

Readings for Christmas Morning Mass
8am St Patricks & 10.30am St Thomas

Readings & Responses



First reading **Isaiah 52:7-10**

Rejoice, for the Lord is consoling his people
 How beautiful on the mountains,

are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 97(98):1-6**

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R)

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R)

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy. (R)

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R)

Second reading **Hebrews 1:1-6**

God has spoken to us through his Son
 At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: *You are my Son, today I have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me.* Again, when he brings the First-Born into the world, he says: *Let all the angels of God worship him.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 A hallowed day has dawned upon us.
 Come, you nations, worship the Lord,
 for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.
 Alleluia!

Gospel **John 1:1-18**

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us
 In the beginning was the Word:
 and the Word was with God
 and the Word was God.
 He was with God in the beginning.
 Through him all things came to be,
 not one thing had its being but through him.
 All that came to be had life in him
 and that life was the light of men,
 a light that shines in the dark,
 a light that darkness could not overpower.
 A man came, sent by God.
 His name was John.
 He came as a witness,
 as a witness to speak for the light,
 so that everyone might believe through him.
 He was not the light,
 only a witness to speak for the light.
 The Word was the true light
 that enlightens all men;
 and he was coming into the world.
 He was in the world
 that had its being through him,
 and the world did not know him.
 He came to his own domain
 and his own people did not accept him.
 But to all who did accept him
 he gave power to become children of God,
 to all who believe in the name of him
 who was born not out of human stock
 or urge of the flesh
 or will of man
 but of God himself.
 The Word was made flesh,
 he lived among us,
 and we saw his glory,
 the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
 full of grace and truth.
 John appears as his witness. He proclaims:
 'This is the one of whom I said:
 He who comes after me ranks before me
 because he existed before me.'
 Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –
 yes, grace in return for grace,
 since, though the Law was given through Moses,
 grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
 No one has ever seen God;
 it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,
 who has made him known.

St THOMAS OF CANTERBURY
 LEWISHAM
St PATRICK'S
 SUMMER HILL



Parish Events and Activities



Parish Office Closure

The Parish office will be closed from Friday 21st December until Monday 4th February inclusive. Jane is taking holidays and her youngest son starts school on the 30th of January.



St Thomas Becket Feast Day—Saturday 29th December

On Saturday 29th December we celebrate the feast of our Lewisham Patron Saint, St Thomas Becket. Please join us for coffee in the Tongan Hall after Mass.

Solemnity - 9am Monday 31st December

There will be an additional Mass at Summer Hill, 9am on Monday 31st December. All are welcome.

Christmas Edition

24th & 25th December 2018

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St Patrick's Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday at 9.00am
 Saturday 6.00pm Vigil
 Sunday 8.00am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5.00pm - 5.30pm

Christian Meditation

Wednesday 9.30am after Mass

Holy Hour & Benediction

Thursday 8.00pm to 9.00pm

Baptisms, Weddings, and Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office or check our website for details.



St Thomas of Canterbury Mass Times

English Masses (Singing at all masses)

Thursday 10.45am (Nursing Home)
 Saturday 9.00am
 Sunday 10.30am
 Sunday 5.00pm

Reconciliation

Sunday 10.00am - 10.15am
 Sunday 4.30pm - 4.45pm

Baptisms, Weddings, and Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office or check our website for details.

Portuguese Masses

Father Julio Aco 9517 2724

Monday to Friday at 7.00pm
 Saturday 7.00pm (Vigil)
 Sunday 8.15am

Readings for Children's Christmas Eve Mass 6pm St Patricks

Readings & Responses



First reading **Isaiah 62:1-5**

*The bridegroom rejoices in his bride
About Zion I will not be silent,*

about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the
Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalms 88(89):4-5,16-17,27,29**

Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.' (R)

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R)

'He will say to me: "You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me."
I will keep my love for him always;
with him my covenant shall endure.' (R)

Second reading **Acts 13:16-17,22-25**

Paul's witness to Christ, the son of David

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in the
synagogue, held up a hand for silence and began to speak:
'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of our
nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made our people
great when they were living as foreigners in Egypt; then by
divine power he led them out.

'Then he made David their king, of whom he approved in
these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man
after my own heart, who will carry out my whole
purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for
Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour,
whose coming was heralded by John when he
proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole
people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I
am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming
after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal.'"

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tomorrow there will be an end to the sin of the world
and the saviour of the world will be our king.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 1:18-25**

How Jesus Christ came to be born

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother
Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to
live together she was found to be with child through the
Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour
and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce
her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when
the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and
said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary
home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in
her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you
must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to
save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place
to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the
prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph
woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him
to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had
not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son;
and he named him Jesus.

Readings for 9pm Mass St Patricks & Midnight Mass St Thomas

Readings & Responses



First reading **Isaiah 9:1-7**

A Son is given to us

The people that walked in darkness

has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.
For all the footgear of battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
is burnt,
and consumed by fire.
For there is a child born for us,
a son given to us
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;
and this is the name they give him:
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.
Wide is his dominion
in a peace that has no end,
for the throne of David
and for his royal power,
which he establishes and makes secure
in justice and integrity.
From this time onwards and for ever,
the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalms 95(96):1-3,11-13**

Response: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R)

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R)

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth. (R)

With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth. (R)

Second reading

Titus 2:11-14

*God's grace has been revealed to the whole human
race*

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made
salvation possible for the whole human race and taught
us that what we have to do is to give up everything that
does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we
must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives
here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope
for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of
the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He
sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all
wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his
very own and would have no ambition except to do
good.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy:
today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

*'In the town of David a saviour has been born
to you'*

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the
whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took
place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and
everyone went to his own town to be registered. So
Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and
travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called
Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in
order to be registered together with Mary, his
betrothed, who was with child. While they were there
the time came for her to have her child, and she gave
birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in
swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because
there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who
lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their
flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared
to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them.
They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid.
Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared
by the whole people. Today in the town of David a
saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And
here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in
swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly
with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly
host, praising God and singing:
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'