

# The Hon Thomas Eyre Forrest Hughes AO KC

(26 November 1923 – 28 November 2024)



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Requiem Mass  
St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church  
Rose Bay, NSW



Group Captain Geoffrey Hughes and Pilot Officer Tom Hughes, 1943.  
*(Source: Hughes Papers)*

**Celebrant:** Rev Dr Richard Leonard SJ,  
**Concelebrants:** Monsignor Tony Doherty, Fr Chris Slattery PP  
and Fr Dermid McDermott PP

**Senior Usher:** The Hon Malcolm Turnbull AC

**Ushers:** Alex Turnbull, Daisy Turnbull, Ben Hughes, Jock Arthur,  
William Arthur, Edwina Arthur and Henry Wright

**Musicians:** Noel Debien and the choir of  
St Francis of Assisi, Paddington



*As the people gather*  
I am the resurrection and the life (Orlando Gibbons)

*Before the Mass begins, the choir sings the introit  
from the Requiem mass by Gabriel Fauré*

*℣. Requiem æternam dona ei, Domine*

*℞. Et lux perpetua luceat ei:*

*℣. Requiescat in pace.*

*℞. Amen.*

*℣. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord,*

*℞. And let perpetual light shine upon him.*

*℣. May he rest in peace.*

*℞. Amen.*

## Timeline of Tom's Life

- Born:** 26 November 1923 at family home,  
26 Cranbrook Road, Bellevue Hill
- Died:** 28 November 2024 at Beresford Hall,  
1 Cranbrook Road, Rose Bay
- Education:** Edgecliff Preparatory School 1931-35  
St Ignatius College, Riverview 1936-40  
Sydney University Law School LLB 1948
- Married:** Joanna FitzGerald 1951–1972
- Children:** Lucinda (Lucy), Thomas (Tom), Michael
- Married:** Christine Abel Smith (nee Taylor) July 1981,  
mother of Victoria and Georgina
- Military Service:**  
Royal Australian Air Force December 1941-45  
Flight Lieutenant 10th Squadron
- Career:** 1949 called to NSW Bar  
1962 Appointed Queens Counsel  
1963-72 Member of the House of Representatives  
Member for Parkes 1963-69  
Member for Berowra 1969–72  
Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Australia 1969-71  
President NSW Bar Association 1973-75  
Principal Member NSW Racing Board Appeal Panel 1998-2003  
Retired from legal practice 2013
- Honours:** Officer of the Order of Australia 1988  
Centenary Medal 2001  
Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur 2005

## Opening Hymn

## Praise my Soul the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;  
To his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for his grace and favour  
To our forebears in distress;  
Praise him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless,  
Praise him, praise Him, Alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes;  
Praise him, praise Him, Alleluia!  
Widely as His mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,  
Blows the wind and it is gone;  
But while mortals rise and perish,  
Our God lives unchanging on.  
Praise Him, praise Him, alleluia!  
Praise the high Eternal One!

Author: Henry Francis Lyte (1834)  
Tune: Lauda Anima by John Goss

## Greeting and Welcome

**Fr Leonard:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** *Amen.*

**Fr Leonard:** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and  
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** *And with your spirit.*

*During the placing of pall and symbols,  
the choir sings the Kyrie from the Requiem mass by Gabriel Fauré*

Κύριε ἐλέησον,	Lord have mercy
Χριστὲ ἐλέησον,	Christ have mercy
Κύριε ἐλέησον.	Lord have mercy

**Placing of the pall**                      Daisy Turnbull and Clemency Hughes

**Placing of the Symbols**                Michael Hughes (Missal), Tom Hughes (wig),  
Air Commodore James Badgery (RAAF ensign)

**Lighting of the  
Pascal Candle**                              Malcolm Turnbull

**Eulogy**                                        Lucy Hughes Turnbull AO

**Opening Prayer**

**Fr Leonard:**    .... We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
for ever and ever.

**All:**    *Amen.*

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**                                Tom Hughes

*A Reading from St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*

If I have all the eloquence of men, women and angels, but am without love,  
I simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy,  
understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything,  
and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but am without love,  
then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece,  
and even let the, take my body to burn, but am without love, it will do me  
no good whatever.



Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in the other person's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.

The Word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God.*

## **Response to the Word of God**      Psalm 100

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make:  
We are His flock, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,  
Approach with joy His courts unto:  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

(arranged by Sir Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Author: William Kethe (1561) TUNE: OLD 00TH

## **Second Reading**      Michael Hughes

*A Reading from St Paul's Second Letter to Timothy*

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on I pray that there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who long for his appearing. The Lord has stood by me and given me strength, so that through my life the message might be proclaimed. I pray now that the Lord will save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel Acclamation                  Celtic Alleluia

(please repeat after the cantors)

**All:**                  *Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**The choir sings the verse:**

*“This is the will of the Father says the Lord, that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.”*

## Gospel    John 20: 24-31

**Fr Leonard:**    The Lord be with you.

**All:**                  *And with your spirit.*

**Fr Leonard:**    A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

**All:**                  *Glory to you O Lord.*

**Fr Leonard:**    Thomas, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus appeared. So the other disciples said to him, ‘We have seen the Lord,’ but he answered, ‘Unless I can see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you,’ he said.

Then he spoke to Thomas, “Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side.

Do not be unbelieving any more but believe.’

Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’

Jesus said to him: You believe because you can see me.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

There were many other signs that Jesus worked in the sight of the disciples, but they are not recorded in this book.

