



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th October 2017

Love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself

Mass Times

- 28th Sat Feria**
9.30 *Michael Lamb +*
17.30 (Vigil Mass) *Father Joe O'Connor +*
- 29th Sun 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10.00 *Paz Delos Santos +*
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 30th Mon Feria**
9.30
- 31st Tue Feria**
9.30
- 1st Wed Solemnity of All Saints
Holy Day of Obligation**
9.30
20.00
- 2nd Thu All Souls' Day**
9.30 Holy Souls
- 3rd Fri Feria**
9.30 Holy Souls
- 4th Sat Saint Charles Borromeo**
9.30 *Michael Lamb +*
17.30 (Vigil Mass) *Deceased members of Lewis Family +*
- 5th Sun 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10.00 *Lolita De Los Santos - Thanksgiving*
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 146 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: John

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



Christ and the Pharisees Ernst Zimmermann 1852-1901

November List

Thursday is All Souls Day when we commemorate all the faithful departed. Actually the whole month of November is dedicated to prayer for our loved ones who have died and all the Holy Souls. It is customary to offer masses during the month of November for the deceased members of our families. We will place on the altar the names of all those we are informed about to be remembered in prayer. You will find envelopes at the back of the Church can be used for this purpose. It is customary to include a donation.

Prayer for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed is one of the distinctive characteristics of Catholics throughout the world which marks them out from members of other Christian denominations.

In the Catechism we read, 'All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven... From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.'

We aid the souls in purgatory by our prayers, sacrifices and the offering of masses for the repose of their souls. In due course we ourselves will need the prayers of the living and so we should not neglect our own duty towards our loved ones who have died.

Father Alex

Feast of All Saints

Wednesday 1st November is the Feast of All Saints which is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at 9.30 and 20.00. The pupils of St Joseph's School will be attending the 9.30 mass that day.

**Feed faith with the Word of God,
rather than feed doubt
with the devil's lies**

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 updated. Now is the time to add a loved one's name with a short entry. The form is 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. 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).

Confirmation

We need to decide whether 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.

Cake Sale

We will be having a Cake Sale next Sunday 5th November in the Parish Hall after 10.00 mass. Bakers please bring your cakes to the Hall before mass so they can be arranged ready for the sale after mass.

Induction Ceremony

Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to making the Induction Ceremony so successful. Your service is much appreciated.

**Faithfulness in little things
is a big thing**

Saint John Chrysostom

Upcoming Dates

Seniors Club1st November
Cake Sale..... 5th November
School Advent Service1st December
Parish Dinner 9th December
Seniors Club Christmas Party16th December
Penitential Service.....18th December

Father Davis Vadakkumpadan CMI

Father Davis will be joining us for 10.00 mass next Sunday. It will give us the opportunity to show him our appreciation and present to him a cheque for £500, which is the amount of the second collection taken up for him a couple of weeks ago.

Hassocks

If you would like to stitch a hassock for the altar servers please contact Patrizia, the parish secretary.

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 into the Church are done 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.

Seniors Club

Next meeting 1st of November 12.30pm Activity: Lunch at The Rocket in Putney. All Pensioners who do not attend our church but are interested in joining our Senior Club are most welcome.

Missio Red Box Update

Our thanks to the parishioners who have handed in their boxes to be emptied. The total collected was £327. Since 1992 we have collected £19,491 in the red boxes for the Missions. Empty boxes are at the back of the Church awaiting collection.

**Every day is a holy day
Every day is heaven sent
Every day is a day of love
and a sacrament**

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £428.63, Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

12th November: Archbishop's Administration Fund,
26th November: Catholic Youth Work.

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: M Harrison,
L. Northeast n/w A. Oliva, E. Falcone

Readers: Sat: E&N Falcone, C Kawesi Sun:
G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast n/w Sat:
N. Nolan, S. Vas, E. De Souza Sun: T. Brown,
A. Harris, A. Stacey

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin
Sun: D Lyons, E Sinclair, L Delos Santos, J Cato n/w
Sat: J Cato, D McGavin Sun: A. Nobis, R. Nwodo,
P. Fahy, R. McMullan

Children's Liturgy: Sun: None n/w R & S Jackson

Parent & Child Liturgy: Sun: None n/w B. Cherian

Flowers: L Northeast n/w A. Oliva