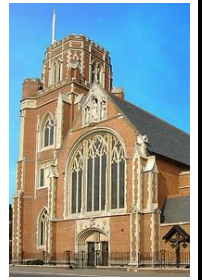




# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Christmas Day

25th December 2018

## The Word was made flesh and lived among us

### Mass Times

- 24th Mon Christmas Eve**  
 18.00 Children's Mass  
 23.30 Midnight Mass preceded by Carols
- 25th Tue The Nativity of the Lord**  
 10.00 Irene Vincent Wellbeing
- 26th Wed St Stephen**  
 12.00 Intention of the Trustees
- 27th Thu St John**  
 9.30 Rose Poole +
- 28th Fri The Holy Innocents**  
 9.30 Hazel & Horace Moncrieffe +
- 29th Sat St Thomas à Becket**  
 9.30 Christine Kawesi Thanksgiving  
 10.00 Confessions  
 17.30 Special Mass for St Thomas à Becket  
 James O'Donovan +
- 30th Sun The Holy Family**  
 10.00 Thomas Keaney +  
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*



The Nativity, Fra Angelico 1439-43

### I am Joseph

I am Joseph, carpenter,  
 Of David's kingly line,  
 I wanted an heir; discovered  
 My wife's son wasn't mine.

I am an obstinate lover,  
 Loved Mary for better or worse,  
 Wouldn't stop loving when I found  
 Someone Else came first.

Mine was the likeness I hoped for  
 When the first-born man-child came.  
 But nothing of him was me. I couldn't  
 Even choose his name.

I am Joseph, who wanted  
 To teach my own boy how to live.  
 My lesson for my foster son:  
 Endure. Love. Give.

UA Fanthorpe



### Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

**Sunday Readings:** Year C **Weekday Readings:** Year 1

### 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: ??**

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



**Every good wish and blessing for Christmas**

May the Blessings of Christmas be with you,  
May the Christ Child light your way,  
May God's holy angels guide you,  
And keep you safe each day.

**Christmas Crib**

All gifts at the Crib are given to the Catholic Children's Society. Please support this work as generously as you can.

**The hinge of history is to be found on the door of a Bethlehem stable**

**Thank You**

Christmas at St Thomas à Becket is a very busy and lively time; it is a real celebration of the love of God made manifest in the birth of his Son, Jesus Christ. Our grateful thanks go to those who cleaned and decorated the Church so beautifully, to our singers and musicians, to the Altar Servers and to all those who are involved in so many ways. A special thanks to those who helped with the very beautiful Carol Service. Also thank you very much for your very generous Christmas offerings, cards and gifts.

**St Stephen's Day**

Please note that mass on St Stephen's Day, 26th December, will be at 12.00.

**Christmas Blessing**

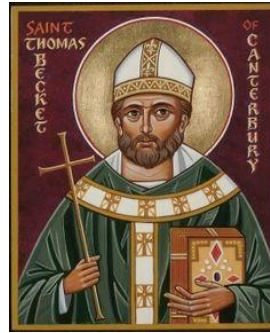
The light of the Christmas star to you,  
The warmth of home and hearth to you,  
The cheer and good will of friends to you,  
The hope of a childlike heart to you,  
The joy of a thousand angels to you,  
The love of the Son,  
And God's peace to you.

**Make me pure, Lord:  
Thou are holy:  
Make me meek, Lord:  
Thou wert lowly**

*Gerard Manley Hopkins*

**Forthcoming Dates**

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 Offerings**

Envelopes are available in the Church for your Christmas Offering for the Clergy. The envelopes can be used on Christmas Day (or any time if you are going away). This collection is an important part of the priest's annual income. Thank you for your generosity and I assure you and your families of a warm remembrance in my prayers at Christmas and throughout the year.

*Father Alex*

**Little Church**

Little Church resumes again on Sunday 6th January.

**Parent and Toddler Group**

Our Parent and Toddler Group reopens on Monday 7th January 10.00-12.00 in the Corry Hall.

**Love came down at Christmas;  
Love all lovely, love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas,  
Stars and angels gave the sign**

*Christina Rossetti*

**Last Week's Finances**

Parish Collection £479 Bankers Orders £384

**Upcoming Second Collections**

6th January SPUC White Flower Appeal

