

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 July 2010

17th 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 26th **Ss. Joachim & Anne, parents of BVM**
9.30am Mass at S. Luke's Holbrooks

Tues 27th Weekday of Ordinary Time
7pm Mass
(Peace in our city)

Wed 28th Weekday of Ordinary Time
6.30am Mass (followed by breakfast)
(Society of Mary)

Thurs 29th **S. Martha**
9.30am Mass (followed by refreshments)
(Those on holiday)

Fri 30th Weekday of Ordinary Time
10.30am Mass at S. Nicholas' Radford

Sat 31st **S. Ignatius Loyola**
10am Eucharistic service (NOT Mass)
(followed by Coffee Morning)

NEXT SUNDAY

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10am PARISH MASS with Children's Liturgy

On duty next week...

Servers: William, George (Ac), Rachel (Cr),
Clare (Th), William B (B), Susan (MC)

Reader: Catherine **Prayers:** Ian

Eucharistic ministers: Barbara, Linda

Welcomers: Joy, June

Coffee: Rosemary, Catherine

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...

The need for a rest

These words come straight from the heart at the moment. I am very much looking forward to having a couple of weeks' rest with Catherine and the children. The last few months seem to have been hectic and have left me feeling a bit frazzled. That seems to be life for everyone these days – it leaves us feeling jaded. Hence the need for all of us to step back, relax, chill out, go away – whatever it takes for us to be able to wind down for a while and be reminded what life is all about. I hope that if you're going away on holiday this summer, it's a time of relaxation and re-creation. If you're not, I hope that some time away from work and the usual business of life allows you to take stock and be a bit more like Mary, who, because she wasn't dashing around and meeting herself coming back, was able to hear Jesus speaking to her. Some quality time at Jesus' feet listening wouldn't be a bad thing for any of us this summer.

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: Kenneth Pickford, Charlotte Patricia Lee (25th); Lucy Spencer, Charles Rouse (27th); June Luck (29th); Henry Carlton (30th); Peter Stewart Mason (31st)

Those recently married: Nigel & Sally Mullen (24th July)

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 school leavers

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

A very warm welcome to Eva who is to be baptised today, to Mark and Sarah her parents, and to all who celebrate Eva's special day with us

Many thanks to all those who supported the Summer Garden Party & Teddy Bears' Picnic last Sunday. It was a very enjoyable social occasion and raised just over £500 for church. It is not too late to increase that total if you were unable to come along!

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.

Congratulations to George Haynes who has been elected deputy head chorister at the cathedral.