

**JULY 26, 2020**

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

<b>TODAY</b>	11:00 am Sung Eucharist on Zoom – <b>THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
Sun. August 2	11:00 am Sung Eucharist on Zoom – <b>THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
Mon. August 3	<b>Provincial Holiday</b> – Office Closed
Wed. August 5	7:00 pm – <b>Coffee Hour</b> on Zoom
Thurs. August 6	12:00 pm Said Eucharist on Zoom – <b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD</b>
Sun. August 9	11:00 am Sung Eucharist on Zoom – <b>THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>

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**SAINT THOMAS'S OFFICE E-MAIL HAS CHANGED**

While the old office e-mail will continue to forward information for a time, it will eventually be eliminated. **The new office e-mail is [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca).** Please update your contact lists!

**CLERGY VACATIONS**

Fr Brinton is enjoying a well-deserved vacation until August 1. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Fr D'Angelo at [frdangelo@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:frdangelo@stthomas.on.ca) or 647-461-6703.

Fr D'Angelo will be on vacation from August 2 to August 30.

**RE-OPENING ST THOMAS'S CHURCH**

Following guidelines issued by the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, we expect to be able to hold public liturgies at St Thomas's after Labour Day following protocols developed by the Diocese of Toronto in consultation with public health officials. The liturgy will continue to be available on-line for those who are unable to come to church or who feel unsafe doing so. More information will be available towards the end of the summer.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES**

The months since the pandemic lockdown began have highlighted social disparities and, indeed, has exacerbated them. For many, this has prompted a new or renewed desire to contribute to actions that address inequality and poverty. Within our parish, you can help by donating or volunteering to help with the Friday Food Ministry. Additionally, St. Thomas's continues to assist newcomers who arrive in Canada as refugees, including two newcomers who arrived in February and have unfortunately spent the first part of their time in Canada in lockdown. Other social justice-focused ministries in the diocese would also benefit from gifts of time or money, including All Saints Church and Community Centre and the Flemington Park Ministry. The Diocese of Toronto supports social justice and advocacy in a variety of ways, as explained on its website: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/parish-life/social-justice-and-advocacy/current-activities/>.

Within the Diocese and Anglicanism more broadly in Canada and around the world, there are many current opportunities for education about social justice issues that require no more than internet access, a few of which are listed below:

- Mother Leigh Kern, the Coordinator for Indigenous Ministries and Reconciliation Animator for the Diocese of Toronto, recorded a powerful homily for the National Indigenous Day of Prayer, available online: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/2020/06/22/rev-leigh-kern-records-homily-for-national-indigenous-day-of-prayer/>
- Black Anglicans of Canada is offering a four-week course of online presentations on anti-Black racism which have been well-attended, included by many of our diocesan leaders. There are two sessions remaining. More information is available on the organization's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Black-Anglicans-of-Canada-320429252131667/events>
- Anglicans around the world, together with other denominations, are involved in advocacy regarding housing insecurity, a significant dimension of the experience of poverty. The Centre for Theology and Community based in London has many online resources addressing the role of the church in combatting poverty, including a new study course on the church and housing: <http://www.theology-centre.org.uk/resources/courses-and-resources/study-course-on-housing/>

There is some interest in organizing education programming on social justice issues within St. Thomas's. If you would like to be included in consideration or planning of that programming, please contact Andrew Gray (agray6360@gmail.com).