



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Christ the King

25th November 2018

Yes, I am a King

Mass Times

- 24th Sat St Andrew Dung-Lac**
 9.30 Mary McDonnell +
 10.00 Confessions
 17.30 Rene Aurelio Sauchelli +
- 25th Sun Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
 10.00 Ana Dos P. Rodrigues & Jose J. Figueiredo +
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 26th Mon Feria**
 9.30 Falcone Family Thanksgiving
- 27th Tue Feria**
 9.30 Marcella Devlin +
- 28th Wed Feria**
 9.30 To all Souls +
- 29th Thu Feria**
 9.30 David Marland +
- 30th Fri St Andrew**
 9.30 Marcella and Bernard Devlin +
- 1st Sat Feria**
 9.30 Deceased members of the McHugh-Gallagher Family +
 10.00 Confessions
 17.30 Deceased members of the Zaninoni Family +
- 2nd Sun First Sunday of Advent**
 10.00 Margaret Kelly +
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*



There once was a King who fell in love with a milkmaid. He decided to give up his throne and renounce all his wealth and power so that he could woo her just like any other farm labourer.

His closest advisor told him that he was mad. If no other better born girl would do then why not just invite her to the palace and make her his wife. The King said that if he did that she would be overawed by the magnificence of his court and would feel obliged to marry him without really loving him. This would not do. He wanted to win her love and the only way of doing this was to become like her, get on the same level and woo her just like any of the village lads.

Of course he realised that he was taking a chance because she might not love him, she might reject him. But the young King reckoned that it was worth risking everything in order to find true love.

The King sacrificed all he had in order to win the milkmaid's love, he gave up his kingdom and all his power and wealth. His action was just like that of Christ, the King of the Universe, the King of all that is. He gave up everything in order to become like us. He too takes the chance that we will reject him.

Kierkegaard's Parable

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: John

St Thomas à Becket R C Church



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

An adolescent is a person who acts like a baby when they don't get treated like an adult.



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ADOREMUS
 NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS
I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Eucharistic Congress

Steve Palmer and Peter Kosasih represented our parish at the National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool from 7th to 9th September. Their two-page report is on the noticeboard at the back of the Church. We will be discussing the implications of the Congress for our parish at the next meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 27th November at 19.30. The meeting is open to all so please come along and share your views.

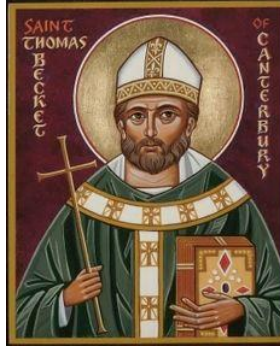
School Nativity Play

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

As growth can come through pain, so faith can come through doubt

Forthcoming Dates

Parish Council	27th November
School Nativity Play (Church).....	14.00 13th December
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 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

**The nation doesn't simply need what we have
 It needs what we are**

St. Edith Stein

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £516 Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

11th November Archbishop's Administration Fund,
 25th November Catholic Youth Work.

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: L Northeast n/w A Oliva, E Falcone

Readers: Sat: E & N Falcone, H Pall, Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast n/w Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin, C. Kawesi Sun: D Lyons, L Delos Santos, J Cato n/w Sat: J Cato, D McGavin, C Kawesi Sun: A Nobis, R Nwodo, P Fahy, R McMullan

Little Church: J & N Neligan, A Mann n/w R&S Jackson

Tiny Church: L. Fernandes Ferreira n/w R Barros

Flowers: V Barkho n/w A. Oliva

Royal Hospital: A. Vanotti, M Lewis n/w A Robbin

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 8th December