

Mass Intentions

Saturday 31st August 6.00pm

For the Repose of the Soul of Anne Seymour

Sunday 1st September 8.00am

For the Repose of the Soul of Bozidar Popovic

Sunday 1st September 10.30am

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

Tuesday 3rd September 9.00am

For the Deceased members of the Sukkar family

Wednesday 4th September 9.00am

For the Anniversary of Noreen O'Halloran

Thursday 5th September 9.00am

For the Repose of the Soul of Annie Chin

Friday 6th September 9.00am

For the Anniversary of Imelda Garcia



Children's Music Lessons

Lessons are held each Sunday after Mass to teach children the music of the Mass. Classes are held in the Tongan Hall beside St Thomas' last for approximately 25 minutes. All children are welcome.

Please contact our Director of Music, Stephen Smith if you have any questions about St Thomas' music groups. 0423 099 131 or music@thomaspatrick.org.au

Oremus – Let Us Pray

For those recently deceased:

Mirko (Johnny) Mikosic, Cynthia Check, Alexander Boyle, Maria De Sousa, Beryl Tyrrell, Ugo D'Addona, Vladimir Orsag, Anne Seymour, Annie Chin, Patrick Maher, Betty Broughton, Elisha Lau

Anniversaries:

Joan Flint, John Austin, Olga Mansour, Imelda Garcia, Noreen O'Halloran, Clare Campbell, David Holmes, Terry Golds, Maria Dang, John Buckley, Peter Lynch, Walter Rowan, Alan Viney, Bryan Drew, Eileen Wells, Jouad Khoury, Mary Edmunds, Ray Bartley, Joseph George

In remembrance:

Johnny Mouawad, Beryl Tyrrell, Wray Walker, Ivan Carlo Portelli, Alfredo "Fred" Pace, Providenza Spataro, Giuseppe Pietro Aversa, Elsie, Bernard, Antonia, & Greta, Harry, Elsie, John, Mavis & Roy Nash, Deceased members of the Sukkar family, Giuseppe Massa, Moya & John Phillips, Nicola Dolce, Concetta Romeo, Paul Sabarre, Vicente Sabarre, Helen Farah, Rosa Sleiman, Regina Paul, George McGrath, The Awit & Khoury Families, the Holy Souls

For the sick:

Heather Cherry, Robert Liutackas, John Parsell, Stephen Broadley, Ha Ly, Collen O'Byrne, Carolyn, Dan Khoury, Margaret Holles, Bill Wilson, For Janis and her grand-daughter, Connie & Kevin Scott, John Tracey, Elham Khoury, Lily Arena, Eddie Karp, Doreen Lalor, Elene and Athanase, Sevasti Dimopoulos (Tasha), Tiffany Hollings, Therese Holles, Colleen Rose, Desi & Joe Corban, Lucas Matysek, Roslyn Khoury, Ian & Graham Edmunds, Joyce Baldwin, Linda Tartak, Frank Carnuccio, Fr Terry Sullivan, Rosa Passaro, John & Paul O'Keeffe, 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

31/1 September	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am
Readers	Maria McGuirk Sr Michele Connolly	Michael Crowley Louise Buckley
Assisting with Holy Communion	Barbara Thompson Patricia O'Keeffe Maria Zentai	Carmelina Eussen Des Fox Jo Fox
Musicians	Ron Caves	Robbie
Counters	Michael Foulkes & Gillian Daley	
7/8 September	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am
Readers	Barbara Thompson Virginia Watt	Patricia Singleton Michelle Barnes
Assisting with Holy Communion	Elizabeth O'Carrigan Gordana Martinovich Ros McNamara	Margaret Viney Alma Martinez Paulette Khoury
Musicians	Ron Caves	Sr Megan Brock
Counters	Anna Scaturro & Gordana Martinovich	

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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Children in need in our backyard

Tonight in Australia, there are 11, 130 children who are enjoying a warm meal, a generous hug, and a safe bed thanks to the efforts of a community who cares. This community are known as foster parents.

When children cannot stay with their birth families for any reason, foster care can provide a stable home

enabling children and young people to pursue lives of normalcy, stability, love and success.

Father's Day is a poignant time to consider whether you could extend your fatherly love and guidance to another child. There are many different types of foster care required for children in out of home care. There is no one shape and size for a foster family. Foster carers come from many different cultural backgrounds, speak many different languages and have very different family circumstances. The diversity of families is a blessing in helping to place children in a home that will match their particular needs.

