

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 23rd May 2010

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST (C)

Mass times this week

Mon 24 th	Weekday of Easter 7pm Mass <i>(The sick, disabled, housebound)</i>
Tues 25 th	S. Bede the Venerable 7pm Mass <i>(Historians)</i>
Wed 26 th	S. Philip Neri 6.30am Mass (followed by breakfast) <i>(The Oratory, Birmingham)</i>
Thurs 27 th	S. Augustine of Canterbury 9.30am Mass (followed by refreshments) <i>(The Archbishop of Canterbury)</i>
Fri 28 th	Weekday of Ordinary Time 10.30am Mass at S. Nicholas' Radford
Sat 29 th	Our Lady on Saturday 10am Mass (followed by Coffee Morning) <i>(Shrines of Our Lady of Walsingham)</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

10am PARISH MASS with Children's Liturgy

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

On duty next week...

Servers: Sophie, Jessica (Ac), Susan (Cr),
Clare (Th), William H (B), Rachel (MC)

Reader: Karen **Prayers:** Dave

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 one of the churchwardens*

Fr Paul writes....

Helen and Jessica's Pentecost – a good do.

Bishop Andrew's Easter Stational Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation last Tuesday evening was a lovely occasion, especially as we witnessed Helen and Jessica being confirmed. In a sense that was their Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them afresh, to rekindle in them the fire of God's love and to give them the apostolic courage of Peter, Andrew, James, John, Our Lady and the others – to go, as Bishop Andrew preached, to tell the story of Jesus with their words and their lives. We pray that that same Spirit is poured out on them both, and on us all, every day, as we witness to the Love that has drawn us here.

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

The recently departed: Kit Carris, Marion Blackstock, Nellie Veasey, Katie Hanson, Eva Doreen Sephton

Anniversaries of death: Kaitlyn Mya West (23rd); Martha Griffiths (25th); Frederick Charles Reeve, Reginald Elliot, John Hanson (26th); Jack Bourne (27th); Clara Sephton (29th)

The newly-confirmed: Helen Dawson and Jessica Burch

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

Frederick Charles Reeve

Saint Thomas, pray for us.

Noticeboard

PCC meeting this Tuesday beginning with Mass at 7pm.

Pentecost Praise at Sutton Stop With friends from the other churches we will be gathering at Sutton Stop THIS AFTERNOON for an informal service (approximately 1 hour). Bring a picnic if you wish or go home after Mass, have lunch, then come along. Let's have plenty there, including children and families.

Christian Aid envelopes Please return any envelopes ASAP so that we can forward a total to Christian Aid.

Church allotment Please see Roger or Karen if you'd like to be involved in tending our church allotment.

Episcopal Visitation in Coventry cathedral on Wednesday 16th June at 7.30pm. Churchwardens are required to attend; others are encouraged to. Bishop Christopher will admit churchwardens to office.

Church lawns If you can help cutting the grass this year (perhaps as part of a group of people), please have a word with Mary or Fr Paul. If we don't have volunteers, we may have to hire someone to do it.

Fr Gary's priestly ordination in the Catholic Church takes place on Sat 12th June at 12noon (see poster on noticeboard). He extends a general invitation to friends at Saint Thomas'. We hold Fr Gary, Sam, Thomas and Matthew in our prayers at this time.

Readers please take your readings and notes from the tray in church in good time.

Security Please help us with security by being vigilant when you're around the church or passing. Obviously we don't want to frighten people away from the Church, but we have had some unwelcome visitors recently – at hours when they shouldn't be on church premises.

Walsingham National Pilgrimage bank holiday Monday. Please have a word with Fr Paul if you'd like to go. Lifts can be arranged. A long day, but well worth it!

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