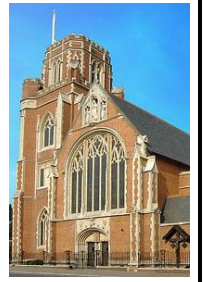




St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Advent

2nd December 2018

They will see the Son of Man coming in power and great glory

Mass Times

- 1st Sat Feria**
9.30 McHugh-Gallagher Family +
10.00 Confessions
17.30 Zaninoni Family +
- 2nd Sun First Sunday of Advent**
10.00 Margaret Kelly +
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 3rd Mon St Francis Xavier**
9.30 Maria Gazelle Eve Cipres +
- 4th Tue Feria**
9.30 Deceased Parish Council Members
- 5th Wed Feria**
9.30 Brian and Margaret Gallagher +
- 6th Thu Feria**
9.30 Deceased Clergy of the Parish
- 7th Fri St Ambrose**
9.30 Nicholas Lewis +
- 8th Sat The Immaculate Conception**
9.30 Patrick Dolan +
10.00 Confessions
17.30 Tess Keaney +
- 9th Sun First Sunday of Advent**
10.00 Neligan and Crampsey Families +
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 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



The Immaculate Conception, Rubens 1628

Alma Redemptoris Mater

Mother of Christ! Hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the deep, and portal of the sky!
Mother of Him Who thee from nothing made,
Sinking we strive and call to thee for aid;
Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

Marian Prayer for Advent



Worry ends where faith begins

The Season of Advent

The word Advent is from the Latin word meaning 'coming.' Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for his arrival. There are actually two comings of Christ and during Advent: we get ourselves ready to celebrate the anniversary of the first coming of Christ at Christmas, but we also prepare ourselves for Christ's second coming at the end of time. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is primarily a period of preparation and prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season. Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no special rules for fasting, but nevertheless it is a time of penance.

For the past couple of years, the diocesan Spirituality Commission has produced a series of short daily emails to help us focus on the true meaning of Advent. To sign up, please visit www.southwarkdsc.org.uk

HMP Wandsworth

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Wandsworth Prison is looking for people willing to help with the music at masses on Sundays (14.00 & 15.15). Contact Jerry Maguire on 07702 315617.

**There is not a tree in Heaven
that is higher than the tree of patience**

Irish Proverb

Ashcroft Academy

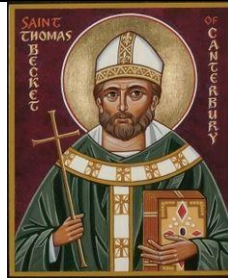
Pupils from Ashcroft Academy will be visiting the Church for three days this coming week.

School Nativity Play

St Joseph's School will be holding their Nativity Play in the Church at 14.00 on Thursday 13th December.

Forthcoming Dates

Christmas Dinner15th December
 School Nativity Play (Church).14.00 13th December
 Penitential Service.....17th December
 Carol Service 21st December
 Feast of St Thomas à Becket.....29th December
 Confirmation.....28th April
 First Communion 12th May



**Feast of
St Thomas à Becket**

We mark the feast of St Thomas à Becket with mass on Saturday 29th December at 17.30. The special preacher will be Father Marcus Holden, an expert on the English Saints.

After the mass there will be a buffet in the Corry Hall in thanks for those who have helped the parish during the year in whatever capacity including servers, singers, sacristans, musicians, cleaners, readers, Eucharistic ministers, catechists, ushers, counters, other volunteers, etc, etc. Please come along and enjoy what promises to be a most convivial evening.

Christmas Services 2018

Penitential Service	19.00	Mon	17th	Dec
School Mass	09.30	Thu	20th	Dec
Carol Service	19.00	Fri	21st	Dec
Saturday Vigil Mass	17.30	Sat	22nd	Dec
Sunday Mass.....	10.00	Sun	23rd	Dec
Hospital Mass.....	15.00	Sun	23rd	Dec
Children's Mass	18.00	Mon	24th	Dec
Midnight Mass	23.30	Mon	24th	Dec
Christmas Day Mass.....	10.00	Tue	25th	Dec
St Stephen's Day	12.00	Wed	26th	Dec
Feast of St Thomas à Becket.....	17.30	Sat	29th	Dec
Feast of the Holy Family	10.00	Sun	30th	Dec
Hospital Mass.....	15.00	Sun	30th	Dec

Cherubini Requiem

The Cherubini Requiem will be performed on Saturday 8 December 19.30 at St Anne's Church, Wandsworth. Tickets are available on the door £13. Further details: www.swlcs.org.uk.

**God asks little,
but He gives much**

Saint John Chrysostom

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £448 Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

9th December Salvatorian Missions

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: Saturday, 8th December