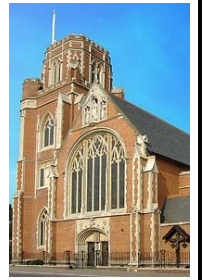




# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th August 2018

## You have the message of eternal life

### Mass Times

- 25th Sat Feria**  
9.30 Anne Thorton +  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Rene Aurelio Sauchelli+
- 26th Sun Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00 Irene Dionisio +  
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 27th Mon St Monica**  
9.30 Angel Thanksgiving
- 28th Tue St Augustine**  
9.30
- 29th Wed Passion of St John the Baptist**  
9.30
- 30th Thu SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward**  
9.30
- 31st Fri St Aiden & the Saints of Lindisfarne**  
9.30
- 1st Sat Feria**  
9.30 Irene Dionisio +  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Deceased Salesian Clergy +
- 2nd Sun Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00 Michael Ewing +  
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

### Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

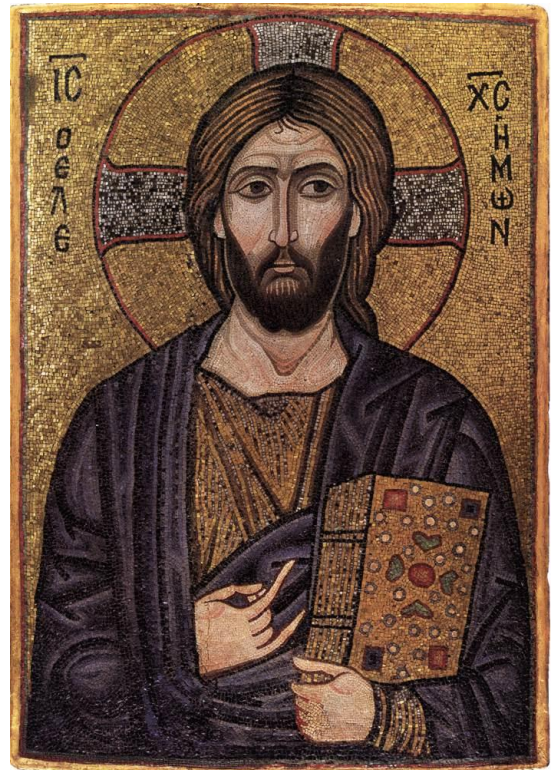
**Sunday Readings:** Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

### 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



### What God Hath Promised

God hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathway  
All our lives through;  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labour,  
Light for the way,  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy,  
Undying love.

## 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 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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## What you sow is what you grow

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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.

### Recent Funerals

*Victor Facio* of St John's House Care Home, Streatham Common. Funeral took place at Putney Vale on Wednesday 22nd August.

*Bridget Crisp* of the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability. Funeral took place at Putney Vale on Friday 24th August.

May they rest in peace.

### First Holy Communion

Please sign the list on the table at the back of the Church if you wish to enrol your child for First Communion classes. They must be in Year Three or above. The classes will take place after the Sunday Mass beginning in the first week of November.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

If any young person in Year Nine or above would like to make their Confirmation in the coming year they should sign the list on the table at the back of the Church. Details of classes to be announced. Adults who have not yet been Confirmed are also welcome.

### London SW Catholic Young Adults

This group for young Catholics meets every month. Next social is on Saturday 1st September 19.00 at The Gourmet Burger Kitchen, Waterloo, SE1 8UL.

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*Sweetest Jesus,  
be not to me a judge, but a Saviour*

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### Forthcoming Dates

Father Alex's Jubilee ..... 7th September  
Eucharistic Congress..... 7th-9th September  
Parish Council .....11th September  
Macmillan Coffee Morning.....29th September  
Race Night.....6th October  
Parish Council .....27th November

## The Famous Catholic Martyrs

### Anne Line, Margaret Clitherow & Margaret Ward

Anne Line grew up at Dunmow, the daughter of a Calvinist father who disowned her. When she and her brother converted to Catholicism. Anne married a fellow convert, Roger Line, but not long after the wedding he was arrested and exiled, dying abroad in 1594. Anne devoted the rest of her life to sheltering priests and enabling them to say Mass. She was arrested on Candlemas Day, 1601 and tried at the Old Bailey. She was hanged on 27th February 1601, affirming her faith and refusing to express regret at having helped a priest.

Margaret Clitherow is known as 'The Pearl of York'. She was not raised a Catholic but converted after her marriage to John Clitherow who was not a Catholic, but who had a brother who was a priest. In addition to raising their children, Margaret began instructing in the faith, and arranging for priests to say Mass. Eventually she was arrested and was cruelly sentenced to be pressed to death.

Margaret Ward lived for a while in Whitehall and, using her good connections, was able to visit the Tower of London where, Father William Watson, was imprisoned. She enlisted the help of a boatman, John Roche, and helped the priest to escape. Roche switched clothes with the priest who was able to get away. Roche and Margaret were later arrested and imprisoned. Margaret was flogged and hung up by her wrists, her toes just occasionally able to touch the ground, so that eventually some of her limbs dislocated and she became partially paralyzed. After a brief trial, she was executed at Newgate.

Their feast is celebrated on Thursday 30th August.

### Seniors Club

The Clubs meeting resumes 5th September.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

10.00-15.00 Saturday 29th September in the Corry Hall.

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*It is always springtime  
in the heart that loves God*

St John Vianney

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### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £375.04, Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

9th September Catholic Education, 16th September Home Missions, CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 7th October.

### 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