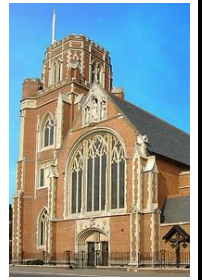




# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord

6th January 2019

## We have come to do him homage

### Mass Times

- 5th Sat Feria of Christmas**  
 9.30 Anne D'Silva Wellbeing  
 10.00 Confessions  
 17.30 Margaret O'Donovan +
- 6th Sun The Epiphany of the Lord**  
 10.00 Antonia Cafaro Rebechini +  
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 7th Mon Feria of Christmas**  
 9.30 Patrick Dolan +
- 8th Tue Feria of Christmas**  
 9.30 Michael Hatton +
- 9th Wed Feria of Christmas**  
 9.30 Santana Gomes +
- 10th Thu Feria of Christmas**  
 9.30 Canon John O'Toole Thanksgiving
- 11th Fri Feria of Christmas**  
 9.30 Winnie Finnerty Wellbeing
- 12th Sat St Aelred**  
 9.30 Devlin Family +  
 10.00 Confessions  
 17.30 Michael Grenham +
- 13th Sun The Baptism of the Lord**  
 10.00 Antonia Cafaro Rebechini +  
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

### 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:** Mark

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



The Adoration of the Wise Men, Fra Angelico 1440

### Hymn from the Divine Office for the Feast of the Epiphany

Fairer than the sun at morning  
was the star that told his birth;  
to the lands their God announcing,  
hid beneath a form of earth.

By its lambent beauty guided,  
see, the eastern kings appear;  
see them bend, their gifts to offer,  
gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.

Solemn things of mystic meaning:  
incense doth the God disclose;  
gold a royal Child proclaimeth;  
myrrh a future tomb foreshows.

Holy Jesu, in thy brightness  
to the Gentile world displayed,  
with the Father and the Spirit  
endless praise to thee be paid.

### New Rotas

The new rotas for those helping with various aspects of parish life are ready and available at the back of the church. Thank you very much for your service to the parish. If you are unable to help on any particular day please swap with someone else.

### Christmas Crib

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

**Always and never  
are two words to always remember  
never to use together**

### SPUC

The annual White Flower Appeal for SPUC will take place this Sunday, 6th January

### What is SPUC?

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is the oldest pro-life campaigning and educational organisation in the world. It was founded in January 1967 to oppose the abortion bill being debated in Parliament at the time. That bill would go on to become the 1967 Abortion Act, while SPUC became the UK's first and largest pro-life group.



Tragically, more than 8.4 million unborn children have lost their lives in Britain to this Abortion Act. Abortion is the biggest killer of children in the world today. SPUC works to protect human lives at the national and local level, and to build a society free from abortion.

As well as fighting abortion, SPUC also campaigns against other direct threats to the lives of vulnerable individuals, such as euthanasia and embryo abuse. SPUC recognises the need to have a consistent life ethic -to value the lives of all human beings equally- and the foundation of this must always be recognising the humanity of the child in the womb.

**There is nothing as strong as  
gentleness,  
there is nothing as gentle as  
real strength**

*St. Frances De Sales*

### Confirmation

Confirmation classes resume on Saturday 2nd February at 16.00 in the Corry Hall.

### Forthcoming Dates

Christian Unity Week ..... 18-25th January  
Confirmation.....28th April  
First Communion ..... 12th May



### Christian Unity Week

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity is from 18th to 25th January. Please remember this intention in your prayers during these eight days of prayer. Our prayers for Christian unity are offered within the context of a world where corruption, greed and injustice bring about inequality and division. We ourselves are often complicit in injustice, and yet we are called together to form a united witness for justice and to be a means of Christ's healing grace for a fractured world.

### A Prayer for Christian Unity Week

Prayer God of all, you have shown us the path of justice. You are the father of the orphan. You are the constant companion of the widow. You are the friend of the stranger. In each of these, may we meet you and recognize the wind of your Spirit, moving us toward the need for justice. In all that we do, may we know your grace and mercy and offer healing and justice in your name. Amen.

### Little Church

Little Church resumes today Sunday 6th January.

### Parent and Toddler Group

Our Parent and Toddler Group reopens on Monday 7th January 10.00-12.00.

**A man who has committed a mistake  
and doesn't correct it  
is committing another mistake**

*Confucius*

### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £ 396 Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

6th January SPUC White Flower Appeal

### 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

M Slade 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

9th February