

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 22nd December 6.00pm

In remembrance of Rosa Bakos and Joe Sleiman

### Sunday 23rd December 8.00am

For the Anniversary of Jack Towells

### Sunday 23rd December 10.30am

Mass "Pro Popolo" (for the people of the parish)

### Wednesday 26th December 9.00am

In remembrance of the friends and relatives of A. Liutackas,

### Thursday 27th December 9.00am

For the Souls in Purgatory

### Friday 28th December 9.00am

In remembrance of Helen and Siad Farah

## Oremus – Let Us Pray

### For those recently deceased:

Oscar Pedraza, Alfred Cox, Irene Stevens

### Anniversaries:

Jack Towells, Regina, friends and relatives of A. Liutackas, Sydney Thompson, Mollie Sattler, Brian Keogh

### In remembrance:

Rosa Bakos & Joe Slaiman, Helen & Siad Farah, for the faithfully departed, Harry, Elsie, John, Mavis and Roy Nash. deceased friends and relatives of Kristina Jaworski, deceased friends and relatives of Ofelia & Emmanuel Araullo, Brodie Bushert, Mary Carnuocio, Connie Barletta, Peter & Olga Manseur, Leone and Michelle Newell & the Newell Family, the Souls in Purgatory, Deceased relatives & friends of the Yeoh family

### For the sick:

Margaret Holles, Kay Anderson, Bill Wilson, For Janis and her granddaughter, Beryl Tyrrell, Connie & Kevin Scott, John Tracey, Elham Khoury, Lily Arena, Gennaro Simonetta, Dan Newell, Eddie Karp, Doreen Lalor, Carole Green, Elene and Athanase, Sevasti Dimopoulos (Tasha), Tiffany Hollings, Therese Holles, Margaret Austin, Jude Ardrewatha, Colleen Rose, Desi & Joe Corban, Jane Burbidge, Lucas Matysek, Roslyn Khoury, Ian & Graham Edmunds, Joyce Baldwin, Linda Tartak, Frank Carnuccio, Fr Terry Sullivan, Rosa Passaro, John & Paul O'Keeffe, Francesco & Giuseppino Tropiano, Fred Agius, Tim O'Reilly, Helen Cooney, Evelyn Little, Michael Bartos, Grace Muldoon, Marie Kirk, Declan & Brett Atkin, Robert Oliveira, Maria Garcia, Maree Chalker, Bishop Geoff Robinson, Michael Furlong, Mary Fitzpatrick, Ian Boland, Maria Harding, Suzanne Wilkinson, Fran Miller, Emma de Silva, Bill Triggs, Grace Favaloro, Agnes Lopes, Thomas Biviano, Patrick Maher.

## Summer Hill Roster

22/23 December	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	
<b>Readers</b>	Sr Michele Connolly Tony Burbidge	Kate Curr Isla Scott	
<b>Assisting with Holy Communion</b>	Ros McNamara Elizabeth O'Carrigan Teresita Borthwick	Peter Buckley Carmelina Eussen Sandra George	
<b>Musicians</b>	The Band	Ron Caves Robbie	
<b>Counters</b>	Jean Burns & Wendy Nino		
24/25 December	6pm Family Mass	9pm Christmas Vigil	8am Christmas Morning
<b>Readers</b>	Isabelle Heaney Taitum Watts	Patricia Singleton Gordana Martinovich	Norm Towells Anne Wells (TBC)
<b>Assisting with Holy Communion</b>	Rachel Weston Maria Zentai	Margaret Blair Jo Fox Des Fox	Kate Curr Margaret Viney Serna Ladia
<b>Musicians</b>	Children's Christmas Carols Choir, accompanied by Stephen Smith	Sr Meghan & the Choir	Isla Scott Frank Chesworth

# ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

LEWISHAM

# ST PATRICK'S

SUMMER HILL



With the last Sunday of Advent we have mere moments before the feast of the Nativity of the Lord is upon us. Our school children have finished the year with a bang with their Christmas pageant originally being washed out with the rain we had Friday before last being transferred to the Monday. The children enjoyed themselves, their was much singing and dancing and the nativity of the Lord was presented for us all to contemplate in pageant. Congratulations to all those who were involved in organising this big event. Special praise to the Parents and Friends who decorated the side of the Church so beautifully for the pageant! Our combined parish Christmas party held in St Patrick's hall was a big success and thank yous are owed once again to all the volunteers that made the day such a success. Rodney Talty is particularly owed thanks this year for taking the lead on co-ordinating volunteers and ensuring the day was the success it truly was. Parishioners will note that we have completed the installation of the children's play area located behind the Church at Summer Hill with the installation this week of a shade structure to protect the kids from the sun as they play. Once again we acknowledge with gratitude our local member Jo Haylen MP through whom a grant was obtained to pay for the works. Christmas Crib—some parishioners have been disappointed that the crib is not in front of the altar at Summer Hill as usual. It will be for Christmas Eve masses. Latin mass is said with the priest in front of the altar rather than behind it, hence the crib would be in the way. Given this is the only inconvenience we have had to suffer to be kind to our neighbours while their church is worked on I hope parishioners can be understanding. Finally, I wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas! May the peace of Christ which is beyond all understanding fill your hearts and minds this year at Christmas and may you know the peace of the coming of Christ into the world and receive his blessings.

