

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 4th July 2010

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE & MARTYR
(Our Titular Solemnity)



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 5th Weekday of Ordinary Time
7pm Mass
(The newly-ordained)
- Tues 6th **S. Maria Goretti**
7pm Mass 7.30pm Rosary
(Teenagers)
- Wed 7th Weekday of Ordinary Time
6.30am Mass (followed by breakfast)
(Prisoners)
- Thurs 8th Weekday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass (followed by refreshments)
(Mission to Seafarers)
- Fri 9th Weekday of Ordinary Time
10.30am Mass at S. Nicholas' Radford
- Sat 10th **Our Lady on Saturday**
10am Mass
(Benedictines)
(followed by Coffee Morning & Parish Office)

NEXT SUNDAY

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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: Thomas, Bethany (Ac), Susan (Cr),
Clare (Th), Sophie (B), Rachel (MC)

Reader: Jan **Prayers:** Mary

Eucharistic ministers: Susan, Ian

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 the churchwarden*

Fr Paul writes....

Thomas, a saint like us

You may not think of yourself as being very saintly, others may think it even less, but when we look at our patron saint, Thomas the Apostle and Martyr, we really can see something of ourselves. There is always the danger that we elevate the saints so much that we make them something other than we are. True, they *have* reached a higher degree of holiness than we have, but they, like us, were fallen men and women touched and transformed by the grace of God. They had their doubts and their weaknesses and their downright failings, but they allowed God to work in their lives and change them. We can identify with them, and they with us from their places in glory. And so today's preface says: *In their lives on earth you give us an example. In our communion with them you give us their friendship. In their prayer for the Church you give us strength and protection.*

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: Edith Downes, Frederick Stone, John Sidwell, William Potts, Vicky Stafford, Sarah Hambridge

Anniversaries of death: Donald Walter Elkington (4th); William Haigh, Attilio Mazzone (5th); Ennis Darlison (6th); Mary Cassidy (7th); Lois Dipple (10th)

Those recently ordained: Fr Michael Bailey (deacon); Fr Matthew Pittam (priest)

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 General Synod

meeting over the coming weekend

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

Oliver Hall will be baptised later today and not during the Parish Mass, due to the very large number of guests. We hold him and his family in our prayers.

Fr Matthew Pittam, currently deacon at S. Luke's Holbrooks, will be ordained priest by Bishop Andrew at S. Luke's TODAY at 5pm. Fr Matthew's inaugural Mass will be at S. Luke's on Saturday at 12noon, and later that day Michael Bailey (by then deacon - see below) will preside at Exposition and Benediction.

Michael Bailey will be ordained deacon in Coventry cathedral this morning and will serve his title at S. Luke's Holbrooks.

Rosary this Tues. Prayer requests on the board please.

Summer Garden Party & Teddy Bears' Picnic at the vicarage

Sunday 18th July 2-5pm (note NOT Saturday)

Please do all you can to make this event a success, both socially and financially. There is a [list of jobs](#) for people to volunteer for before the event and on the day itself. More than anything, please spread the word to family and friends and be there yourself. Prize draw tickets available from June.

PCC meeting Tuesday 20th July.

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.

Church cleaning Please see Rosemary if you can give some time to clean church on a rota basis. We do need some more helpers. The more people we have on the rota, the less frequently your turn comes round.