

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 22nd January 2012

3rd 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 23rd Feria of the 3rd week in Ordinary time
Mass at St Luke's 9.30am
- Tues 24th **St Francis de Sales**
Mass at St Luke's 8.30am
- Wed 25th **Conversion of St Paul**
Mass at St Luke's 7.00pm
- Thurs 26th **Ss Timothy & Titus**
9.30am Mass at St Thomas's followed by refreshments
- Fri 27th **St Angela Merici**
No Mass
- Sat 28th **St Thomas Aquinas**
Mass at St Luke's 9.30am
Coffee Morning in Church Centre 10.30am

NEXT SUNDAY 29th January 2012

4th 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...

Reader: Barbara

Prayers: Rosemary

Eucharistic Minister: Joyce

Welcomers: Elizabeth/Tina

Coffee: Joy/June

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

This week, in our journey through the Old Testament, we reach Covenant Number Three: and this is the big one - the Covenant with Moses at Sinai. The Ten Commandments are (or should be) familiar to us all: they form our side of the agreement with God - if we stick to these rules and commands, then we are truly God's people, and he is truly our God. If we ignore them, or break them, then we break the Covenant or relationship. The Temple was, for the people of Israel, the place that guaranteed the permanence of this Covenant - God dwelling with man. Jesus alerts us to the new Temple - himself - since he is the core of the New Covenant, God and Man in perfect unity. Only by the destruction of this new Temple, in his death, will he rise again as an eternal Temple, and the eternal guarantee of the New Covenant which we enjoy.

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, Les Allen

Anniversaries of death: Thomas Cox, Harry Earle, Kathleen Wright, Michael Robinson, Reginald Hammersley, Phoebe Davis, Bert Cox, Dulcie Allisop, Freda Panther, Timothy Richards

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

PHOEBE DAVIS

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

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

PCC Meeting – The next meeting is this Tuesday January 24 in the Church Centre at 7.00pm. Minutes and agenda's at the back of Church

Dates for your Diary

Trip to "South Pacific" – Wednesday 8 February

More details on 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

St Thomas's became the latest victim of roof lead theft on Thursday evening when a section of lead was stolen from the north aisle roof. Although external damage to the roof was extensive, prompt action prevented too much damage inside. The roof has been temporarily waterproofed and because the lead had been 'Smartwater' marked the insurance should cover the cost of permanent repairs. If anybody saw anything suspicious on Thursday evening/Friday morning please let us know

Please take this news sheet home for your use.