



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th November 2017

Stay awake, because you do not know the day nor the hour

## Mass Times

### 11th Sat Saint Martin of Tours

9.30 Michael Lamb +  
17.30 (Vigil Mass) Faust & Lily D' Cruz +

### 12th Sun 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00 Pedro P Delos Santos +  
15.00 (Royal Hospital) People of the Parish

### 13th Mon Feria

9.30 Mary McDonnell +

### 14th Tue Feria

9.30

### 15th Wed Feria

9.30

### 16th Thu Feria

9.30 Ariella Du Plessis - Wellbeing

### 17th Fri Saint Hilda

9.30 Piero Vanotti +

### 18th Sat Feria

9.30 Michael Lamb +  
17.30 (Vigil Mass) Giuseppe &  
Edmea Brugnoli +

### 19th Sun 33th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00 Brigid Anne Farrell +  
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 152 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



*The Wise and Foolish Virgins, Peter von Cornelius 1813*

## Remembrance Sunday

Today we remember those who died in the First and Second World Wars and in those other conflicts that have occurred since then.

Many of us have a relative that died in war. In my own case a great-great-uncle died in the First World War after gaining a Military Cross. His name is on the war memorial in St Michael's Church in Linlithgow, Scotland.

Of course, he lived so far in the past that no one in my family knows anything about him except my mother. And she never actually knew him because he was killed twelve years before she was born.

It is good that we honour the memory of those who have died in war since they made the ultimate sacrifice so that we could live in freedom.

Today we go over to the Fire Station after our Sunday Mass to keep the two minutes silence together with the members of the Fire Brigade.

As you know, during the Second World War an incendiary bomb landed on the Fire Station and six firemen were killed and a lot of damage was done to our own Church. It is right and fitting that we keep them in mind together with all those who have died as a result of war.



### First Holy Communion

Please register your child on the list at the back of the Church for the First Holy Communion classes which will start on Sunday 26th November after the 10.00 mass in the Priest's house. Children should be in Year 3 or above. Parents should come to the first session. The classes will continue on 3rd and 10th December and then pick up again in the New Year.

### Young Adults

We are holding a wine and cheese party for young adults in our parish on Thursday 30th November at 19.00 in the Corry Hall. If you are over eighteen and classify yourself as a young adult please feel free to come along for a convivial evening.

## What's the use of running if you're on the wrong road?

### Advent Recollection

Judy Carlisle will be leading an Advent Recollection on Martha and Mary after 9.30 mass on Wednesday 6th December. All welcome. It should last about an hour.

### Confirmation

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on 6th May 2018. Would those in Year 9 or above who wish to be Confirmed please complete a registration form available at the back of the Church.

### Weddings 2018

If you are considering marriage in 2018 please contact Father Alex even if the wedding will take place outside the parish so that the necessary paperwork can be started.

### Cake Sale

The next Cake Sale will be on Sunday 2nd December in the Corry Hall. Thanks for your support.

## When you feel 'dog tired' at night, it may be because you growled all day

### Advent Retreat for Young Adults

Saturday 2nd December 10.30-14.30 at the Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street W1K 3AH. Ring 020 7495 1673 for details. The Young Adult Advent Retreat (for those aged 18-35) is an invitation to journey deeper into the season of Advent and what it means for you. The retreat will include input about and experience of prayer, silence and sharing.

### Upcoming Dates

Seniors Club .....15th November  
Young Adult Meeting .....30th November  
School Advent Service .....1st December  
Cake Sale .....2nd December  
Advent Reflection ..... 6th December  
Parish Christmas Dinner ..... 9th December  
Seniors Club Christmas Party .....16th December  
Penitential Service .....18th December



## November

### The Month of the Holy Souls

Please take an envelope from the back of the Church and return it with a list of deceased relatives and friends who you wish to be prayed for during the month of November. The list will be placed on the altar and the names included in all the masses during the Month of the Holy Souls.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen*

### Remembrance Sunday

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and after the 10.00 mass we will go across the road to the Fire Station to observe the two minutes silence together with the Fire Brigade.

### Seniors Club

The Seniors meet on the 15th at 10.15am in Corry Hall. A talk on a "Trip to Rome" by Bill Gallagher.

### Parish Christmas Dinner

Our Parish Dinner will take place at 19.30 on Saturday 9th December in the Corry Hall. Tickets are available after masses at £12.50. There will be a bar, raffle and entertainment. Donations of good quality items for the raffle would be appreciated.

### Deanery Mass for Deceased Clergy

The Wandsworth Deanery Mass for Deceased Clergy will take place at 18.30. on 17th November at St Boniface, Church Tooting. All welcome.

### Christian Initiation

If anyone would like to be received into the Catholic Church they should make themselves known to Father Alex as soon as possible. Classes are starting on Friday 10th December at 14.00.

## Life is fragile, handle with prayer

### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £476, Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

This Sunday 12th November: Archbishop's Admin Fund, 26th November: Catholic Youth Work.

### 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 Burnett, 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 Chima, S Palmer, A Kilcawley, R McMullan

**Little Church:** C&C Kawesi, C Webb n/w A Kilcawley, M Harrison, A Stacey

**Tiny Church:** E Lueth n/w B Cherian

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