These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**Fr Leonard:**    The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:**                  *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*



**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Malcolm Turnbull:**

We pray for Tom, a man of firm faith, of generosity and kindness, a loving, accepting and supportive father, a devoted brother, a loving husband, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather, father-in-law, step-father and relative, a faithful friend who will be deeply missed by all. We thank you, Lord, for these his many gifts to us and commend his soul into your loving and faithful hands. Lord hear us.

*All: Lord hear our prayer.*

**Alex Turnbull:**

As we mourn the death of Tom, comfort us with the great power of your love and strengthen us in our faith that he is at peace, free from pain and with you for ever. Lord hear us.

*All: Lord hear our prayer.*

**Daisy Turnbull:**

Tom was a distinguished leader of the Australian bar, Member of Parliament, Commonwealth Attorney-General and veteran of the Second World War. We thank you, Lord, for his great contribution and devotion to his country, and to his gifts of probity, integrity and civility in all aspects of his professional and political life. Lord hear us.

*All: Lord hear our prayer.*

**Patrick Hughes:**

We pray for the doctors, nurses and other health professionals and carers who looked after Tom in his final illness. Their caring hands relieved Tom's pain and reassured him with the gift of peace. Bless them in their healing work. Lord hear us.

*All: Lord hear our prayer.*

**Ben Hughes:**

We pray for those who provided pastoral care over many years to Tom, including Fathers Richard Leonard, Emmett Costello, Chris Slattery, Tony Doherty and Dermid McDermott. Their spiritual advice and comfort helped him grow in faith and reassured him with the gift of spiritual peace. Lord bless them in their vocation and may Father Emmett Costello be enjoying eternal life. Lord hear us.

*All: Lord hear our prayer.*

**Clemency Hughes:**

Tom is now with his beloved parents Geoffrey and Margaret, his sister Constance and brothers Geoffrey and Robert. We pray for all those who have gone before us. May you grant them eternal rest. Lord hear us.

*All: Lord hear our prayer.*

**Jack Turnbull-Brown:**

We thank you, Lord, for the blessings we find in our families and homes. We pray for the many victims of war and strife in our world, who have been driven from their homes, have lost or been separated from their families or persecuted, that they may find refuge, comfort, freedom and dignity. Lord hear us.

*All: Lord hear our prayer.*

**Alice Turnbull-Brown:**

Dear Lord, we pray for peace and unity in this world. May our leaders, and each of us in our capacity, receive through Christ the wisdom, courage, kindness and compassion to embrace one another and not to judge. Lord hear us.

*All: Lord hear our prayer.*

**Victoria Wright:**

Tom loved the land and cared deeply for its animals and the fruit of the earth on his and Chrissie's properties. He was a well-loved member of the Goulburn community. We pray for those whose life is on the land. May they enjoy the good times and be sustained through droughts, bush fires and floods. Lord hear us.

*All: Lord hear our prayer.*

**Georgina Arthur:**

We pray for all here present. We ask, Oh Lord, on this day of sadness, that through your grace and presence we may find peace in our hearts and joy in the fellowship of those that walk beside us. Lord hear us.

*All: Lord hear our prayer.*

## Preparation of Gifts

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art:  
Be Thou my best thought by day and by night  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word,  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:  
Thou art my great father, and I Thy true Son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance now and always,  
Thou, and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Versifier: Eleanor H. Hull; Translator: Mary E. Byrne (1927).

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### Gift bearers

Victoria Wright  
Georgina Arthur  
Georgie McMaster Hughes  
Alice Hunt

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Celebrant:** We pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God  
the almighty Father.

**All:** *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the  
praise of his name, for our good and the good of all of his  
Holy Church. Amen.*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you

**All:** *And with your spirit.*

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** *We lift them up to the Lord.*

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** *It is right and just.*

*(Fr Richard continues with the preface, until...)*

### **Sanctus** (C.D.Smith)

**All:** *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

### **Memorial Acclamation**

**All:** *We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.*

*Amen after the great doxology*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**All:** *Our Father, Who art in heaven  
Hallowed be Thy Name;  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

## AGNUS DEI

(Requiem, Gabriel Fauré 1845 - 1924)

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
dona nobis pacem.*

Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world: grant us peace.

### During Communion

*The Lux Aeterna is sung from the requiem by Gabriel Fauré*

*Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,  
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,  
quia pius es.*

*Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,  
et lux perpetua luceat eis,  
quia pius es.*

May eternal light shine on them,  
Lord, with your saints for ever,  
for you are good.

Give them eternal rest, Lord,  
and may light perpetual shine upon  
them, for you are good.

### Communion Hymns

#### Love divine, all loves excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit;  
Let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in Heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Author: Charles Wesley (1747) TUNE: BLAENWERN

### **Now thank we all our God**

Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way,  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
And guard us through all ills in this world, till the next!

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him Who reigns with Them in highest Heaven -  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and Heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Author: Martin Rinkart (1636); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1858).  
TUNE: NUN DANKET



## Rite of Commendation

**Cantor:** Saints of God, come to his aid!  
Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord.

*All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*

**Cantor:** May Christ, who called you, take you to himself,  
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

*All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*

**Cantor:** Eternal rest grant to him O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

*All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*



### **Pall bearers:**

Michael Hughes

Tom Hughes

Malcolm Turnbull

Alex Turnbull

Paddy Hughes

Ben Hughes

## Recessional Hymn

## How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hands have made:  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain:           Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee  
                      How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
                      Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee.  
                      How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down from the lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

*Refrain:           Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee  
                      How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
                      Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee.  
                      How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art.

Author: Carl Boberg; Translator: Stuart K. Hine (1949)  
TUNE: STORE GUT

*Thank you for being with us today  
and for your love, comfort and support.*



*Following the Service family, friends and former colleagues  
are invited to attend the wake at  
The Royal Sydney Golf Club  
Rose Bay.*







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