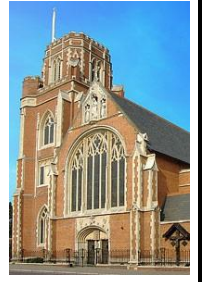


# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th January 2018

His teaching made a deep impression on them

## Mass Times

**27th Sat Feria**

9.30

17.30 *Agnes Mabira Thanksgiving*

**28th Sun Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Times**

10.00 *Cresencio Alba +*

15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

**29th Mon Feria**

9.30

**30th Tue Feria**

9.30

**31st Wed Saint John Bosco**

9.30

**1st Thu Feria**

9.30

**2nd Fri The Presentation of the Lord**

9.30

**3rd Sat St Blaise**

9.30 (with Blessing of Throats)

17.30 (Vigil Mass) *Alfredo Vanotti +*

**4th Sun Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Times**

10.00 *Richard Nathanson Wellbeing*

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 Ordinary Time: Winter

Peace on Earth, Racial Justice, Christian Unity, Victims of Human Trafficking, The Sick and those who care for them, The Unemployed

**Next Week's Liturgy Group:** Matthew

**Baptisms & Marriages:** Please contact the Parish Priest



Simeon the Righteous, Alexei Yegorov

## The Presentation of the Lord

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is kept on Monday 2nd February and it marks the very end of the Christmas Season. This feast is celebrated forty days after Christmas and it is the day when we remove the Christmas Crib from the Church.

We remember how the baby Jesus was presented by his parents in the Temple and where they made the necessary sacrifice for him. We recall how the Prophet Simeon took Jesus in his hands and sang out the song of praise we know as the Nunc Dimittis: "Now let your servant depart in peace because my eyes have seen your salvation."

This feast is also known as Candlemas because on this day we bless the candles used in the Church during the coming year.

In modern times it is also kept as a special; Day of Prayer for those who have embraced the Consecrated Life. We keep this commemoration on the Feast of the Presentation because of the strong parallels between Christ's consecration to God in the Temple and the special consecration made by those who have entered Religious Orders.

Father Alex



**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**  
The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes normally falls on 11th February but this year, since that day is a Sunday, we will celebrate the feast on Monday 12th. This is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick and so we will offer the Sacrament of the Sick after 9.30 mass that day.

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**Who gossips with you  
will gossip of you**

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**First Confession**

First Confession takes place today after 10.00 mass in the Church. Coffee and Tea in the Corry Hall.

**Young Adults**

There will be a Wine and Cheese Evening for Young Adults 19.30 in the Corry Hall on Thursday 22nd Feb. Theme of the discussion: Effective Communications.

**Adoremus**

The Parish will be represented at the Eucharistic Congress by Steve Palmer and Peter Kosasih. We thank them for agreeing to attend on our behalf.

**Confirmation in 2018**

We have had only one application for Confirmation in 2018. Unless we get a few more applications it will be necessary to postpone until 2019.

**St Blaise**

There will be blessing of throats at the 9.30 mass on the Feast of St Blaise, 3rd February.

**Christmas Crib**

All gifts at the Crib are given to the Catholic Children's Society. The Crib will be taken down after the Feast of the Presentation on 2nd February.

**Catholic History Walks**

*For King and Country!* Sunday 4th February 15.00 Catholics and Politics: St Thomas More, Guy Fawkes, Pugin, Parliament and the Abbey. Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral.

*Lift up your heads, O Gates!* Monday 12th February, 14.00. Explore the Square Mile, from its ancient origins as a Catholic capital and then to the Reformation and beyond. Church of the Most Precious Blood, Southwark SE1 1TA.

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**We take two years to learn to talk  
and sixty years to learn to shut up**

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**Upcoming Dates**

Seniors Club ..... 31st January  
Cake Sale ..... 4th of February  
Sacrament of the Sick..... 12th February  
Wandsworth Deanery Meeting..... 13th February  
Ash Wednesday ..... 14th February  
Young Adults Wine & Cheese ..... 22nd February  
Marriage Preparation Course..... 24th February  
Parish Council ..... 6th March  
Parish Council ..... 5th June

**Lenten  
Retreat**  
by Fr Gerard Bradley

**Tuesday 20th February**  
Beginning the Journey to Easter

**Tuesday 27th February**  
The Person of Jesus Christ

**Tuesday 6th March**  
Being a Disciple of Jesus

**Tuesday 13th March**  
The Passion and Death of Jesus

**Tuesday 20th March**  
Finding His Presence in all things

**19:30 @ JTB Catholic Church, Purley**

**Funerals**

*Peter McGinley* of Ericson Close: funeral at St Gregory's, Earlsfield at 11.15 on Friday 2nd February.

*Helen O'Donnell*: funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium at 12.15 on Wednesday 7th February.

*John Heraty* of Santos Road: funeral at 10.00 on Thursday 8th February followed by burial at Putney Vale.

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**You can reach heaven  
from any place on earth**

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**Last Week's Finances**

Parish Collection £455.82, Bankers Orders £384

**Upcoming Second Collections**

Today 28th January Racial Justice Sunday, 11th February Poor Parishes, Sunday 18th February Church Maintenance Fund, 25th February CAFOD.

**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, I Smith 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, W Gallagher, R Kuleke, D Lyons  
**Little Church:** R & S Jackson n/w A Kane Blanes  
**Tiny Church:** R Barros n/w J Bronicka Anderson  
**Flowers:** A Oliva n/w L Northeast  
**Royal Hospital:** Angela Robbins n/w Sister Pauline