



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th July 2018

## This really is the Prophet who is to come into the world

### Mass Times

- 28th Sat Feria**  
9.30  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Edlie Mullaney +
- 29th Sun Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00 Audrey & John Charlton +  
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 30th Mon Feria**  
9.30 Maria Figueiredo Thanksgiving
- 31st Tue St Ignatius of Loyola**  
9.30
- 1st Wed St Alphonsus Ligouri**  
9.30
- 2nd Thu Feria**  
9.30
- 3rd Fri Feria**  
9.30 Mary Poynter Thanksgiving
- 4th Sat St John Vianney**  
9.30  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Mary & Piera Vanotti +
- 5th Sun Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00 Anne Walsh +  
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

### Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

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

### Cycle of Prayer, Summer:

Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews,  
Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression, and Denial of  
Human Rights, Europe, Human Life, Seafarers

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

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



The Feeding of the Five Thousand, Hendrik de Clerck 1590

## I am the Great Sun

*From a Normandy Crucifix of 1632*

I am the great sun, but you do not see me,  
I am your husband, but you turn away.  
I am the captive, but you do not free me,  
I am the captain but you will not obey.  
I am the truth, but you will not believe me,  
I am the city where you will not stay.  
I am your wife, your child, but you will leave me,  
I am that God to whom you will not pray.  
I am your counsel, but you will not hear me,  
I am your lover whom you will betray.  
I am the victor, but you do not cheer me,  
I am the holy dove whom you will slay.  
I am your life, but if you will not name me,  
Seal up your soul with tears, and never blame me.

*Charles Causley*

## Going to University this Autumn?

Each University and Higher Education Institute in the country has a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based either in the University or in the parish.



The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith, to meet people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach.

If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is a chance to share them and search for some honest answers about life and faith. Everyone is welcome. For addresses see the special website [www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk](http://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk)

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## If you don't know where you're going chances are you'll end up somewhere else

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### Father Alex Jubilee

Father Alex will be celebrating his 40th anniversary of Religious Profession as a Salvatorian on Friday 7th September. There will be a special mass in the Church at 19.00 followed by a Buffet in the Corry Hall. All welcome.

### Kneeling

Moments of great calm,  
Kneeling before an altar  
Of wood in a stone church  
In summer, waiting for the God  
To speak; the air a staircase  
For silence; the sun's light  
Ringing me, as though I acted  
A great role. And the audiences  
Still; all that close throng  
Of spirits waiting, as I,  
For the message.  
Prompt me, God;  
But not yet. When I speak,  
Though it be you who speak  
Through me, something is lost.  
The meaning is in the waiting.

*R. S. Thomas*

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**He alone  
is the way that is worth following,  
the light that is worth lighting,  
the life that is worth living,  
and the love that is worth loving**

*Blessed Teresa of Calcutta*

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### Forthcoming Dates

Father Alex's Jubilee ..... 7th September  
Eucharistic Congress..... 7th-9th September

## A Prayer

### for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Feeding of the Five Thousand*

O God you open wide your hand, giving us food in due season. Out of your never-failing abundance, satisfy the hungers of body and soul and lead all peoples of the earth to the feast of the world to come. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

### Seniors Club Picnic

There will be a picnic for the members of the Seniors Club on Wednesday 1st August at 12.30. It will now take place in the Parish Garden and not at Bishop's Park due to the extremely hot weather. All welcome.

### Apostleship of the Sea – Woolly Hat Appeal

For twelve years I was parish priest in my own home parish of Thornbury in South Gloucestershire. Within the boundaries of the parish was a small port on the River Severn called Sharpness. Shortly after I arrived in the parish we established a group of Apostleship of the Sea volunteers who visited the ships two or three times a week. They brought the seafarers a few necessities as well as human warmth and spiritual comfort. One of the needs of seafarers in our northern climate is for woollen hats. Many of them come from southern countries like the Philippines or Vietnam and they are often unprepared for the cold weather in the North Atlantic. If anyone would like to knit woolly hats the parish office will ensure they get sent on to Sharpness for distribution to seafarers who really need them.

*Father Alex*

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**A perfect summer day is when  
the sun is shining,  
the breeze is blowing,  
the birds are singing,  
and the lawn mower is broken**

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### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £468, Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

Today 29th July Congo Mission, 9th September  
Catholic Education, 16th September Home Missions.

### Rotas

**Sunday Welcome:** Resumes in September  
**Readers:** Sat: R & S Jackson Sun: A. Burnett, T Greetham, A. Kane Blanes n/w Sat: E & N Falcone, H Pall Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sat: M & S Lee, Sun: G D'Monte, V Chima, A Kilcawley, R McMullan n/w Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin, C Kawesi Sun: D Lyons, E Sinclair, L Delos Santos, J Cato  
**Royal Hospital:** C Kawesi n/w A Vanotti, M Lewis  
**Maintenance team:** 8 September, 13th October