



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd September 2018

If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all

Mass Times

- 22nd Sat Feria**
13.30 Wedding
10.00 Confessions
17.30 Stefania Rondoni +
- 23rd Sun Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10.00 Jessica Daniels +
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 24th Mon Our Lady of Walsingham**
9.30 Alan Martell +
- 25th Tue Feria**
9.30
- 26th Wed SS Cosmas and Damian**
9.30 Jessica Daniels +
- 27th Thu St Vincent de Paul**
9.30 Lala Harrison +
- 28th Fri Feria**
9.30
- 29th Sat SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**
9.30 Rene Aurelio Sauchelli +
10.00 Confessions
17.30 Michael Lamb +
- 30th Sun Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10.00 Patrick Fahy Thanksgiving
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: Luke

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



Christ Blessing the Children, Lucas Cranach the Elder 1535-40

Jesus Welcomes the Children

This week the Gospel presents us with a familiar image: Jesus puts his arms around a child and declares 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' This action is very striking.

In the child we see innocence, purity and grace but there is a further level to Jesus' action. A child in the First Century AD was not a legal entity. Infant mortality was so high the parents could not risk investing too much emotion on them otherwise their lives would be full of disappointments. Children, especially small children, were regarded as non-persons and in +many ways were right at the bottom of the pecking order.

After the disciples argue about greatness, precedence and honour Jesus tells them that such things are not the way to the Father. We have to attend to those who are marginalised and ignored in society. We have to give value to the disregarded, like those little children.

Pope Francis repeats this command when he tells us: 'To love God and neighbour is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served.'

Father Alex

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.

Who forgive most will be most forgiven

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.



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!

Sacred Heart

The statue of the Sacred Heart has now been restored and is returned to us.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory

Life Coaching

A new coaching programme will start on the 20th of October for eight weeks in the Cory Hall. Limited spaces, book your place in advance. Sessions are £7 - first session free. For more information please call Corina on 07507 775530.

Forthcoming Dates

Seniors Club3rd October
Race Night.....6th October
Parish Council27th November
Penitential Service.....17th December
Carol Service 21st December
Confirmation.....28th April

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. The children 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 on Sunday 28th April 2019 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.

Macmillan Coffee morning

Join us for coffee, cakes and a chat on Saturday 29th September 10.00 to 15.00 in the Corry Hall. We can all do something to help families affected by cancer Please come and bring relatives and friends to support the Macmillan Cancer charity.

Love looks through a telescope; envy, through a microscope

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £505.50, Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

6th October, CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, 21st October Missio, 11th November Archbishops Administration Fund, 25th November Catholic Youth Work.

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: E. Chavez, R Martella n/w L. Northeast

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

Little Church: A Kilcawley, M Harrison, A Stacey n/w J & N Neligan, A Mann

Tiny Church: E Lueth

Flowers: A Robbins n/w V Barkho

Royal Hospital: C Kawesi n/w A Vanotti, M Lewis

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 13th October, 10th November