In Australia, the need for foster parents is increasing, not only because the number of children in need is increasing but also because we have an aging population. Fostering is often seen as a role played by parents with children at home, but this is not necessarily the case. You can be single, you can be a working parent, you can be retired. The main skills required are love, kindness and compassion. You also don't need to commit to having a child for an extended period of time, just as there are many different types of families, there are many different ways to foster, for example:

- Immediate care of a child for a few days, often at short notice
- Respite care for a few days or regular weekends to provide respite for long-term carers
- Short-term care from a few months' duration to two years until a child can safely return to their birth family home, or is placed with a long-term carer
- Long-term care which may be until a child reaches 18 years or is adopted from foster care

Catholic Care is an agency of the Archdiocese of Sydney. It's works are supported by donations to the Charitable Works Fund appeal. One of their works is to assist children in need of foster care by managing the placement of children in foster care. Catholic Care currently has no families available to foster children in need of care in the Inner West of Sydney.

On **Saturday 28th September after 6pm Mass**, we are hosting a special information evening on becoming involved with fostering. I would ask that as many people as possible join us for this information session to raise awareness in our community of faith for this urgent need. It may be that your circumstances don't permit you to assist right now, but we can all show our support for these needy children in our community by lending an ear to the team from Catholic Care and becoming informed about this urgent social need. Providing care is only one way to lend aid, advocacy, fundraising, spreading the word, and prayer are all valuable contributions to the cause too.

Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." (MK 9: 36-37)

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 1st September 2019

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St Patrick's Mass Times

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

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:15pm - 5:45pm

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 Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31
Behave humbly, and you will find favour with the Lord

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 67(68):4-7,10-11

Response: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R)

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom: (R)

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R)

Second reading Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for

the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

Gospel Luke 14:1,7-14

Everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled
On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'



Next week's Readings

Reading 1, *Wisdom 9: 13-18*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalm 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17*
Reading 2, *Philemon 9-10, 12-17*
Gospel, *Luke 14: 25-33*

Announcements



Save the Date - Walk with Christ

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King on November 24 at 2.30pm. Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on November 24.

Lost— a much loved necklace

On 11th August a Parishioner from St Thomas has lost a necklace, possibly in the Church. It was a heavy gold chain, with a fairly large gold cross attached, and a round turquoise pendant also on the necklace. The necklace has significant sentimental value. If you have found or seen the necklace, please contact the Parish office on 9798 6016. Thank you for your prayers to St Anthony.



Help children in need in our backyard

Please join us in the Parish Hall after 6pm Mass at St Patrick's on **Saturday 28th September** to learn more about the need for Foster carers in the inner west. Catholic Care urgently need our support in helping find short-term homes for children in need. Light refreshments will be served and we hope to see you there.



March for Life Pilgrimage: Jan 2020

Bishop Richard Umbers Invites you to join him for the March for Life Pilgrimage, from Mexico to Washington and culminating in New York.

This pilgrimage is an opportunity to grow closer in relationship with Our Lord and witness first-hand the life-giving movement of the prolife mission. For more information, visit <http://www.harvestjourneys.com/pilgrimages/our-pilgrimages/pv7420> or telephone (02) 9307 8152 or email chris.lee@sydneycatholic.org



Feast Days

03-Sep Saint Gregory the Great
06-Sep Ember Day

Baptisms & Weddings

Please join us in congratulating our couples and families who are celebrating the Sacraments of Marriage and Baptism in the coming month.

15 September	Baptism of Emilia Flaherty
20 September	Baptism of Daisy Ong and Charlotte Zammit
22 September	Baptism of Iona Corcoran

Parish Announcements



This Father's Day weekend please give generously to our annual **Priest's Retirement Fund Appeal**. Pope Francis recently spoke of all the hardworking priests who have tirelessly and honourably given their lives in service of God's people. He compared them to incense "which silently rises up to heaven. Their weariness goes straight to the heart of the Father."

The Priest's Retirement Fund helps support our Priests during retirement, providing the basics of care, including: Convalescence care, nursing home and hostel care for frail priests, assistance in transitioning to retirement, health insurance, medical and dental expenses, and assistance with board and lodging expenses. This is our opportunity to give back to the men who have supported us in our faith journey throughout our lives. Envelopes are available in both churches.



CWL Summer Hill would like to thank everyone who supported our Father's Day raffle.

We raised \$550 which will be given to Vinnies Night Patrol.

Congratulations to all our winners - Michael Crowley, Joyce Baldan, Margaret Austin, Tom Burke, Anne Phillips (x2), Kay Anderson, Yani Zefi, Betty Awit, Fleur Herscovitch, Emmanuel Araullo, Joseph Castro, Liberty Del-Rosario, Helen Kingsley. Thanks again to all who participated.

Parish Meetings



St Patrick's Summer Hill

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

2nd Sunday St Vincent de Paul

3rd Sunday CWL

4th Sunday St Vincent de Paul

Friday Coffee Club meets every 1st, 3rd, and 5th 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.

Could you help a child in care?
We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night.
Saturday 28 September, 7pm (after 6pm Mass)
St Patrick's Summer Hill, Parish Hall
5 Drynan St, Summer Hill
Light refreshments will be provided