

Please come along any time to join in with the daily Prayer of the Church.

### Please include in your prayers...

**The sick:** Elda Cunningham, Connie Jefferies, Hannah Murray, Jane Cartmell, Penny Blight, Barbra Manley, Connie Jackson, Olive Coffel, Katie Hanson, Freda Hibberd, Paul Newton, Chris Wright, Audrey Brickell, Brian Hopley, Ron Stew, Patrick Lanaghan, Elizabeth Shaw, Mont Cleaver, John Todd, Rebecca Mistry, Marion Haworth, Jacqueline, Samuel Kangethe, John Clarke, Rosemary Parslow, Fr John Philips, Barbara Hyde, Lynn Howe, Bren Hellier, Alexis Wallington.

**The recently departed:** James Brown (priest), Kit Carris

**Anniversaries of death:** George Gobbs (18<sup>th</sup>); Joseph Gillet (19<sup>th</sup>); Elise Frances Kay (21<sup>st</sup>); Ada Lily Elizabeth Daykin (22<sup>nd</sup>)

**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

**Bishop Andrew**

**Saint Thomas, pray for us.**

**Episcopal Visitation** in Coventry cathedral on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Churchwardens are required to attend and others are encouraged to be present. Bishop Christopher will admit churchwardens to office.

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

### Noticeboard

**Junior Confirmation preparation** Sat at 11am.

**Gift Aid** With the arrival of the new tax year this month the rules for Gift Aid have been changed slightly. It is a good time therefore to remind ourselves of what does and does not qualify for gift aid here St Thomas'. Gift aiding donations of cash (either in sterling or by cheque or direct debit) means the church can benefit by around an extra 25p in the pound. For example if your regular giving is £50 per month, St Thomas' receive an extra £12.50 per month from Revenue and Customs provided the donor is a UK registered tax payer. However **only pure donations can be gift aided.** You can not gift aid money if you are receiving goods or services for the money or a suggested or minimum donation is asked for. Therefore the following items do not qualify for gift aid: flowers, candles, coffee, parking spaces, raffle tickets, entrance fees. All monies for which gift aid is claimed must be clearly shown as having been received in our PCC accounts. If you are in any doubt, please ask our Gift Aid secretary, Rosemary Panther, or one of the churchwardens. The financial consequences of an illegitimate claim are serious both for the donor and the beneficiary. Please continue to support Saint Thomas' through Gift Aid where it is possible to do so.

**Church allotment** Please see Roger or Karen if you want to be involved in tending our very own church allotment.

**Brean Children's Eucharistic Festival** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June. If you'd like to go, see Ian or Fr Paul ASAP.

**General Election Hustings**  
**at Walsgrave Baptist church on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April** at 7pm (the week before the election date).

**Holy Hour** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm (a week tomorrow). An hour of adoration, prayer, meditation, scripture readings, silence.