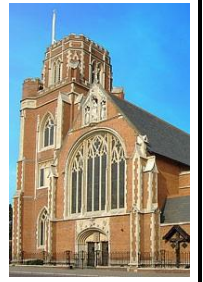


# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Lent

4th March 2018

## Stop turning my Father's house into a market

### Mass Times

- 3rd Sat Feria**  
 9.30 *No Mass*  
 17.30 *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*
- 5th Mon Feria**  
 9.30 *Deceased Members of Neligan Family*
- 6th Tue Feria**  
 9.30 *Beth Smith*
- 7th Wed Feria**  
 9.30 *Barbara Lamb*
- 8th Thu Feria**  
 9.30 *Ornella Callot +*
- 9th Fri Feria**  
 9.30 *Bill Gallagher*  
 Followed by *Stations of the Cross*
- 10th Sat Feria**  
 9.30  
 17.30 (Vigil Mass) *Hughie Murray +*
- 11th Sun Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 10.00 *Antonio P Delos Santos +*  
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*  
 17.30 *Stations of the Cross*

### 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:** Mark

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



The Cleansing of the Temple, El Greco

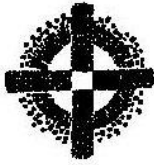
### The Cleansing of the Temple

This is a very dramatic and startling episode in the Gospel narrative. The image of meek and mild Jesus is put into the shade by this driving out of the traders with a whip. Our Lord of course is totally justified. The commerce going on in the courtyard was supposed to be to enable people to buy animals for the ritual sacrifice commanded by God in the Law of Moses but the sellers had lost sight of the goal and turned it into a purely money-making enterprise.

As Temples of the Holy Spirit each one of us also has a duty to make sure that our own 'house is in order'. The season of Lent gives us a focused opportunity to cleanse the sanctuary of our souls. We can ask ourselves what things in our life stop us from being God's Temple? What things do we let block our hearts from God and his spirit? During this season we should all take stock and if needed clear out all that stops us from being flourishing member of the Church.

Father Alex

## 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*

### 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.

**He who nothing questions,  
nothing learns**

### Newsletter by E-mail

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

### Seniors Club

We would like to thank Anna Vanotti for the delicious Italian Meal enjoyed by Seniors. Gifts or unwanted presents needed and gratefully received for Bingo prizes for Seniors Club. Please leave donations in the Parish Office. Seniors Club meeting on 14th March is cancelled.

### Feast of St Joseph

The staff and pupils of St Joseph's School will be joining us for mass at 9.30 on Monday 19th March to celebrate their feast day.

### Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 19.30 on Tuesday 6th March in the Corry Hall. All parishioners welcome.

**The devil's boots  
don't creak**

*Scottish Proverb*

### Lenten Retreat

Father Gerard Bradley is giving a Lenten Retreat at St John the Baptist Purley. 6th March *Being a Disciple of Jesus*, 20th March *Finding His Presence in All Things*. All at 19.30.

### Forthcoming Dates

Parish Council ..... 6th March  
Parish Council ..... 5th June

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**Death is not the extinguishing of a light,  
but the putting out of the lamp  
because the dawn has come.**

### Church Cleaning

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

### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £539.96, Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

11th March & 8th April Church Maintenance; 22nd April Ecclesiastical Education.

### Rotas

**Sunday Welcome & Coffee:** F Azevado, M Figueiredo n/w E Chavez. R Martella

**Readers:** Sat: C Wilkins, I Smith Sun: G Fayers, C McCarthy, n/w Sat: R & S Jackson Sun: A Burnett, T Greetham, A Kane Blanes

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sat: D McGavin, K Dolan Sun: G Donaldson, W Gallagher, R Kuleke, D Lyons n/w Sat: M & S Lee Sun: G D'Monte, V Chima, S Palmer, 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 Robbins

**Royal Hospital:** Sr Pauline n/w C Kawesi