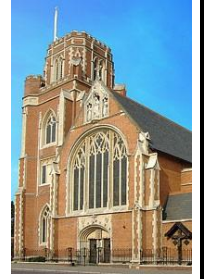


# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th October 2018

## What God has united, man must not divide

### Mass Times

<b>6th Sat Feria</b>	9.30 10.00 Confessions 17.30 Michael Lamb +
<b>7th Sun Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	10.00 Maria Figueiredo Thanksgiving 15.00 (Royal Hospital) <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>8th Mon Feria</b>	9.30
<b>9th Tue Blessed John Henry Newman</b>	9.30
<b>10th Wed Feria</b>	9.30
<b>11th Thu St John XXIII</b>	9.30
<b>12th Fri St Wilfrid</b>	9.30
<b>13th Sat St Edward the Confessor</b>	9.30 Leonardo de Castro + 10.00 Confessions 17.30 Peter Kennedy +
<b>14th Sun Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	10.00 Pam D'Monte + 15.00 (Royal Hospital) <i>People of the Parish</i>

### 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



### CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Today we take up a collection for CAFOD, the Catholic charity that helps the poorest, most hard-to-reach people around the world. On Family Fast Day we ask if you could eat simply – perhaps by giving up a meal, or just having a bowl of soup – and make a donation to CAFOD? It could save someone's life. Every life around the world is precious, but today we are invited by CAFOD to think about a mother in East Africa. Longora lives in Uganda – 14 hours from the capital – in a remote village that has no electricity, no gas, and no hospital nearby. The area is so hot and dry, people struggle to get enough clean water to survive. A few years ago, when Longora was in the late stages of pregnancy, she became seriously ill after drinking dirty water from a local river. She gave birth while she was still sick. Because of the water, her baby was also born seriously ill. She said: 'Ten people died from drinking river water then. My baby died too.' No one can bring Longora's baby back. Hearing from her, it is clear the loss stays with her. It was obvious her community needed clean water CAFOD repaired the well in her village and trained local people in how to maintain it, so they can fix it if it breaks again.

Now Longora and her neighbours have a reliable supply of clean, safe water. At Family Fast Day CAFOD seeks to make changes like this possible. So this Fast Day, please will you eat more simply to help others like Longora's baby boy? And when you choose to eat more simply, please also say a prayer for Longora and millions like her. Eating less isn't easy, but it's a wonderful way of acting out our faith. By having a bowl of soup instead of a meal, and giving the money you save, you could give a family a bag of seeds to grow and feed themselves. If we all ate less for just one meal, the money we save could help to mend a water point for an entire village. Please use one of the envelopes provided to make your donation. And don't worry if you don't have any money with you today, you can also donate online at [cafod.org.uk/harvest](http://cafod.org.uk/harvest)



This weekend we will be taking up a second collection for CAFOD's Harvest Appeal. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please be generous.

To enter marriage is to enter a school of love

Dostoyevsky



Blessed John Henry Newman

On Tuesday 9th October we celebrate the feast of Blessed John Henry Newman. He was the most famous convert from Anglicanism in 19th Century England. After becoming ordained as a Catholic priest he established the Birmingham Oratory. Pope Benedict beatified him during his visit to the UK on 19th September 2010.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thanks to all who helped and supported, total £250



November The Month of the Holy Souls

Please take an envelope from the back of the Church and return it with a list of deceased relatives and friends who you wish to be prayed for during the month of November. The list will be placed on the altar and the names included in all the masses during the Month of the Holy Souls.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

I believe in preaching to the converted; for I have generally found that the converted do not understand their own religion

GK Chesterton

Forthcoming Dates

- Seniors Club ..... 17th October
Cake Sale ..... 28th October
Parish Council ..... 27th November
Penitential Service ..... 17th December
Carol Service ..... 21st December

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. We propose to begin the classes on the four Saturdays in November at 16.00 and then continue them in January. The Bishop has agreed to come and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 28th April at 10.00 mass.

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.

There are big ships and small ships But the best ship of all is friendship

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £ 479 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: 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 Saturday 13th October, 10th November