

# 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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2010 THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (*Corpus Christi*) (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)

**All very welcome**

## Mass times this week

- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Weekday of Ordinary Time  
7pm Mass (*Sick, disabled, housebound*)  
7.30pm Rosary
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Weekday of Ordinary Time  
7pm Mass  
(*Church schools*)
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> **S. Columba**  
6.30am Mass (followed by breakfast)  
(*Respect for human life*)
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Weekday of Ordinary Time  
9.30am Mass (followed by refreshments)  
(*Fr Gary Buckby*)
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> **MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**  
10.30am Mass at S. Nicholas' Radford
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Weekday of Ordinary Time  
*No Mass due to Ebbsfleet Children's Eucharistic Festival at Brea*

## NEXT SUNDAY

**11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**10am PARISH MASS with Children's Liturgy**

## On duty next week...

**Servers:** William, George (Ac), Rachel (Cr),  
Thomas (Th), Jessica (B), Susan (MC)

**Reader:** Joyce **Prayers:** Rosemary

**Eucharistic ministers:** Linda, Rosemary

**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....**

## **Familiarity breeds...indifference and sloppiness**

The Eucharist is the source and the summit of the Christian life; without the Eucharist the Church simply can not be – the Eucharist makes the Church. At S. Thomas' we belong to that tradition within Anglicanism that recognises the centrality and necessity of the Eucharist. So every Sunday our main act of worship is the celebration of the Eucharist. We have a daily Mass. And all of this is good. But familiarity with the Eucharist can, if we're not careful, lead to an indifference that loses the sense of the 'sacred mysteries' that we celebrate and to a sloppy approach to their celebration. If all we were doing in the Eucharist is saying a few prayers and coming forward to eat some wine and crackers, it wouldn't much matter how we did it or how we prepared for it. As it is, we offer the sacrifice of Christ's death upon the altar and receive from it the sacred Body and Blood of Christ. How we prepare to do *that* and how we behave when we do it, matter. *Corpus Christi* each year draws me back to a greater sense of reverence for the mysteries I have the utmost privilege of celebrating every day. I hope it does the same for us all, priest and people, whenever we gather round the altar.

### **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

**The recently departed:** Kit Carris, Marion Blackstock, Nellie Veasey, Katie Hanson, Eva Doreen Sephton, Leslie Joyce Copson, Peter Cobb (priest)

**Anniversaries of death:** Bernard Goodyer (7<sup>th</sup>); Norah Dean (11<sup>th</sup>); Samuel Micklewright (12<sup>th</sup>)

**Those preparing for marriage:** Christopher Bucknall & Emma Heath (12<sup>th</sup> June); Vijay Gohil & Siobhan Cadden (19<sup>th</sup> June)

**Those preparing for ordination:** Michael Bailey (as deacon); Fr Matthew Pittam (as 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

**Fr Gary Buckby**

to be ordained priest in the Catholic Church

**Saint Thomas, pray for us.**

**Please take this news sheet home for your use.**

### **Noticeboard**

**Rosary tomorrow** immediately after 7pm Mass. Please post intentions for prayer on the prayer board.

**Fr Matthew Pittam**, currently deacon at S. Luke's Holbrooks, will be ordained priest by Bishop Andrew at S. Luke's on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm. Fr Matthew's inaugural Mass will be at S. Luke's on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 12noon, and later that day Michael Bailey (by then deacon - see below) will preside at Exposition and Benediction. Please support Fr Matthew and Michael with your prayers and your presence on these great occasions for them both.

**Michael Bailey**, currently a seminarian at S. Stephen's House, Oxford, will be ordained deacon in Coventry cathedral on the morning of Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July and will serve his title at S. Luke's Holbrooks.

**Summer Garden Party & Teddy Bears' Picnic** at the vicarage Sunday 2-5pm 18<sup>th</sup> July. We are going to try this as an alternative to a summer fair at church. There will be the usual refreshments, children's games etc. but in a more pleasant environment than the church car park! Spread the word please – this is intended as both a social event and a fundraiser.

**Episcopal Visitation** in Coventry cathedral on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.

**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 this Saturday 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.

**Security** Please help us with security by being vigilant when you're around the church/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.