

# MASS INTENTIONS

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

## SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> December

### CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00am (Latin)	Dec'd members: Rodrigues & D'Souza family
9:15am	Emily French & Angus Gould (engagement)
11:15am	Dec'd members: Waite & Mernock family
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Tom Tunney RIP
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	Hong Ling Chang Kid RIP
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Bishop Elect Philip Moger

## Monday 26<sup>th</sup> S STEPHEN, Dcn First M

12:00noon	Frank Haggarty RIP
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## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> S John, Ap Ev

12:00noon	Lancy Rodrigues RIP (anniversary)
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## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> The HOLY INNOCENTS, MM

8:00am	Nora McCaffrey
10:00am <i>Oxford</i>	Canon Frank O'Sullivan RIP

## THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> S THOMAS of CANTERBURY, B M Our Patron

10:00am <i>Borough Green</i>	Sean Brady
12:00noon	Founders & Benefactors of the Parish

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

8:00am	Theresa Gould
10:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	Christians in the Holy Land

## Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> in the Christmas Octave

9:30am	In thanksgiving
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## SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> January

### MARY, the HOLY MOTHER of GOD

6:00pm (Sat)	Sean Brady
8:00am (Latin)	Jean McKernan RIP
9:15am	Canon Frank O'Sullivan RIP
11:15am	Barbara Hinjenston Randolph RIP
6:00pm	George & Anne (Wedding anniversary)
9:30am <i>Oxford</i>	Special Birthday
9:30am <i>Borough Green</i>	James & Carmela Gibson RIP
11:00am <i>West Kingsdown</i>	People of the Parish



### Christmas Crib

We have placed nine cribs of varying sizes around the district. If you can please support the shops and thank them; this will really help us next year if townspeople register their pleasure at seeing a crib in a shop window. They are in Hoads Childrens Shoe Shop, Francis Chappel & Sons Funeral Directors, Marco's Italian Delicatessen, Ibbett Mosley Estate Agents, Bill Skinner Jewellery, Francis Jones, Sugarloaf Jewellery, and Denis Thompson Florists. Thanks to Kalkwik Design for the little greetings cards and thanks to those who helped with the project.

*Pat Harman*

*Pray for the  
recently departed*

**Margaret Thackaberry  
Josephine Coakley**

*Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon them.*

*Please remember the sick who have  
been commended to our prayers,  
especially:*

Veronica Williams, Lynne Stanley, Yvonne Bollen, Peter Ringham, Ann Steven, Lilian Spragg, Jane Tabor, Ken Holmes, Mary Scott, Sean Cloke, Ann Farren, and all in care and nursing homes.

### LATIN ANTIPHONS

#### Entrance

Lux fulgebit hodie super nos, quia natus est nobis Dominus; et vocabitur admirabilis, Deus, Princeps pacis, Pater futuri sæculi: cuius regni non erit finis.

#### Communion

Exsulta, filia Sion, lauda, filia Ierusalem: ecce Rex tuus veniet sanctus et salvator mundi.

# PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, SEVENOAKS

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## Today's Mass: *the NATIVITY of the LORD*

25<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the birth of our Saviour; this a Holyday of obligation. Today we genuflect and pause during the Creed, at the words "and became man".

There are in fact four different Masses - each with its own Readings - observed at the different times:

- the Mass of the Vigil (the evening Masses at all four churches),
- the Mass during the Night (the Midnight Mass at St Thomas's),
- the Mass of the Dawn (the 8:00am Mass at St Thomas's), and
- the Mass of the Day (the other Christmas Day Masses at all four churches).

*Fr David*

### Notices

#### TODAY

#### Supply priest

We welcome Fr Mark Odion, MSP, assisting by celebrating Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

#### Christmas Offering

The collection today is your Christmas Offering to Fr David and Fr Peter. Please note that if you make your parish contribution by Standing Order this won't include the Christmas Offering. You can also make a bank transfer (to NatWest Bank, RCAS Sevenoaks, Sort Code 60-19-02, A/c No 25782002); please put Christmas Offering as the reference. This parish has a fine tradition of being very generous in the Christmas and Easter Offerings, and your priests thank you in advance.

#### THIS WEEK

#### Christmas Octave

This Solemnity is so important - second only to the annual celebration of the Paschal Mystery at Easter - that it has a full week (an Octave) of celebration, with several important Feasts, including the Solemnity of St Thomas of Canterbury, the patron of our Parish, Church, and School, each with their proper Readings at Mass. Fr Peter will be away on his Christmas break this week, visiting his family.

#### Crib Offerings

The donations at each Crib will be sent to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, to help support the church in the Holy Land. The Knights support parishes, schools, clinics and hospitals, Bethlehem University, and the diocesan Seminary, mainly in the West Bank.

#### Monday and Tuesday

As these are Bank Holidays Holy Mass at St Thomas's is at 12:00 noon. The Parish Office is closed on Monday and Tuesday. There is no Adoration at St Thomas's on Monday or Tuesday.

Monday is the Feast of St Stephen, the first Martyr and Patron of Altar Servers. Tuesday is the Feast of St John, the Apostle and Evangelist, known as the 'Beloved Disciple'.

#### Wednesday

is the Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs. Holy Mass at the normal times at St Thomas's (8:00am) and at Oxford (10:00am).

#### Thursday: St Thomas's Day

is the Solemnity of our Patron. Holy Mass at 10:00am at Borough Green and 12:00 noon in St Thomas's. This Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Room, to celebrate our Patron's Day. Do come along and join in the festivities.

#### Friday and Saturday

Friday is the Feast of the Holy Family, with Holy Mass at 8:00am at St Thomas's and 10:00am at West Kingsdown. Note that as it is in the Christmas Octave the normal Friday abstinence does not apply; in other words you may eat meat this Friday.

On Saturday - the Seventh Day in the Octave - Holy Mass is at 9:30am as usual, followed by the Holy Rosary and Confessions. Confessions are also heard between 5:15 and 5:45pm.

### NOTICES

#### Christmas flowers collection

Thank you for the flowers collections: £187.32 at St Thomas's, £88.72 at St Joseph's, £66.52 at St Bernadette's. In practice there may be further donations. Thank you.

#### Christmas cakes collection

Thank you so much for responding to my appeal for Christmas Cake last week. The cakes have been distributed last Thursday and they were very much appreciated. Thank you.

*Isabel Mercer*

#### Advance Notice: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January is the Solemnity of Our Lord's Epiphany, a Holyday of Obligation. Holy Mass:

*St Thomas's:* 8:00am (Latin), 9:30am (School Mass), 8:00pm  
*Most Holy Trinity:* 10:00am  
*St Joseph's:* 6:00pm  
*St Bernadette's:* 11:00am.