

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 22nd August 2010

TWENTY FIRST ORDINARY SUNDAY (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

Mass times this week

- Mon 23rd Weekday of Ordinary Time
10am Mass (to begin the pilgrimage to Walsingham)
- Tues 24th **S. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE**
8.30am Mass at S. Luke's, Holbrooks
- Wed 25th Weekday of Ordinary Time
7pm at S. Luke's, Holbrooks
- Thurs 26th Weekday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion (NOT Mass)
(followed by refreshments)
- Fri 27th **S. Monica**
10.30am Mass at S. Nicholas' Radford
- Sat 28th **S. Augustine**
10am Mass
(*Missionaries*)
(followed by Coffee Morning & Parish Office)

NEXT SUNDAY

22nd ORDINARY SUNDAY

10am PARISH MASS with Children's Liturgy

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)

On duty next week...

Servers: Jennifer, Michelle (Ac), Thomas (Cr),
Clare (Th), William H (B), Rachel (MC)

Reader: Rosemary **Prayers:** Ian

Eucharistic ministers: Susan, Ian

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 the churchwarden.*

Fr Paul writes...

General Synod elections 2010

The Church of England is governed by its own equivalent of parliament – we call it General Synod. Just like a parliament, it has a limited life - five years. Since in July this year the Synod was prorogued (dissolved – like parliament was earlier this year too), a new one must be elected later this year. The Catholic Group of General Synod has produced an excellent prayer card for those elections. Please take yours this morning and use it as the elections approach. **There are some very important matters coming before the new General Synod in the near future – much prayer is needed.**

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, Beulah Potter, Maudie Snow, Balfy Williams

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

Anniversaries of death: Nell Oswin, David Pugh (priest) (24th); Annie Barker, Margaret Judge, Sarah Dell (25th); Audrey Brandist (27th)

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

the repose of the soul
of

Margaret Judge

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 covering at S. Oswald's Tile Hill today. Their new parish priest, it has been announced recently, is to be Fr Nick Leggett, currently in the diocese of Bath & Wells. We pray for him and his family as they prepare to make the move north, and for the people of Tile Hill.

A very warm welcome again to Fr Brian Regan who is covering in Fr Paul's absence.

Worship this week. Due to the cluster pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham this week, Mass on Monday will be at 10am (the first Mass of the Walsingham pilgrimage). On Tuesday and Wednesday Mass will be at S. Luke's Holbrooks (see opposite page for times). On Thursday Fr Michael, the deacon at S. Luke's, will preside over a Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament HERE at the usual time. Thereafter, worship is as normal.

Car treasure hunt Saturday 11th September. More details to follow soon, but make a note of the date now.

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.

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!