



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th August 2018

## He who comes to me will never be hungry

### Mass Times

- 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*
- 6th Mon The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
 9.30
- 7th Tue Feria**  
 9.30 Denis Nolan +
- 8th Wed St Dominic**  
 9.30 Kay Nolan +
- 9th Thu St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**  
 9.30 Denis Madigan +
- 10th Fri St Lawrence**  
 9.30 Eamon Minnehane +
- 11th Sat St Clare**  
 9.30 Tim Nolan +  
 10.00 Confessions  
 17.30 Michael Lamb +
- 12th Sun Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10.00 Margaret 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:** John

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



The Transfiguration, Raphael 1516-20

### The Transfiguration

Moses and Elijah appeared next to Jesus as he was Transfigured. They are said to represent the Law and the Prophets. But there is another qualification that they both possess because in their lifetimes the two of them uniquely experienced a close encounter with God.

In both cases they shielded their eyes because they could not bring themselves to see God in all his glory. Here though, on the Mountain of Transfiguration, they witness Christ revealing his glory to the close inner group of Apostles. We observe the effect this has on the Apostles; they are confused and, at the time, can't make sense of what is happening.

We wish to see Christ too; we wish to contemplate his glory; we wish to greet him face to face on the Last Day.

Father Alex

## 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 local 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 an opportunity 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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## Love is not love which alters when it alteration finds

William Shakespeare

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### Sermon

I'd rather see a sermon  
Than hear one any day.

I'd rather one would walk with me  
Than merely show the way.

The eye's a better pupil  
And more willing than the ear.

Fine counsel is confusing,  
But example is always clear.

For I may misunderstand you  
And the high advice you give;

But there's no misunderstanding  
How you act and live.



### World Meeting of Families 2018

Families from all over the world will meet in Dublin from 22-26 August 2018 to share their experiences, to reflect on the different challenges they face and to grow together in faith. Thousands of families and individuals from Ireland and the world will be attending.

Pope Francis will celebrate mass in the Phoenix Park on Sunday 26th August. For more details look up [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

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Someone who is not tempted  
is not tested;  
someone who is not tested  
makes no progress

St Augustine

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### Forthcoming Dates

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

## A Prayer for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord, giver of lasting life,  
satisfy our hunger through Christ, the Bread of Life,  
and quench our thirst with your gift of belief,  
that we may no longer work for food that perishes,  
but believe in the One whom you have sent.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. Amen

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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.

### Apostleship of the Sea – Woolly Hat Appeal

I used to be a parish priest in South Gloucestershire. Within the boundaries of the parish was a small port on the River Severn called Sharpness. We were soon able to establish an Apostleship of the Sea group who visited the ships regularly. 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 unprepared for the cold weather in the North Atlantic. If anyone would like to knit woolly hats we will ensure they get sent on to Sharpness for distribution to seafarers who really need them.

Father Alex

### Seniors Club

The Club's meeting will resume in September

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Live in such a way that those who  
know you but don't know God  
will come to know God  
because they know you.

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### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £371.13, Bankers Orders £ 384

### Upcoming Second Collections

9th September Catholic Education, 16th September Home Missions

### Rotas

**Sunday Welcome:** Resumes in September

**Readers:** Sat: E & N Falcone, H Pall, 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, C. Kawesi Sun: D Lyons, E Sinclair, L Delos Santos, J Cato n/w Sat: J Cato, D McGavin, C Kawesi Sun: A Nobis, R Nwodo, P Fahy, R McMullan

**Royal Hospital:** A Vanotti, M Lewis n/w A Robbins

**Maintenance Team:** 11.00 11th August, 9th September, 14th October