

JULY 4, 2021

THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL

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Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY	THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL 8:00 am Said Eucharist 9:30 am Sung Eucharist (<i>live streamed</i>) 11:00 am Sung Eucharist 3:00 pm Special Coffee Hour (on Zoom – <i>see article</i>) 4:00 pm Evensong Prelude, followed by Evensong (on Zoom)
Sun. July 11	SAINT BENEDICT OF NURSIA 8:00 am Said Eucharist (<i>please register</i>) 9:30 am Sung Eucharist (<i>live streamed</i>) 11:00 am Sung Eucharist (<i>please register, to attend in person</i>) 4:00 pm Evensong Prelude, followed by Evensong (on Zoom) 4:45 pm Coffee Hour (on Zoom)
Sun. July 18	TRINITY VII
Sun. July 25	SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE
Sun. Aug 1	TRINITY IX
Mon. Aug 2	Simcoe Day – Office Closed
Sun. Aug 8	TRINITY X
Sun. Aug 15	THE DORMITION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Sun. Aug 22	TRINITY XII
Sun. Aug 29	TRINITY XIII
Sun. Sept 5	TRINITY XII
Mon. Sept 6	Labour Day – Office Closed

RE-OPENING OF ST THOMAS'S FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP at 8 am and 11 am

Provincial and Diocesan protocols permit limited attendance in person so that physical distancing can be maintained. At St Thomas's this effectively means a total of 40 people at one time, including those in the chancel. For contact tracing purposes, please register on EventBrite via the parish website www.stthomas.on.ca or by calling 416 979-2323 x 4.

Please note that congregational singing is still not permitted.

The 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists will continue on YouTube and the 4:00 pm Evensong and Coffee Hour on Zoom until further notice.

Fr D'Angelo is available to administer the sacraments in person. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with him. We urge you to get vaccinated, not only for your own safety but for the good of all. Let us know if we can help facilitate that. Pray for all those in our province and city affected by Covid 19, and around the world where vaccines are not readily available.

SAYING THANK YOU AND GOODBYE TO FR BRINTON

To mark the occasion of his last Sunday, a presentation will be made to Fr Brinton in person after the 11:00 am Eucharist on July 4. A special coffee hour will take place from 3:00 to 4:00 pm on Zoom prior to evensong as an opportunity for us to thank him for his leadership and many contributions to the parish over this most unprecedented past year and a half. All are invited to attend. Look for the Zoom login information in this week's Mailchimp message.

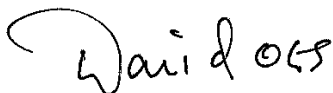
FR NATHAN HUMPHREY officially begins his ministry as Rector of St Thomas's on July 6. He will remain in the United States until the rectory is ready for occupancy in the middle of July. With the able assistance of Fr D'Angelo, he will carry out most of his duties on line until then. Please pray for him and for his family as they prepare to join us.

Dear People of St Thomas's,

I am very grateful to have served as Interim Priest in Charge of the parish since November 25, 2019. If you include the 3 months when I served in this way during Fr Andrews' sabbath leave, I will have spent nearly 2 years at St Thomas's since 2018. That is long enough to have gotten to know you better than would have been the case during a "normal" interim. But its length, of course, has not the most unusual thing about this interim.

The pandemic has left us all reeling. We are only just beginning to grasp what its long-term effects will be on the Church and the world. Those of us who have celebrated the Eucharist and received Holy Communion throughout this time, broadcasting liturgies online and by videoconference, have done so knowing that we do it vicariously for those who can't. The Mystery at the heart of the Church has continued to animate its life even in the midst of lockdowns. What a privilege this has been for the priests and lay people called to serve in this way. I know you join me in thanking Fr D'Angelo, Fr Shire, the musicians and staff, the Wardens and all the many people of this parish family who have kept the basic shape of our common life going in the face of huge obstacles. As you welcome your new priest and his family into a beautifully refurbished Rectory, please be assured of my prayers and my gratitude for your generosity in so many ways, to the parish and to me personally.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David OGS". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'D'.

Fr David Brinton OGS