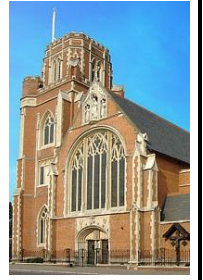


# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th September 2017

Forgive your brother from your heart

## Mass Times

- 16th Sat SS Cornelius & Cyprian**  
 9.30 *Private Intention*  
 17.30 (Vigil Mass) *Private Intention*
- 17th Sun 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10.00 *Susan and William Northeast +*  
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 18th Mon Feria**  
 9.30 *Private Intention*
- 19th Tue Feria**  
 9.30 *Private Intention*
- 20th Wed St Andrew Kim and Companions**  
 9.30 *Private Intention*
- 21st Thu St Matthew**  
 9.30 *Michael Lamb +*
- 22nd Fri Feria**  
 9.30 *Private Intention*
- 23rd Sat St Pius of Pietrecina (Padre Pio)**  
 9.30 *Communion Service*  
 17.30 (Vigil Mass) *Private Intention*
- 24th Sun 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10.00 *Private Intention*  
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

## Confessions

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

**Sunday Readings:** Year A **Weekday Readings:** Year 1

**This Sunday's Readings:** Page 128 in Mass Book

**Cycle of Prayer Autumn:** The Harvest, Fruits of Human Work, Reverent Use of Creation, Students & Teachers, Spread of the Gospel, Justice & Peace, Prisoners & their Families, Victims of War, Young People

**Next Week's Liturgy Group:** Mark

**Baptisms & Marriages:** Please contact the Parish Priest



Parable of the Unforgiving Servant  
Willem Drost, 1655

## A Persian Prayer

All that we ought to have thought  
 and have not thought,  
 All that we ought to have said,  
 and have not said,  
 All that we ought to have done,  
 and have not done,  
 All that we ought not to have thought  
 and yet have thought,  
 All that we ought not to have said,  
 and yet have said,  
 All that we ought not to have done,  
 and yet have done,  
 For thoughts, words, and works,  
 pray we, O God, for your forgiveness.  
 Lead me from Death to Life,  
 from Falsehood to Truth.  
 Lead me from Despair to Hope,  
 from Fear to Trust.  
 Lead me from Hate to Love,  
 from War to Peace.  
 Let Peace fill our Heart,  
 our World, our Universe.

### Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council at 19.30 on Thursday 28th September (**note date change**) in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are very welcome to attend and express their views. With the change of parish priest it is a good time to discuss the situation of the parish.

### School Forms

If you are applying for a place for your child at primary or secondary school you will require a reference from the priest. Since Father Alex is new and doesn't know people's names yet you will need to provide evidence of regular mass attendance. To provide this please sign the sheet at the back of the Church each Sunday.

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## When we lend an ear we lend a hand

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### Parish Memorial Book

The Parish Memorial Book records the names of deceased parishioners, family members and friends and is kept in the cabinet beside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. We are about to have it professionally updated. Now is the time to include a loved one's name with a short entry. Forms available on the table [any questions see Bill Gallagher]. Entries are not restricted to parishioners and can be retrospective. A donation of £50.00 covers the cost.

### Diocesan Day for Catechists

Catechists and Children's Liturgy organisers are invited to the Diocesan Day for Catechists at St George's Cathedral at 11.00 on Saturday 23rd September.

### Holydays of Obligation

With effect from the First Sunday of Advent 2017, two holydays of obligation are being reinstated. This decision was made by the Bishops of England and Wales, and has been confirmed by the Holy See. The days are: **The Epiphany of the Lord** on 6th January (transferred to the adjacent Sunday when it falls on Saturday or Monday) and **The Ascension of the Lord** which falls on Thursday after Sixth Sunday of Easter (namely forty days after Easter).

### Message to MISSIO Box Holders.

Please note the most recent communication from MISSIO [APF]. Your individual envelope is available for collection as Bill Gallagher the local Secretary is now unable to walk around the parish hand delivering them. Please help yourself, your names are on the envelopes. It is also the time of year when we empty the boxes please hand them in ASAP. Many thanks for your cooperation.

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## Prayer is the oxygen of the soul

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### Upcoming Dates

Seniors Club ..... 10.15 20th September  
Parish Council ..... 19.30 28th September  
Race Night.....19.30 7th October  
Deanery Mass for School Staff ....16.30 5th October  
School Advent Service ..... 1st December



### Race Night

We are holding a Parish Race Night on Saturday 7th October at 19.30 with a Bar and Ploughman's Supper. Tickets only £5 on sale after both weekend Masses. £50 to sponsor a race and £5 to sponsor a horse. Eight races and eight horses in each race. Come along for a fun evening. Good luck!

### Home Mission Sunday

Today we observe Home Mission Sunday. This is an opportunity to inspire Catholics and help them to engage with the mission of the Church, whilst supporting the work of the Home Mission Office.

### Christian Initiation

If anyone would like to be received into the Catholic Church they should make themselves known to Father Alex so that the appropriate classes can be arranged. Normally adult baptisms and receptions take place at the Easter Vigil and so the preparation programme needs to begin in the first week of Advent. We warmly welcome all those who would like to become full members of the Church so that they can fully share in our sacramental life.

### Feast of St Jude

Mass at the National Shrine of St Jude at Faversham with the Blessing of Oil, Anointing and Mass on Saturday 28th October at 12.00 and Sunday 29th October at 12.30 and 14.30.

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## If you can't see God in all, you can't see God at all

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### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £411.04, Bankers Orders £384  
Catholic Education Service £152.56

### Second Collection

This week: Home Missions (Evangelisation) Next week: none.

### Rotas

**Sunday Welcome & Coffee:** F Azevado, M Figueiredo n/w E Chavez, R Martella

**Readers:** Sat: C Wilkins, I Smith Sun: G Fayers, C McCarthy, A Blanes n/w Sat: R & S Jackson Sun: A Burnet, T Greetham, E Lueth

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sat: D McGavin, K. Dolan. Sun: G Donaldson, C Kawesi, W Gallagher, R Kuleke, D Lyons n/w Sat: M & S Lee Sun: G D'Monte, V Chime, S Palmer, A Kilcawley, R McMullan

**Children's Liturgy:** C & C Kawesi, C Webb n/w A Kilcawley M Harrison A Mann

**Parent & Child Liturgy:** E Lueth, N Pearson n/w B Cherian

**Flowers:** L Northeast n/w A Robbins