## Parish Events and Activities



### Sunday 23rd December - morning coffee at St Thomas

Our last Sunday coffee morning for the year will be this Sunday 23rd December at St Thomas'. Sunday coffee mornings at both Parishes will recommence in February 2019.



### Parish Office Closure

Our Parish office will be closed from 12pm 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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Sunday 23rd December 2018  
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## Parish Directory

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Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday



### 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 & Responses



### First reading

**Micah 5:1-4**

*He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord*

The Lord says this:

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
the least of the clans of Judah,  
out of you will be born for me  
the one who is to rule over Israel;  
his origin goes back to the distant past,  
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them  
till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back  
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock

with the power of the Lord,  
with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his  
power

to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19**

*Response: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face  
and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help. (R)

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,

the vine your right hand has planted. (R)

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again;

give us life that we may call upon your name. (R)

### Second reading

**Hebrews 10:5-10**

*God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

*You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,  
prepared a body for me.*

*You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;  
then I said,*

*just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,  
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'*

Notice that he says first: *You did not want* what the Law  
lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the  
sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices  
for sin, and *you took no pleasure* in them; and then he  
says: *Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.* He is  
abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second.

And this will be for us to be made holy by the offering  
of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Luke 1:38**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Luke 1:39-44**

*Why should I be honoured with a visit from  
the mother of my Lord?*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town  
in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's  
house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth  
heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and  
Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud  
cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be  
honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For  
the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in  
my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed  
that the promise made her by the Lord would be  
fulfilled.'



## Next week's Readings

Reading 1, *Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28*

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalm 83: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10*

Reading 2, *St John 3: 1-2, 21-24*

Gospel, *Luke 2: 41-52*



## Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve		
6pm	Children's Mass including carols performed by the students of St Patrick's Primary	St Patricks
9pm	Vigil Mass followed by Supper (carols start at 8.30pm)	St Patricks
Midnight	Mass	St Thomas
Christmas Day		
8am	Mass	St Patricks
10.30am	Mass	St Thomas
Portuguese Masses		
7pm	Christmas Eve	St Thomas
8.15am	Christmas Day	St Thomas

## Parish News



### Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Our Children's Mass is fast approaching and we wanted to give some guidelines to help you on the day if you are planning to attend. The children have finished their rehearsals now and are looking forward to singing for you during the Mass.

- We encourage all children (big and small) to come dressed up to Mass. Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men, Mary and Joseph's are all welcome. You don't need to be signing in the choir to dress up.
- Please try to arrive by 5.45pm so the children have time to be seated and are relaxed and ready.

### Reconciliation prior to Christmas

A reminder of our times for Reconciliation prior to Christmas:

St Patricks Saturday 5.00pm - 5.30pm

St Thomas Sunday 10.00am - 10.15am

Sunday 4.30pm - 4.45pm

If you would like to bring your children for Reconciliation we would appreciate if you could please visit St Thomas'. Unfortunately St Patricks does not have confessionals and it is almost impossible to hear children's confession in St Patricks in a manner that is appropriate and meaningful for the child. Thank you for your understanding.



## Parish Announcements

### Building works at Lewisham

We have been advised that the renovation works on the Parish Hall at St Thomas will finally commence on 7th January 2019. Here are some of the changes we all need to be aware of:

- From 7th January we will no longer be able to park under the trees on the corner block. All parking for Masses at St Thomas will be on the basketball court next to the train line or in the street
- The first stage of the works will involve temporary fencing being erected around the hall, down the side of the Church (near the hall) and across the back of the Church. This fencing means there will no longer be access from Thomas Street through to West Street
- Access to our Church through the front door should not be restricted at any time during works
- As work commences and more information becomes available, we will let you know. Work is planned to conclude towards the end of 2019.

### An Advent App for Christmas! – Meet Me in the Silence.

Walk the journey to Advent on your mobile device. Each day delivers a new video, podcast or written feature to assist you prepare for Christmas and meet Jesus in the silence, despite the busyness of the Christmas season. The Advent Calendar App is free and available on your iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Search for "Xt3 Advent" in the Google Play store or the App store, or visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent)



## Feast Days

25 December	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
26 December	Saint Stephen
27 December	Saint John
28 December	The Holy Innocents
29 December	Saint Thomas Becket

## Parish Meetings



### St Patrick's Summer Hill

Meetings are held at 9.00am. New members welcome.  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Social Justice Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday St Vincent de Paul

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday CWL

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday St Vincent de Paul

Friday Coffee Club is held every Friday after 9.00am Mass.



### St Thomas' Lewisham

St Vincent de Paul meets in the Community Room at The Village every Tuesday at 7.00pm. New members welcome.

Disciples of the Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets in the Church every Monday at 7.40pm. New members welcome.

Choir rehearsal is on Wednesday evening. Contact the Parish office for details.