



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Advent

9th December 2018

## Prepare a way for the Lord

### Mass Times

- 8th Sat Feria**  
 9.30 Patrick Dolan +  
 10.00 Confessions  
 17.30 Tess Keaney +
- 9th Sun Second Sunday of Advent**  
 10.00 Neligan and Crampsey families +  
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 10th Mon Feria**  
 9.30 Mary Finn +
- 11th Tue Feria**  
 9.30 Joan Reekie Wellbeing
- 12th Wed Feria**  
 9.30 Anthony Finn Wellbeing
- 13th Thu St Lucy**  
 9.30 Nathaline Finn Wellbeing  
 14.00 School Nativity Play
- 14th Fri St John of the Cross**  
 9.30 Michael Hatton Wellbeing
- 15th Sat Feria**  
 9.30 Sharon Gomes +  
 10.00 Confessions  
 17.30 Noel and Carmel Murray +
- 16th Sun Third Sunday of Advent**  
 10.00 Billy Lowe +  
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*



John the Baptist Preaching in the Wilderness,  
Anton Raphael Mengs 1761

### I Am That Finger

A theologian had a painting which hung in his study. It showed John the Baptist with a long bony finger pointing at Jesus. One day a visitor asked, 'What is your job?' The theologian walked over to the painting and said, 'I am that finger.'

### 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:** Mark

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

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**PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
 Saturday 15th December, 7:30 pm  
 £12:50  
 bar, raffle & entertainment

### Tideway Tunnel

The Tideway Tunnel is in the process of being dug from Acton in the west to Abbey Mills in the east with various feeder tunnels, a combined route of 25km. It will carry sewage in order to avoid it being discharged into the River Thames. This will be of major environmental benefit to the river and the city but comes at a cost of £4.2 billion. One of the tributary tunnels is being dug from Dormay Street on the river to King George's Park. On Tuesday 4th December Father Alex blessed a statue of St Barbara, the patron saint of tunnelers, and presided over a short ceremony during which her statue was placed in a small shrine at the entrance to the tunnel.

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## When we lend an ear, we lend a hand

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### School Nativity Play

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

### Day of Recollection

There will be a Day of Recollection together with St Mary Magdalen Parish at Farnborough Abbey on Saturday 15th December. We will get the 9.46 train from Clapham Junction meeting on platform nine at 9.40. We will return on the 16.00 train getting in at 16.25. Please bring a packed lunch. During the day there will be Mass, we will join the monks for the celebration of the Divine Office, there will be two talks by Deacon Peter and the Abbot will lead us on a tour of the Abbey and the Imperial Tombs.

### Carol Service

If you can bring some mince pies for the Carol Service on 21st they may be left in the Corry Hall beforehand.

### Penitential Service

Advent Penitential Service at 19.00 on Monday 17th December with several priests available for Confession. There is no better way to prepare for Christmas than to go to Confession during Advent.

### Survive-Miva

A representative from Survive-Miva will speak at the masses this weekend. This worthwhile Catholic charity supplies vehicles for use by priests in the Missions.

### Seniors Club

We are still looking for a helper to co-ordinate and manage the Seniors Club as from January 2019.

### Raffle Prizes

Good quality prizes are needed for the raffle at the Christmas Dinner. Please leave them in the sacristy.

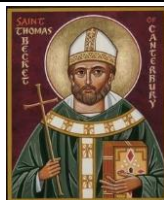
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## To master temptation, let Christ master you.

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### Forthcoming Dates

Christmas Dinner .....15th 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 is Father Marcus Holden, an expert on the English Saints.

After the mass there will be a buffet in the Corry Hall in appreciation of 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  
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

### Children's Christmas Mass

Children coming to the special Children's Mass at 18.00 on Christmas Eve are welcome to dress up as Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, Kings, etc.

### 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.

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## Don't lend people money, it gives them amnesia

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### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £541.52 Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

9th December Survive-Miva, 16th December Missions

### Rotas

**Sunday Welcome & Coffee:** F Azevado, M Figueiredo n/w E Chavez. R Martella

**Readers:** Sat: C Wilkins, E De Souza, H Pall Sun: G Fayers, C McCarthy, n/w Sat: R & S Jackson Sun: A Burnett, T Greetham, A Kane Blanes

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sat: D McGavin, K Dolan Sun: G Donaldson, S Palmer, R Kuleke, D Lyons n/w Sat: M & S Lee Sun: G D'Monte, V Chima, A Kilcawley, R McMullan

**Little Church:** A Kane Blanes, C Webb n/w A Kilcawley, M Harrison, A Stacey

**Tiny Church:** J. Bronicka Anderson n/w E Lueth

**Flowers:** L Northeast n/w A Robbin

**Royal Hospital:** Sr Pauline n/w C Kawesi

**Maintenance Team:** 11.00 Saturday 12th January