

**FROM THE PARISH SELECTION COMMITTEE:**

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the parish survey. We received responses from over 40% of those who received the survey, which is consistent with the rate of response to our last PSC survey in 2002. That is a very good level of response and we are grateful for your participation. The analysis of the results along with input from the many group and individual consultations over the last several weeks will provide important guidance to the committee as we continue to develop the Parish Profile.

We ask for your prayers for the parish in this time of transition, and for the members of the PSC - Alice, Andrew, Anna, Bob, Jessica, Lorne, Michael and Pat.

**SAINT THOMAS'S REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP: HELP NEEDED**

St Thomas's continues to be very actively committed to refugee sponsorship. In the late 1970s, St Thomas's responded to the opportunity for the sponsorship of refugees by church and other private groups, and we continued that work continuously after that point for almost 15 years. In the face of the most recent global refugee crisis, St Thomas's re-engaged with refugee work and began sponsoring refugees starting in 2015, including in partnership with our neighbours in the parish. We are now expecting three new groups of refugees to arrive in Toronto in the next few months from Eritrea and Syria.

Later in February, a group of two related Eritrean refugees are expected to arrive. While housing and some furniture for them has been secured, we welcome gifts of housewares and winter clothing for two adult men. Additionally, we would love volunteers to assist us in welcoming these newcomers. If you can help, please contact Andrew Gray.

**FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

**SEPTUAGESIMA**

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**Nursery Care** is available during the 11:00 am Service.

**Church School** is held during the 11:00 am Service. Please speak to Siobhán Dungan for more information.

**Coffee Hour:** After each of the 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists, there is a time for fellowship in the parish hall. Enjoy light refreshments while getting to know members of the congregation and learning more about St Thomas's.

**Need Assistance?** The sidespeople are pleased to offer assistance. Please speak to them if you need Communion brought to you, or would like a booklet to guide you through our Liturgy.

Please keep this leaflet as a reminder of upcoming events, or visit our website.

**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>SEPTUAGESIMA</b> <b>Friars' Guild Meeting</b> ( <i>see article</i> ) <b>Fr Andrews' Induction</b> ( <i>see article</i> )
Sat. Feb 15	<b>Altar Guild Training Session</b> - 10:30 am to 1:00 pm
Sun. Feb 16	<b>SEXAGESIMA</b>
Mon. Feb 17	<b>Family Day</b> - Office Closed. Mass at 10:00 am
Sat. Feb 22	<b>Pancake Supper</b> - 6:00 to 8:00 pm ( <i>see article</i> )
Sun. Feb 23	<b>QUINQUAGESIMA</b> <b>Lunch &amp; Vestry Meeting</b> <b>Evensong Prelude</b> - 6:30 pm
Wed. Mar 26	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> - 7:30 am, 12:15 & 6:15 pm
Sun. Mar 1	<b>LENT I</b>
Sun. Mar 8	<b>LENT II</b>
Wed. Mar 11	<b>Society of Mary</b> - 6:15 to 8:30 pm

### **TODAY - FRIARS' GUILD MEETING FOLLOWING THE 11:00 AM MASS**

The Friars' Guild will be meeting briefly today to discuss upcoming events in our parish. If you like to cook, decorate, or host, then the Friars' Guild has a place for you! If you'd like to be involved in any of the feasts, coffee hours, or other events in the parish, consider joining us for this brief meeting during coffee hour today. All are welcome!

### **FR ANDREWS' INDUCTION AT ST JUDE'S at 3:00 pm**

Reverend Mark Andrews will be inducted as the twentieth Rector of St Jude's Anglican Church, 160 William Street in Oakville, on Sunday February 9 at 3:00 pm.

All are welcome to attend. The Right Reverend Susan Bell, Bishop of Niagara will officiate, and the Reverend Dr. Gary Thorne, Chaplain of Huron College will preach. The service will be followed by a reception with light refreshments in Victoria Hall.

**Fr Brinton is away until Thursday, February 13.**  
Please direct any enquiries to Fr D'Angelo.

### **PRE-LENTEN PANCAKE SUPPER**

Plans are underway to have a Parish Pancake Supper with Games suitable for all ages on Saturday, February 22 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Rob and Anna Kennedy and Siobhán Dungan are organizing this event.

Adults are \$10 and children are free.



Tickets will be available at Coffee Hour on Sunday, February 9 and 16.

If you can't purchase in advance, please RSVP if possible to the church office. This will help us with planning.

Of course, you can still purchase at the door too!

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING - February 23, 2020**

The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place February 23. There will be a COMBINED Eucharist at 10:30 am, followed by a light lunch prepared by the Friars' Guild. The meeting will commence at 12:30 pm.

The Vestry list is pinned to the notice board outside the parish hall. ***Please check to be certain your name is present.*** In order to vote at Vestry, you must be 16 years old and must have been a full communicant member of St Thomas's for a minimum of three months. The Anglican Church of Canada requires that a communicant member be a parishioner at one church only, voting at only one Vestry.

If your name is missing from the list, please write your name on the posted copy or speak to one of the members of the Parish Tribunal: the Wardens, or the elected members, Earl Barnsley and Charles Laver. Alternatively, you can contact our parish administrator, Christine Cover, at [sainthomas@rogers.com](mailto:sainthomas@rogers.com).

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***A sincere thank you*** to everyone who has already submitted their reports to Vestry. They have been added to the Vestry book, and can be found on Saint Thomas's website.

We are, however, still awaiting several reports. Please get them in as soon as possible, as formatting the Vestry book takes a great deal of time. The reports are a critical part of the Vestry meeting, and a very important way for the parish to understand and appreciate the work of your group, guild or committee. If your report is not in when it comes time to print the Vestry materials, you will experience the embarrassment of handing it out as a separate sheet at the meeting!

Please send your reports to Christine.