

## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK, 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

All masses can now be attended without booking but social distancing must be observed and all people must record their presence at the main entrance.

You can still join in all masses online. See website.

Masses in German are every Sunday at 11:30am.

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

6 pm Vigil Mass: *People in need of help*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

8.30 am Mass: *People of the parish*

10 am Mass: *Richard and Mary Cave RIP*

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop – Memorial**

10:00 am Mass: *Thanksgiving, Srimalie Anne K.*

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Feast**

10:00 am Mass: *Brian Hegarty RIP*

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

**Our Lady of Sorrows – Memorial**

10.00 am Mass: *Holy Souls*

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyrpian, Bishop, Martyrs – Memorial**

10.00 am Mass: *Welfare of the people of Afghanistan*

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

10.00 am Mass: *Lady Howard De Walden*

### Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

6 pm Vigil Mass: *People of the parish*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

8.30 am Mass: *Holy Souls*

10 am Mass: *Pamela Griffith RIP*



Heavenly Father, we thank You for being such a loving God. We thank You, Lord Jesus, for sacrificing Your life for us. Thank You for being mindful of us and becoming our Saviour, Deliverer and Liberator. May we follow You always, having complete trust in Your holy word. Amen.



The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, with a special memorial on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. Please consider saying a rosary for world peace at this time.

The church will be open for private prayer and confessions on Wednesdays from 4–6pm.

## THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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*'This parish exists to create in every place and time the conditions for a personal encounter of individuals with Jesus Christ.'*

## 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### The Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

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Readings for the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday are on page 132 in the Parish Mass Book.

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 50:5-9*

The suffering servant of Yahweh is assured of God's help.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 114:1-6,8-9*

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living*

**Second Reading**

*James 2:14-18*

James teaches that faith must be demonstrated in one's works.

**Gospel Reading**

*Mark 8:27-35*

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.



### **Mass Celebration at church**

You do not need to book for the masses but Covid restrictions will still apply. Record your name and contact number on the paper in the foyer. Please bring a face mask & keep a social distance. You can still join online via Zoom. Click on the link that you can find on the website [www.stthomasaquinasham.org](http://www.stthomasaquinasham.org) or you can use your normal landline or handheld devices: Dial 020 34815240, Meeting ID 944217611#Password 123456#

**Church Offerings** - Please continue to make your offering for the church directly to

**Account name: RCAS St Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham**

**Sort Code: 60-50-01, Account Number: 79122469, Ref.: Offer**

**Arranging a standing order at your bank makes things easier for everyone.** This particularly applies if you are able to **GIFT AID** your donation. Please contact John Kane on 07920565330 if you have any questions. Envelope-donations can be handed in at the church. Ensure your donation is labelled with your name and number if you are able to gift aid.

**Please pray for** those candidates who are preparing for Confirmation in October.

**Pray for the sick and housebound:** Michael Ayris, Pat Dawson, Michael Kelly, Oscar Nolan, Mary O Hara, Anne Pobjoy, Emmanuel Solomon, Thomas Sundstrom.

**Pray for those who have recently died** - Susan Chorlton, Fidelma Cook, Gordon Pocock.

**100 CLUB** Details about the club and the rules can be obtained from Fergus Leahy 020 8546 7360; 07955045300.



**Divine Mercy Devotions** – The Divine Mercy chaplet is a devotion which our Lord requested from Sister Faustina, a Polish nun, for the intention of converting sinners and asking for God’s mercy.

Visit [www.divinemercury.org](http://www.divinemercury.org) for more information.

### **Education Sunday**

**Education Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> September)** is an event thanking all teachers in Catholic schools for their hard work since the start of the pandemic. The Catholic Education Service attaches a message of support and some prayers on its website - <https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/education-sunday>. The Catholic Diocese also attaches a form for those who would like to become a governor at <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/could-you-become-a-governor> to coincide with Education Sunday. Please pray for all Catholic teachers at this time.

**Altar Servers Rally at Aylesford Priory** – The Guild of St Stephen will be holding their annual Altar Servers’ Rally on **Saturday 18th September 2021** at **Aylesford Priory** (Address – The Friars, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7BY). The day commences at 10.15am with registration, a call for altar servers who wish to enrol to gather in the Relic Chapel at 10.45 and Mass by Mgr John O’Toole at 11.30 am. For enquiries or to order servers’ bronze medallions, please email [john.bonnici@btopenworld.com](mailto:john.bonnici@btopenworld.com)

**Season of Creation** – The **Season of Creation** – dedicated to appreciating God’s creation – runs from **1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October**. This year’s theme is “A home for all? Renewing the oikos (home) of God” and Pope Francis encourages during this season that the global Christian family participates in the initiatives of prayer, sustainability and advocacy to care for our common home. This season is also a critical time to make heard the voices of the most vulnerable, particularly at the two important political summits in October (COP15) and November (COP26). Visit [www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation) and [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org).

### **HELP URGENTLY NEEDED IN THIS PARISH**

**Church Maintenance:** There is much to be done on maintaining our building and improving it. Volunteers to help with this would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Fr Robert for more details.

**Church Cleaning:** We are looking to restart the regular cleaning of the church and want to draw up a new rota for this service. Generally, commitment to clean for each team is once every 2 months, but for this we need to form 4 teams. Typically, 3 people per team will be sufficient. Please contact Fran Payne at [franpayne30@btinternet.com](mailto:franpayne30@btinternet.com) to learn more or to sign up to join a team.

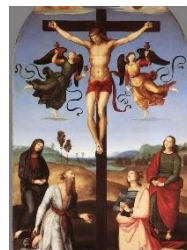
### **Saint Vincent de Paul Society – Awareness Month and Mass 27<sup>th</sup> September**

September is ‘Awareness Month’ for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), including the feast of Saint Vincent de Paul on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. Awareness Month celebrates the work of SVP members since the start of the pandemic – the society calls for a million gestures of kindness and encourages volunteers to continue its charity. There will be a special **Mass on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September at the Sacred Heart and Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church in Mill Hill, London**. Visit [www.svp.org.uk/help-svp](http://www.svp.org.uk/help-svp) or call 0207 703 3030 for further details or to donate.

**Hall bookings** – Please note that Kit Patel is now the Hall Bookings Manager and all enquiries about booking the church hall should be now made to him at [kit81@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kit81@hotmail.co.uk)

**Thanks for CAFOD donations** – Many thanks for your donations which have greatly helped those in Syria – CAFOD family fast day is on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

**Little Flower Pilgrimage at Aylesford Priory** – Aylesford Priory are organising a **Little Flower Pilgrimage on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September** starting at **12 noon** which includes a Blessing of the Roses at 2:15pm and concludes with Mass at 3pm – all are welcome. (Address – The Friars, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7BY).



### **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Feast 14<sup>th</sup> September**

This feast celebrates two events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena (mother of Emperor Constantine) in 320 under the Temple of Venus, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Emperor Constantine to mark the site of the Crucifixion. This feast celebrates Christ as our Saviour and Redeemer, so please have it in your prayers.