



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th September 2018

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak

Mass Times

- 8th Sat Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 9.30 Lolita Delos Santos
 10.00 Confessions
 17.30 Vincent & Catherine How ley +
- 9th Sun Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10.00 Monica Ameke +
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 10th Mon Feria**
 12.30 Funeral
- 11th Tue Feria**
 9.30
- 12th Wed Feria**
 9.30
- 13th Thu St John Chrysostom**
 9.30
- 14th Fri Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
 9.30 In St Joseph's School
 Charles Mabira +
- 15th Sat Our Lady of Sorrows**
 9.30 Cresencio Alba +
 10.00 Confessions
 17.30 Vincenzina Vanedola +
- 16th Sun Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10.00 Simon Pfaff +
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

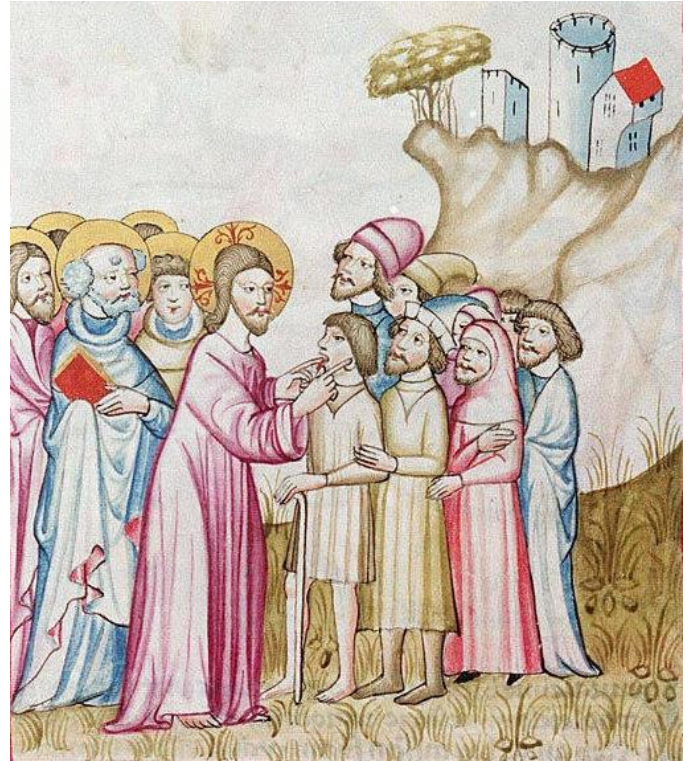
Sunday Readings: Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

Cycle of Prayer, 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: Matthew

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



Jesus Christ Healing the Deaf Man
Codex Palatinus Vindobonensis (4th/5th Century) Vienna.



Beethoven's Piano

A guide was taking a tour group through Beethoven's house. He showed them the piano on which the genius had composed his Moonlight Sonata.

A woman in the group immediately sat down at the famous piano and played a few bars from the sonata.

The guide told the group that the famous Polish pianist and composer Paderewski had once been shown the piano.

The woman gushed, 'And I wager he sat down and played just as I did.' Archly the guide said, 'No, Madam, he said he was not worthy to touch those keys.'

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 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.

**You can preach a better sermon
with your life than with your lips**

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.

Collection for Father Alex

It wasn't possible to take up a collection to mark Father Alex's fortieth anniversary of religious profession due to the summer holidays. Please find attached an envelope for your contribution which can be put in the offertory collection or dropped in to the sacristy.

Race Night

We are holding a Parish Race Night on Saturday 6th October at 19.30 with a Bar and Ploughman's Supper. Tickets only £5 on sale after both weekend Masses. £50 to sponsor a race and £5 to sponsor a horse. Eight races and eight horses in each race. Come along for a fun evening. Good luck!

MacMillan Coffee Morning

10.15 on Saturday 29th September in the Corry Hall

**How else, but through a broken heart,
may the Lord Christ enter in?**

Oscar Wilde

Funeral

There will be a funeral for Concetta Ventura Tharrat on Monday 10th September and so the mass will be at 12.30 on that day.

Forthcoming Dates

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.

**The two best times
to keep your mouth shut
are when you're swimming
and when you're angry**

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £379, Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

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

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: A Oliva, E Falcone n/w F Azevedo, M Figueiredo

Readers: Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey n/w Sat: C Wilkins, E De Souza, H Pall; Sun: G Fayers, C McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: J Cato, D McGavin, C Kawesi Sun: A Nobis, R Nwodo, P Fahy, R McMullan n/w Sat: D McGavin, K Dolan Sun: G Donaldson, S Palmer, R Kuleke, D Lyons

Little Church: R&S Jackson n/w A Kane Blanes C.Webb

Tiny Church: R Barros n/w J Bronicka Anderson

Flowers: A Oliva n/w L Northeast

Royal Hospital: A Robbins n/w Sr Pauline

Maintenance team: 11.00, 13th October