



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Feast of the Holy Family

30th December 2018

They found him in the Temple

Mass Times

- 29th Sat St Thomas à Becket**
9.30 Christine Kawesi Thanksgiving
10.00 Confessions
17.30 Special Mass for St Thomas a Becket
James O'Donovan +
- 30th Sun The Holy Family**
10.00 Thomas Keaney +
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 31st Mon Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas**
9.30 Geraldine Noonan Wellbeing
- 1st Tue Mary, Mother of God**
12.00 Simon Pfaff +
- 2nd Wed SS Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**
9.30 Patrick Dolan +
- 3rd Thu Holy Name of Jesus**
9.30 Alan Reed +
- 4th Fri Feria**
9.30 Edward Maloney +
- 5th Sat Feria**
9.30 Anne D'Silva Wellbeing
10.00 Confessions
17.30 Margaret O'Donovan +
- 6th Sun The Epiphany of the Lord**
10.00 Devlin Family +
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*



The Holy Family

A Prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family

God our Father,
we pray for all families,
that members may feel encouraged
to live fully,
and may discover
the sanctity of human love
and the value of family life.
If times are troubled
through separation
or difficulties in relationships,
may people learn to be generous.
May we all learn
how to break the cycle
of whatever may be negative,
growing in understanding
and appreciation
and in love and respect. Amen.

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 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: Matthew

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



Christmas Crib

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

**May all your troubles last as long
as your New Year's resolutions**

Confirmation

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

Little Church

Little Church resumes next Sunday 6th January.

SPUC

The annual White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child will take place on Sunday 6th January.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from 18th to the 25th January 2018. The Week of Prayer always concludes with the Feast of St Paul.

Prayer for the Feast of St Thomas à Becket

Almighty God,
you granted your martyr, Thomas of Canterbury,
the grace to give his life willingly
for the freedom of your Church.
By his prayers make us willing
to renounce our life in this world for Christ
so that we may find it in heaven.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

**You don't choose your family
They are God's gift to you,
as you are to them**

Desmond Tutu

Parent and Toddler Group

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

Forthcoming Dates

Feast of St Thomas à Becket.....29th December
Confirmation.....28th April
First Communion 12th May

**Feast of Mary, the Mother of God
& World Day of Prayer for Peace**

Please note that on New Year's Day the morning mass will be at 12.00 to give people the opportunity to attend after the New Year celebrations.

On 1st January Pope Francis will mark the annual World Day of Peace with a message titled: 'Good Politics is at the Service of Peace.' Pope Francis compels everyone to be engaged in the work of advocating for and with those whose voices are marginalized, to ensure the protection and fulfilment of the 'youngest and smallest.' Full text on the Vatican website.

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 ensuring the good running of the parish so many different ways.

A special thanks to those who helped with the very beautiful Carol Service and also at the special mass held on our patronal feast. Also I'd like to thank you very much for your very generous Christmas offerings, cards and gifts.
Father Alex

New Rotas

The new rotas 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 on the list.

**The family is a haven
in a heartless world**

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £347 Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

6th January SPUC White Flower Appeal

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: A Oliva, E Falcone n/w F Azevedo, M Figueiredo

Readers: Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey n/w Sat: C Wilkins, E De Souza, H Pall; Sun: G Fayers, C McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: J Cato, D McGavin, C Kawesi Sun: A Nobis, R Nwodo, P Fahy, R McMullan n/w Sat: D McGavin, K Dolan Sun: G Donaldson, S Palmer, R Kuleke, D Lyons

Little Church: none this week n/w A Kane Blanes C Webb

Tiny Church: None this week n/w J Bronicka Anderson

Flowers: A Oliva n/w L Northeast

Royal Hospital: A Robbins n/w Sr Pauline

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 12th January, 9th February