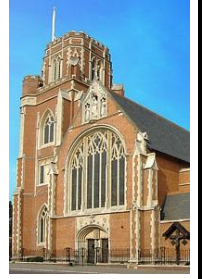




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Third Sunday of Advent

17th December 2017

A voice cries in the wilderness, 'Make a straight way for the Lord'

Mass Times

- 16th Sat Feria**
9.30 Tess Keaney +
17.30 (Vigil Mass)
- 17th Sun Third Sunday of Advent**
10.00 Michael Lamb +
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 18th Mon Feria**
9.30 Joanne Lamb +
19.00 Penitential Service
- 19th Tue Feria**
9.30 Tess Keaney +
- 20th Wed Feria**
9.30 James P Gallagher +
19.30 Carol Service
- 21st Thu Feria**
9.30
- 22nd Fri Feria**
9.30
- 23rd Sat Feria**
9.30 Doris & Bruce Edgcumbe +
17.30 Margaret McAllister +
- 24th Sun Fourth Sunday of Advent**
10.00
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
18.00 First Mass of Christmas (Children)
23.30 Carols & Midnight Mass
Anne Thornton +

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

Sunday Readings: Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

This Sunday's Readings: Page 87 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: Luke

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



John the Baptist Preaching in the Wilderness
by Anton Raphael Mengs, 1760

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley, 1744



Advent Penitential Service

We will be holding our Advent Penitential Service together with St Mary Magdalene Parish here at St Thomas à Becket tomorrow at 19.00. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also celebrated every Saturday morning after the 9.30 mass and at call.

**The measure of love
is love without measure**

St Francis de Sales

Christmas Services at St Thomas

Carol Service	19.30	Wed	20th	Dec
Vigil Mass	17.30	Sat	23rd	Dec
Sunday Mass	10.00	Sun	24th	Dec
Hospital Mass.....	15.00	Sun	24th	Dec
First Mass of Christmas (children)	18.00	Sun	24th	Dec
Midnight Mass with Carols	23.30	Sun	24th	Dec
Christmas Day Mass	10.00	Mon	25th	Dec
St Stephen's Day.....	12.00	Tue	26th	Dec
St Thomas à Becket Feast	19.00	Fri	29th	Dec

In Our Time

The BBC Radio 4 programme *In Our Time* this week featured St Thomas à Becket. Catch up on BBC iplayer.

Missio/APF Message for Box Holders.

Please collect your envelope from the back of the church. Our thanks to all the parishioners for their support for the missions via the Red Boxes.

Eucharistic Congress

A Eucharistic Congress will be held in Liverpool, 7-9 September 2018. It will promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. Each Parish is invited to send two representatives so if anyone is interested in going could they make themselves known to Fr Alex.

Children's Mass



18.00 on Christmas Eve

**Remember: Nothing is foolproof
to a sufficiently talented fool**

Upcoming Dates

Penitential Service.....	19.00	18th	December
Christmas Carol Service	19.30	20th	December
Feast of St Thomas à Becket..	19.00	29th	December

Christmas Carol Service

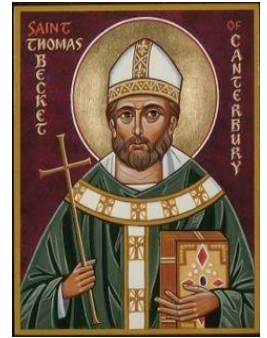
We want to breathe new life into our Christmas Carol Service. It will be at 19.30 on Wednesday 20th December. The Service will be conducted along traditional lines. The Mayor of Wandsworth intends to be present. There will be input from the Choir and our School.



Please come along and give it your support. Mince pies will be served afterwards in the Corry Hall.

Feast of St Thomas à Becket

The feast of Saint Thomas à Becket is on Friday 29th December. We will be celebrating a solemn mass that evening at 19.00 to mark our patronal feast. Father Christopher Basden will be the special preacher. Refreshments afterwards in the Corry Hall.



Christmas Offerings

Please find attached an envelope for your Christmas Offering for the Clergy. They are also available at the back of the Church. The envelopes can be used on Christmas Day (or any time if you are going away). Thank you for your generosity and I assure you and your families of a warm remembrance in my prayers at Christmas and throughout the year. *Father Alex*

Margaret McAllister RIP

Many thanks for your kind condolences on the death of my mother. Your care and concern is much appreciated. *Father Alex*

**As rust consumes iron so envy
consumes the soul that is afflicted by it**

St Basil the Great

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £336, Bankers Orders £ 384

Upcoming Second Collections

7th January: SPUC White Flower Appeal

14th January: Church Maintenance Fund

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: E Chavez, R Martella n/w M Harrison, L Northeast

Readers: Sat: R & S Jackson Sun: A. Burnett, T Greetham, E Lueth n/w Sat: E & N Falcone, C Kawesi Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: M & S Lee, Sun: G D'Monte, V Chima, S Palmer, A Kilcawley, R McMullan n/w Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin Sun: D Lyons, E Sinclair, L Delos Santos, J Cato

Flowers: A Robbins n/w L Northeast