

Records: Baptisms (1940-present)  
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These records are located at the church and at the Diocese of London. They are not available for research to the general public. Under the Church's discretion, information can be given to an individual.

History: Somewhere around the turn of the century a priest started to come from St. Thomas to Aylmer. It is known that Mass was offered in June 1901 in the home of John Kiley. About this time Aylmer officially became a mission of St. Thomas. For the first few years Mass was offered in private homes. In 1911, Father John Hogan set up a more permanent place of worship, by renting and equipping a hall in the second storey of what was later the Foodland Grocery Store. The first Mass was held July 7, 1911 and the church was named St. John's. After two years of meeting above the store, a house on St. George Street was purchased. Services were held there until 1937 when the church rented a hall over Miller's Hardware Store. In 1939 Father White was appointed pastor of the new parish of Our Lady of Sorrows. A lot was purchased from Mrs. McConnell on the corner of Pine and John St. South. The cornerstone for a new church was laid on December 10, 1939 and the first Mass was offered in the new building on January 14, 1940. At this time, the church was still a basement, with the colonial-designed upper storey being completed in 1951.

Further history: -article in *Aylmer Express*, June 13, 1912: congregation purchases house on St. George street; will convert to a church  
- article in *Aylmer Express*, July 11, 1912: Catholic church opened  
- article in *Aylmer Express*, July 13, 1939; Aylmer becomes a Roman Catholic parish; Father S.E. White, St. Thomas, appointed pastor  
-article in *Aylmer Express*, Nov. 16, 1939; sod turned for new church  
- article in *Aylmer Express*, Dec. 14, 1939; cornerstone laid  
- article in *Aylmer Express*, Jan. 18, 1940; first mass held in new church

Ministers: Rev. Fr. John Hogan circa 1911  
Rev. Fr. Corcoran  
Rev. Fr. Blair  
Rev. Fr. S. E. White circa 1939-1958  
assistants: Fr. M. H. Sullivan 1941-1946  
Fr. Hugh Fleming 1946-1950  
Fr. J. T. Hollerhead 1951-1956  
Fr. William Morris 1956-1958  
Rev. Fr. Hugh Fleming 1958-1972  
assistants: Fr. John Harper 1958-1962  
Fr. Charles Beuglet 1962-1964  
Fr. Dan Morand 1964-1966  
Fr. James Blonde 1966-1969  
Fr. Ronald Reeves 1969-1974  
Rev. Fr. Charles McManus 1972-1981  
Rev. Fr. James Summers 1981-1993  
Rev. Fr. Terrance McNamara 1993-1998  
Rev. Fr. Gilbert Simard 1998-