

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 25th April 2010

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)
('Good Shepherd Sunday')



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 26th Easter weekday
7pm Mass
(Diocesan directors of ordinands)
- Tues 27th Easter weekday
7pm Mass
(Seminarians)
- Wed 28th Easter weekday
6.30am Mass (followed by breakfast)
(Vocations advisers)
- Thurs 29th **S. CATHERINE OF SIENA, PATRON OF EUROPE**
9.30am MASS (followed by refreshments)
(The See of Ebbsfleet)
- Fri 30th Weekday of Easter
10.30am MASS at S. Nicholas' Radford
- Sat 1st May S. Joseph the Worker
10am Mass (followed by Coffee Morning)
(Human work)

NEXT SUNDAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10am PARISH MASS with Children's Liturgy

On duty next week...

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

Reader: Jennifer **Prayers:** Mary

Eucharistic ministers: Susan, Ian

Welcomers: Janice, Moya

Coffee: Joyce, Hazel

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....

Welcome to the fold

Today we extend a very warm welcome to **George Leslie Goodson McDonald**, who is to be baptised during our Parish Mass; to his parents, Steven and Michelle, his family and his godparents, Samantha, James, Charlotte, Paul and Alex.

We also welcome **Oliver Robert John Hall** and **Mayson Lee Colin Hookings**, who will be blessed today ahead of their baptisms in the near future; and to their parents and family.

You are all very welcome and in our prayers at this time.

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: Mary Barnett, Alan Joseph Vickers (27th); Arnold Stewart Mason (28th); George Hibberd (1st May)

Candidates for Confirmation Helen Dawson and Jessica Burch

All who serve us in public office, and all those standing for parliamentary election.

Noticeboard

Holy Hour tomorrow evening 7.30pm, immediately after Mass. An hour of adoration, prayer, meditation, scripture readings, silence, this time focussing on the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Junior Confirmation preparation Sat at 11am.

Confirmation Mass Helen Dawson and Jessica Burch will be confirmed with others during Bishop Andrew's Easter Stational Mass at S. Oswald's Tile Hill on Tuesday 18th May. Please make every effort to support them on the night.

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

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

**General Election Hustings
at Walsgrave Baptist church THIS THURSDAY** at 7pm (one week before the election date).

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

Daniel Patterson

Saint Thomas, pray for us.

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 Tony would like a bit of a rest from cutting the church lawns, which has done brilliantly for a good while now. If you could step into the breach, perhaps as part of a small group of people on a rota, that would be hugely appreciated. We've hit the time of year when we must keep on top of the lawns and keep our church grounds generally looking tidy.

Election Day As our church is being used as a polling station on Thursday 6th May we will be unable to have Mass that day. Mass will be celebrated at Saint Nicholas', Radford at 9.30am.

Pentecost Praise at Sutton Stop With our friends from the other churches we will be gathering at Sutton Stop on Sunday 23rd May at 2.30pm for an informal service, when hopefully the weather will be clement and lots of people will be passing by. The service will last an 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.

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