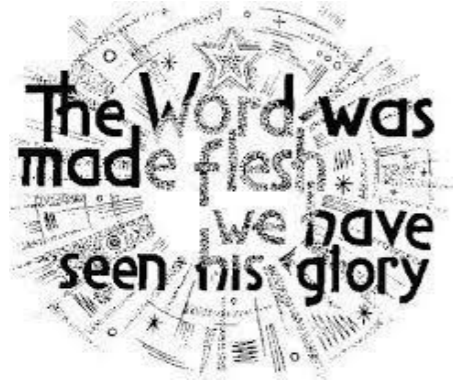


# MASS INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AT ST THOMAS'S CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



## SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY SECOND SUNDAY after the NATIVITY

6:00pm (Sat)	Tom Healy
8:00am (Latin)	Barbara Hinjenston Randolph RIP
9:15am	People of the Parish
11:15am	Rita McMahon RIP & Geraldine McCarthy RIP
6:00pm	Holy Souls
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Holy Souls
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Swift end to the pandemic
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	The Homeless

## Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> The Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese

12:00noon	Stephen - recovery from ill health
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## Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Feria

9:30am	Welfare of Roy & Shirley Mankelon & family
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## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Feria

8:00am	John Rodrigues RIP
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Private Intention

## THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> The EPIPHANY of the LORD

8:00am (Latin)	People of the Parish
9:30am	Donor's Intention
8:00pm	Welfare of Jane & Donald Rogers & family
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Swift end to the pandemic
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Clergy of the Parish
6:00pm <i>Borough Green</i>	Rebecca Luton RIP

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Feria

8:00am	Theodora Wilson RIP
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Catherine Reidy RIP

## Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Feria

9:30am	Holy Souls
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## SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> The BAPTISM of the LORD

6:00pm (Sat)	Joseph Fumihide Shoji RIP
8:00am (Latin)	People of the Parish
9:15am	A swift end to the pandemic
11:15am	Marie Fitzgerald RIP (Anniversary)
6:00pm	Marie Mernock RIP
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	In thanksgiving
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	The Archbishop
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	The Homeless

## PLEASE PRAY

- for an end to the pandemic;
- for our parish Clergy;
- for the sick, especially Deidre Thomas, Ann Steven, Lilian Spragg, Jane Tabor, Rod Shelton, Mary Scott, Mary Varley, and all in old people's homes;
- for Anna Anderson and all who have died recently.

*St Roch, pray for us.*  
*St Joseph, pray for us.*  
*St Thomas of Canterbury, pray for us.*  
*St Bernadette, pray for us.*  
*St Edith of Kemsing, pray for us.*

## LATIN ANTIPHONS

### Sunday:

**Entrance:** Dum medium silentium tenerent omnia, et nox in suo cursu medium iter haberet, omnipotens sermo tuus, Domine, de caelis a regalibus sedibus venit.

**Communion:** Omnibus qui receperunt eum, dedit eis potestatem filios Dei fieri.

### Epiphany:

**Entrance:** Ecce advenit Dominator Dominus; et regnum in manu eius et potestas et imperium.

**Communion:** Vidimus stellam eius in Oriente, et venimus cum muneribus adorare Dominum.



# PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS

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## SECOND SUNDAY after the NATIVITY

*Sirach 24: 1-2, 8-12; Psalm 147; Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18; John 1: 1-18*

**First Reading:** part of a great hymn to wisdom. Wisdom is first placed in the heavenly assembly, but then dwells in Israel, in the holy Tabernacle in Zion (Jerusalem). Do not be misled by the Hebrew grammatical feminine of 'wisdom'. Christians have always understood that Wisdom = Jesus Christ.

**Psalm:** a hymn of praise to the Lord, who has performed wonderful deeds for Jerusalem and for the nation of Israel.

**Second Reading:** a most beautiful passage in which Paul blesses God. The blessing stresses God's overarching purpose and that, through God's love, we become his adopted children.

**Gospel:** in a sort of overture to the Gospel of *John* we have perhaps the high point of all the scriptures: word (meaning), life, light and darkness, creation, the witness of John the Baptist, grace, truth, and Christ's pre-existence are all interwoven, culminating in the stand out phrase "*the Word was made flesh, he lived among us*".

*Fr David*

## NOTICES

### Supply priests

Fr Bryan Wells is assisting us today and on Thursday; Mgr John O'Toole is assisting on Thursday.

### Crib Offerings

All donations placed in any of the Cribbs in the four Churches will be sent to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, earmarked for schools in Bethlehem and the West Bank.

### Monday Bank Holiday

Holy Mass in St Thomas's at the Bank Holiday time of 12:00 noon.

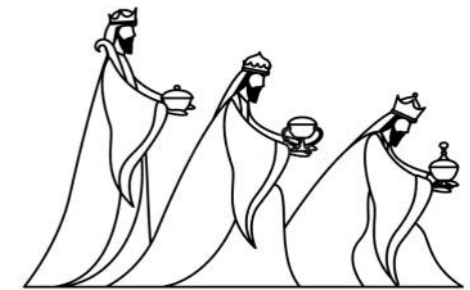
### Parish Office

The Parish Office reopens on Wednesday. The Office is open weekday mornings 9:30am - 12:30pm, for all routine matters including booking Mass Intentions, obtaining Baptism certificates, and general enquiries.

### St Thomas' School 'outstanding'

In case you missed last Sunday's announcement, we can report that in its recent Section 48 Ofsted Inspection the School was rated an 'Outstanding Catholic School'.

We send our congratulations to Mrs Sexton, Executive Principal, Ms Leahy, Academy Principal, the teachers, and all the staff. Thanks are also due to governors and parents for their support.



### Thursday: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

This would be a Holyday of Obligation if the obligation applied at this time. Holy Mass as follows:

*St Thomas's, Sevenoaks:* 8:00am (Latin), 9:30am (School Mass), 8:00pm

*Most Holy Trinity, Oxford:* 10:00am

*St Bernadette's, West Kingsdown:* 11:00am

*St Joseph's, Borough Green:* 6:00pm

### Parishioner interview

An interview with Aidan McSharry - a parishioner currently at University - can be viewed on the Parish website at <http://www.sevrceparish.org.uk/virtual.htm>. This will be of particular interest to teenagers and young adults. Other interviews can be viewed at the same place: do have a look.

### Christmas typos

Seen in recent Christmas service sheets:

*"Opening carol: Bark the herald angels sing"*

*"The carol service will be followed by mulled wine and mice pies"*.