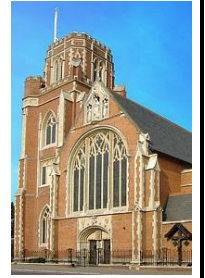




St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th October 2017

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone

Mass Times

- 7th Sat Our Lady of the Rosary**
 9.30 *Michael Lamb +*
 17.30 (Vigil Mass) *Richard Doherty +*
- 8th Sun 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10.00 *Arvin Roy Navaro +*
 15.00 (Royal Hospital)
- 9th Mon Feria**
 9.30
- 10th Tue St Paulinus of York**
 9.30
- 11th Wed Mary, Mother of the Saviour**
 9.30 *May Cannon +*
- 12th Thu St Wilfrid**
 9.30
- 13th Fri St Edward the Confessor**
 9.30
- 14th Sat Feria**
 9.30 *Michael Lamb +*
 17.30 (Vigil Mass) *Denis Donegan +*
- 15th Sun 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10.00
 15.00 (Royal Hospital)

Confessions

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

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

This Sunday's Readings: Page 137 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: Matthew

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



The Vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel

The Stones Rejected by the Builders

Reflecting on Jesus words in today's Gospel about how it is the stone rejected by the builders that becomes the keystone, we realise that he means that it is he who is to be rejected by the Elders of Israel but who will become the source of salvation for the entire world.

We acknowledge too that there are many other so-called stones that are rejected by the people of our world. We can think of the very poor and the vulnerable, the sick and the handicapped, and those yet unborn who are unwanted. We recognise that any of them may fall into this category and be cast aside by society at large.

Christians understand that those who are weak and powerless need to be valued for the gifts that they bring us all. Their vulnerability taps into our generosity, love and patience. The way we treat them tells us a lot about ourselves. The true Christian sees Jesus in them and responds accordingly.

In our parish we have the Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability, we say mass for the Catholic patients and staff each Sunday afternoon at 3pm. The mass is open to everyone; you just sign in at the main desk and go to the Assembly Room.

We are looking for a few more volunteers to assist the patients attending the mass. It need only involve an hour a month and older teenagers would be most welcome.

Father Alex

Father Alex's Induction

The formal Induction of Father Alex McAllister as our parish priest will take place at a special mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks at 12.00 on Saturday 21st October. There will be refreshments in the Corry Hall afterwards. Local clergy and civic dignitaries will be present. All welcome.

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

Gift for Father Davis

It was resolved at the recent meeting of the Parish Council to take up a second collection as a leaving gift for Father Davis who served here at St Thomas à Becket for four years. The collection will be taken up on Sunday 15th October. We hope to invite him back for a presentation before he returns to India.

Parish Memorial Book

The Parish Memorial Book beside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel records the names of deceased parishioners, family members and friends. If you would like to add a loved one's name with a short entry forms are available on the table. Entries are not restricted to parishioners and can be retrospective. A donation of £50.00 covers the cost.

Holydays of Obligation

With effect from the First Sunday of Advent 2017, two holydays of obligation are being reinstated. 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. Envelopes are available for collection. We empty the boxes at this time, please hand them in ASAP. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Prisons Week

8th to 14th October is a special week of prayer for prisoners. It is important that we remember them and their families in our prayers. Leaflets are available at the back of the Church. We should be aware that Wandsworth Prison on our own doorstep is the largest in the country with over 1,800 inmates.

In prayer it is better
to have a heart without words
than words without a heart

John Bunyan

Upcoming Dates

Father Alex's Induction 12.00 21st October
Cake Sale..... 5th November
School Advent Service 1st December
Parish Dinner..... 9th December

Hassocks

The problem of the Altar Servers kneeling on a very hard surface was discussed at the Parish Council and it was decided to provide them with proper hassocks. These come in kit form and the tapestry covering can be sewn together by willing parishioners. If you would like to sew a hassock please sign the list at the back of the Church or if you would like to sponsor one at £60 each please put a cheque in an envelope for the attention of the parish office. Thank you.



Christian Initiation

If anyone would like to be received into the Catholic Church they should make themselves known to Father Alex so that the classes can be arranged. Normally adult baptisms and receptions into the Church are done at the Easter Vigil and so we begin the programme in the first week of Advent.

St Thomas à Becket Toddler Group

The Toddler Group meets on Monday mornings in the Corry Hall. Last meeting this term will be a Christmas party on 12th December, see the Church Notice Board. Recommences on 9th January 2018.

Confirmation

We must decide if the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in 2018. Would those in Year 9 or above who wish to be Confirmed see Father Alex to register and if there are sufficient numbers we can then arrange classes.

No legacy
is so rich as honesty

William Shakespeare

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £422.66, Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

Today 8th October: CAFOD, 15th October: Father Davis Leaving Gift, 22nd October: Missio, 12th November: Archbishop's Administration Fund.

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: A Oliva & E Falcone n/w F Azevado, M Figueiredo

Readers: Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey n/w Sat: C Wilkins, I Smith Sun: G Fayers, C McCarthy, A Blanes

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: J Cato, D McGavin Sun: A Nobis, R Nwodo, P Fahy, R McMullan n/w Sat: D McGavin, K. Dolan. Sun: G Donaldson, C Kawesi, W Gallagher, R Kuleke, D Lyons

Children's Liturgy: R & S Cousin Jackson n/w C&C Kawesi, C Webb

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

Flowers: A Oliva n/w L. Northeast