

Saint Thomas the Apostle

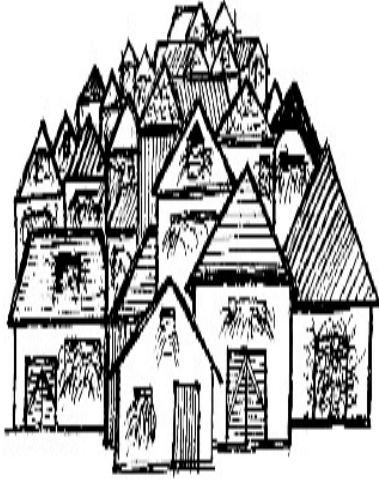
The parish church of Longford & Hawkesbury

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

Sunday 1st August 2010

18th 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.

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 2nd **S. Eusebius of Vercelli**
7pm Mass
(The sick, disabled & housebound)
- Tues 3rd Weekday of Ordinary Time
7pm Mass
(Victims of crime)
- Wed 4th **S. John Vianney**
6.30am Mass (followed by breakfast)
(Parish priests)
- Thurs 5th **Dedication of S. Mary Major, Rome**
9.30am Mass (followed by refreshments)
(S. Oswald's Tile Hill, vacant)
- Fri 6th **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**
10.30am Mass at S. Nicholas' Radford
- Sat 8th Weekday of Ordinary Time
10am Eucharistic service (NOT Mass)
(followed by Coffee Morning)

NEXT SUNDAY

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10am PARISH MASS with Children's Liturgy

On duty next week...

Servers: (Ac), (Cr),
(Th), (B), (MC)

Reader: Joy **Prayers:** Mary

Eucharistic ministers:

Welcomers: Karen, Jan

Coffee: Vanessa, Linda

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...

A Summer Prayer (from a young Christian)

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.
Thank You for the beauty I see all
around me and for the opportunity to
be outside and enjoy Your creation.
Thank You for the increased time I
have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.
Teach me how I can pray no matter
where I am or what I am doing.
Warm my soul with the awareness of
Your presence and light my path with
Your Word and Counsel.
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.
Amen.

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 Philips, Barbara Hyde, Lynn Howe, Bren Hellier, Alexis Wallington, Fr Norman Stevens, Josephine Riley, Bealah Potter

The recently departed: Frederick Stone, John Sidwell, William Potts, Vicky Stafford, Sarah Hambridge

Anniversaries of death: Byron Ashfield (4th); Tamar Jane Davis (6th); William Newton (7th)

Those to be married here: Daniel Nnorom & Ngamanya Nyirenda (14th August)

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

all on holiday at this time

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

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. We do need some more helpers.

Readers please collect your readings and notes from the tray on the window sill.

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 for news sheet items.

Advance notice of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday 15th August. Parish Mass as normal.

Walsingham pilgrimage Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th August.

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!