

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 5th September 2010

TWENTY THIRD 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

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 6th Weekday of Ordinary Time
7pm Mass
(Our local schools)
- Tues 7th Weekday of Ordinary Time
7pm Mass
(Peace in the Middle East)
7.30pm Rosary
- Wed 8th **BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
6.30am MASS *(followed by breakfast)*
(Shrines of Our Lady of Walsingham)
- Thurs 9th Weekday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass *(followed by refreshments)*
(Urban priority parishes)
- Fri 10th Weekday of Ordinary Time
10.30am Mass at S. Nicholas' Radford
- Sat 11th Weekday of Ordinary Time
10am Mass
(Bishop Andrew)
(followed by Coffee Morning & Parish Office)

NEXT SUNDAY

24th ORDINARY SUNDAY

10am PARISH MASS with Children's Liturgy

On duty next week...

Servers: William, George (Ac), Rachel (Cr),

Bethany (Th), Jessica (B), Susan (MC)

Reader: Jennifer **Prayers:** Karen

Eucharistic ministers: Karen, Clare

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

Fr Paul writes... Please see the notice below about our Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest

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, Alexis Wallington, Fr Norman Stevens, Josephine Riley, Beulah Potter, Jack Potter, Maudie Snow, Balfie Williams, Rusty Waughman, Martin Warner (bishop)

The recently departed: Cyril Bennett, Irene Jackson, Mary Bates, Andy Miles, Barbara Hyde

Anniversaries of death: Ernie Kay, Mary Hughes (6th); Walter Cox (7th); Reginald Underwood (8th); Rose Cox, Joan Turner (9th); Agnes Brooks (11th)

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

Reginald Underwood

also

for the repose of the soul of

George Wagstaff

and in thanksgiving for many years of
marriage.

Saint Thomas, pray for us.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Brian and Sunita Prudent on the birth of their son last week. We pray for them all and thank God for his goodness.

Rosary on Tuesday Please do come along to this half hour service of intercession and meditation on the mysteries of our salvation. If you have any particular requests for prayer, please post them on the prayer board in the usual way.

Car treasure hunt this SATURDAY. £2 per car. Pizza and pasta £4 per adult, £2 per child. Please let Ian know if you'd like to take part. We need a good number of people to make this a worthwhile event.

Ebbsfleet Lay Conference Saturday 25th September. See Fr Paul for more details.

Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest. We will keep our harvest festival on Sunday 26th September. You are encouraged to bring along non-perishable food items in token of your thanksgiving for the many blessings that we so easily take for granted. These will then be given to Norton House for the homeless and vulnerable. Gifts of money will be sent to the Christian Aid Pakistan floods appeal.

Advance notice of a PCC meeting on Tuesday 28th September beginning with Mass at 7pm.

Church cleaning Please see Rosemary if you can give some time to clean church on a rota basis. We do need more helpers.

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.

your use.