

# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Easter

8th April 2018

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven

## Mass Times

### 7th Sat Saturday in the Octave of Easter

9.30 Kay Nolan +  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30

### 8th Sun Second Sunday of Easter

10.00 The Lamb Family  
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

### 9th Mon The Annunciation of the Lord

9.30 Nicola Edwards - Thanksgiving

### 10th Tue Feria

9.30

### 11th Wed St Stanislaus

9.30

### 12th Thu Feria

11.00 Requiem Mass for Shirley Hayden

### 13th Fri Feria

9.30

### 14th Sat Feria

9.30  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Nealie Lennon +

### 15th Sun Third Sunday of Easter

10.00 Maria Rosa Da Silva +  
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

## Confessions:

Saturday 10.00-11.00 and at call

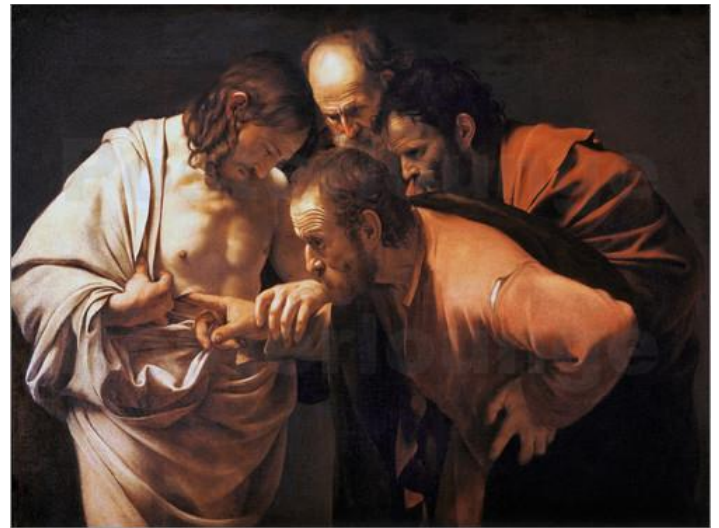
**Sunday Readings:** Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

## Cycle of Prayer, Easter:

New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work,  
Right Use of Media, the Church

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

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



The Incredulity of St Thomas, Caravaggio 1602-03

## Saint Thomas

The role of the Apostles and Evangelists was to provide a witness to what Jesus had done so that others could come to faith without having the advantage that Thomas had of meeting Jesus in the flesh and being challenged by him. Thomas was one of those witnesses. He is important because like the other the Apostles he experienced the life, death and especially the resurrection of Jesus at first hand.

We do not know for sure what became of Thomas. He was with six other disciples who later, according to John's last chapter, went fishing in Galilee and then met Jesus again on the shore of the lake and had breakfast with him. The last we hear of him in the scriptures is that he was amongst those who were gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem waiting for the great outpouring of the Spirit which came at Pentecost.

There is a strong tradition that Thomas took the Gospel to India, and there are many Christians in India who trace their history back to the earliest centuries and claim to have been founded by Saint Thomas. That is not impossible from an historical perspective, for there was certainly some trade between the Roman Empire and South India. Roman coins have been found near Madras (now Chennai).

If you go to Madras today they will show you where Thomas met a martyr's death on a hill near the city, as well as the Catholic Cathedral of Saint Thomas where he is reputed to be buried. Its lively liturgy is evidence of the continuing strength of the witness of the Apostles that even today they continue to bring people to a living faith in the risen Lord Jesus.

Father Alex



### Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday is known as Divine Mercy Sunday and is so named in order to highlight the Message of Divine Mercy as proclaimed by Sister Faustina Kowalska and promoted by Pope John Paul II.

The faithful are encouraged to spend time to discover more about the mercy of God, to learn how to trust in Jesus, and to respond to the invitation to live lives which are as merciful to others as Christ is merciful to us.

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## Give God what's right, not what's left

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### First Communion

No First Communion classes today. Coffee and Tea in the Corry Hall after the Sunday 10.00 mass. First Communion classes resume next Sunday.

### Easter Duties

You will be aware that Easter Duties are still an obligation for all Catholics. This means that we are required to go to Confession and to receive Holy Communion at least once between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

### First Communion Outfits

If anyone has a First Communion outfit which is no longer required please drop it into the Parish Office so someone else can get use out of it.

### Adoremus: Eucharistic Congress

Scripture and Eucharist - Get a life! Father Nick King SJ will speak at the Parish Centre, Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon at 19.30 on Thursday 12th April.

### St Joseph's School

As a result of recent interviews by the School Governors we are pleased to be able to announce that Miss Emma Cashier, who has been Acting Head of St Joseph's School for the last two terms, has now been appointed as the permanent Headteacher. We offer her our congratulations and look forward to experiencing inspiring leadership from her in the years ahead.

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## True prayer is asking God what He wants

William Barclay

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### Forthcoming Dates

Seniors Club .....11th April  
Quiz Night ..... 12th May  
First Communion ..... 13th May  
Parish Council ..... 5th June

### Prayer for Guidance

Lord, what we have not, give us.  
Lord, what we know not, teach us.  
Lord, what we are not, make us.  
Forgive what we have been.  
Sanctify what we are and order what we shall be,  
For your mercy's sake. Amen

### Thanks

We express our grateful thanks to all who have enabled us to celebrate our Easter ceremonies in a truly worthy manner. We include the singers and musicians, the servers, the sacristans, the cleaners, the flower arrangers and all those who work so hard on our behalf to beautify the Church and to facilitate the liturgy. We have a most beautiful Church and it is gratifying that it is so well cared for by the parishioners.

### Quiz Night

Sat 12th May in the Corry Hall. Bar and raffle. Tickets £7.50 including buffet available next Sunday.

### Parent and Toddler Group

Our Parent and Toddler Group will be closed on Monday 9th April for the Easter Holiday and will reopen on 16th April. It will also be closed on Monday 7th May which is the May Day Bank Holiday.

### Little Church

Little Church resumes its liturgy next Sunday.

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## God's Word does not have secret codes That need a special key; It's understandable and clear, With truth for all to see.

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### Funeral

Requiem Mass for Shirley Hayden will take place on Thursday 12th April at 11.00. May she rest in peace.

### Upcoming Second Collections

Today 8th April Church Maintenance; 22nd April Ecclesiastical Education, 6th June Congo Mission.

### Easter Offering

Many thanks for your generous Easter Offerings which go directly to the priest and are a major part of his income. Your gift is much appreciated.

### Rotas

**Sunday Welcome & Coffee:** E Chavez, R Martella n/w M Harrison, L Northeast

**Readers:** Sat: R & S Jackson Sun: A. Burnett, T Greetham, A. Kane Blanes n/w Sat: E & N Falcone, H Pall Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sat: M & S Lee, Sun: G D'Monte, V Chima, A Kilcawley, R McMullan n/w Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin, C Kawesi Sun: D Lyons, E Sinclair, L Delos Santos, J Cato

**Flowers:** A Robbins n/w V Barkho

**Royal Hospital:** C Kawesi n/w A Vanotti, M Lewis

**Maintenance Team:** 11.00 Saturday 14th April, 12th May