

# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Lent

25th February 2018

This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him

## Mass Times

### 24th Sat Feria

9.30 Aaron Jackson Wellbeing

17.30 Tess Keaney +

### 25th Sun First Sunday of Lent

10.00 Robert Reese Williams Thanksgiving

15.00 (Royal Hospital) People of the Parish

17.30 Stations of the Cross

### 26th Mon Feria

9.30 John Heraty +

### 27th Tue Feria

9.30 Deceased Members of Bevilacqua family

### 28th Wed Feria

9.30 John Bernie Tehan Wedding Anniversary

### 1st Thu Saint David

9.30 Liz Buckley +

### 2nd Fri Feria

9.30 Irene Vincent Thanksgiving

Followed by Stations of the Cross

### 3rd Sat Feria

9.30 No Mass

17.30 (Vigil Mass) Leszek Piotrowski +

### 4th Sun Third Sunday of Lent

10.00 Eileen Sliman +

15.00 (Royal Hospital) People of the Parish

17.30 Stations of the Cross



The Transfiguration, Fra Angelico 1440-42

## The Transfiguration

The Transfiguration is one of the few Gospel narratives that is repeated more than once throughout the liturgical year. It has its own feast day in August. Why then do we hear it during Lent?

One reason is that it points towards the whole aim of the penitential season of Lent: it gives us a glimpse of the Resurrection. Jesus permits the select group of disciples to see his future glory.

We are given this text about the Transfiguration to sustain us as we do penance and give us sight of the Easter victory that we are preparing to celebrate. The glory shows us that Jesus is God. The appearance of Moses and Elijah tells us that Christ himself is the fulfilment of the whole of Salvation History.

It is these facts that we should not lose sight of. Whilst the solemnity of the season of Lent is important; it loses all its potency if we forget that it leads us to the glory and joy of Easter.

Father Alex

### Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

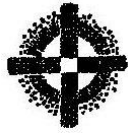
**Sunday Readings:** Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

**Cycle of Prayer, Lent:** Candidates for the Sacraments, Needy and Hungry of the World, Women's World Day of Prayer, Penitents and Wanderers

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

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

## The Stations of the Cross



**Fridays of Lent at 10.00 &  
Sundays of Lent at 17.30**

Booklets are available  
so you can make the Stations at any time  
*We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,  
because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world*

**Men are like wine:  
some turn to vinegar,  
but the best improve with age**

Pope John XXIII

### First Communion

First Communion classes take place today in the Corry Hall after the Sunday 10.00 mass. Coffee and Tea in the atrium and Priests House.

### Newsletter by E-mail

If you wish to receive the parish newsletter by e-mail please inform [becket.westhill@btinternet.com](mailto:becket.westhill@btinternet.com)

### Seniors Club

Gifts or unwanted presents needed and gratefully received for Bingo prizes for Seniors Club. Please leave in Parish Office. Seniors Club will meet on 28th February at 12.00 in Corry Hall

### Church Cleaning

If you can help with Church Cleaning please inform the Secretary. Choose the time that suits you best.

### Marriage Encounter

Enrich your marriage with a Marriage Encounter weekend. This non-residential event, taking place on April 28/29 in Purley is aimed at couples with average/good marriages who would like to make them a bit better. Here is your chance to improve your communication skills and your relationship (there is no group work). Details: 020 8651 2477 or email [marriage2014@virginmedia.com](mailto:marriage2014@virginmedia.com)

**Bad habits are like comfortable bed...  
easy to get into, but hard to get out of**



This Sunday we will take up a second collection to mark Lent Fast Day and to support the work of CAFOD in the third world. Please be generous.

### Upcoming Dates

Seniors Club ..... 28th February  
Parish Council ..... 6th March  
Parish Council ..... 5th June

# Lenten Retreat

by Fr Gerard Bradley

**Tuesday 20th February**  
Beginning the Journey to Easter

**Tuesday 27th February**  
The Person of Jesus Christ

**Tuesday 6th March**  
Being a Disciple of Jesus

**Tuesday 13th March**  
The Passion and Death of Jesus

**Tuesday 20th March**  
Finding His Presence in all things

**19:30 @ JTB Catholic Church, Purley**

**We lie the loudest  
when we lie to ourselves**

### Funeral

The funeral of Michael Callaghan took place at 12.30 on Friday 23rd February. May he rest in peace.

### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £573.97, Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

Sunday, 25th February CAFOD Family Fast Day; 11th March & 8th April Church Maintenance; 22nd April Ecclesiastical Education.

### 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, I Smith 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, W Gallagher, R Kuleke, D Lyons

**Little Church:** R & S Jackson n/w A Kane Blanes, C Webb

**Tiny Church:** R Barros n/w J Bronicka Anderson

**Flowers:** A Oliva n/w L Northeast

**Royal Hospital:** Angela Robbins n/w Sr Pauline