



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd September 2018

Their hearts are far from me

Mass Times

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| 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) <i>People of the Parish</i> |
| 3rd | Mon | St Gregory the Great |
| | 9.30 | |
| 4th | Tue | St Cuthbert |
| | 9.30 | Monica & Brendan Meighan
(60th Wedding Anniversary) |
| 5th | Wed | Feria |
| | 9.30 | |
| 6th | Thu | Feria |
| | 9.30 | Angus Grieve Operation |
| 7th | Fri | Feria |
| | 9.30 | NB No Mass |
| | 19.00 | Father Alex's Jubilee of Profession |
| 8th | Sat | Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| | 9.30 | Lolita Delos Santos |
| | 10.00 | Confessions |
| | 17.30 | Vincent & Catherine Howley + |
| 9th | Sun | Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| | 10.00 | Monica Ameke + |
| | 15.00 | (Royal Hospital) <i>People of the Parish</i> |



Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Murillo 1804

Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8th September

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The 8th September date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on 8th December.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal work *The Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This book has no actual historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a baby. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the very beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace.

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Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

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

Cycle of Prayer, Autumn:

Harvest, Fruits of Human of Work, Reverent Use of Creation, Students and Teachers, Spread of the Gospel, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and their Families, All Victims of War, Young People

Next Week's Liturgy Group: John

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

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 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

Never trust a dog to watch your food

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. *Please note that there will be no mass at 9.30 that morning.*

School Mass

Mass on Friday 14th September at 9.30 will take place in St Joseph's School to mark the beginning of the new academic year.

Discussion of the Recent Letter of the Pope on Safeguarding

There will be a meeting at 19.00 on Monday 24th September in St Mary Magdalen Parish Hall, Huguenot Place to discuss the letter of the Holy Father to all Catholics on the question of Safeguarding issues within the Church. The meeting is for both of the Wandsworth parishes. Please come along to what promises to be an interesting and enlightening dialogue.

School Forms

If you require Father Alex to countersign school forms in the next few months he will need to have evidence that you attend mass regularly. Please sign the form on the table at the back of the Church each weekend to demonstrate your attendance.

The chains of habit are too weak to be felt until they are too strong to be broken

Dr Johnson

Forthcoming Dates

Father Alex's Jubilee7th September
Eucharistic Congress.....7th-9th September
Parish Council11th September
Discussion on Safeguarding24th September
Race Night.....6th October
Parish Council27th November

Interested
Becoming??
Catholic



Thinking of Becoming a Catholic?

We will soon be starting enquiry sessions for those thinking of becoming a Catholic leading to reception into the Church at Easter.

If you are interested please contact Father Alex.

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 follow. Adults who have not yet been Confirmed are also most welcome.

Diocesan Day for Catechists 2018

There will be a Day for Catechists on Saturday 22nd September 2018 10.30-16.00 at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 6HR. Cost £10 per person payable by the parish. The day is aimed at all the Catechists of the Diocese, including those involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word and the RCIA process.

Seniors Club

The Seniors Club restarts this Wednesday at 10.15

Don't be so open minded your brains fall out

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £349.61, Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

9th September Catholic Education, 16th September Home Missions, 6th October CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: L Northeast n/w A Oliva, E Falcone

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

Flowers: V Barkho n/w A Oliva

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

Maintenance Team: 11.00 9th September, 14th October