

St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Pentecost Sunday

20th May 2018

The Spirit of truth will lead you

Mass Times

- 19th Sat Saint Dunstan**
9.30
10.00 Confessions
17.30 Martin Marnie +
- 20th Sun Pentecost Sunday**
10.00 Lorraine O'Connor +
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 21st Mon Mary, Mother of the Church**
9.30 Sr. Margaret Herlihy SMG
- 22nd Tue Feria**
9.30 Ornella Elisabetta Callot +
- 23rd Wed Feria**
9.30 Brian and Margaret Gallagher +
- 24th Thu Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest**
9.30 Claire Bressac +
- 25th Fri Saint Bede the Venerable**
9.30 Deceased Members of Vanedola Family
- 26th Sat Saint Philip Neri**
9.30
10.00 Confessions
17.30 Tim Nolan +
- 27th Sun The Most Holy Trinity**
10.00 Gabriel Du Plessis
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

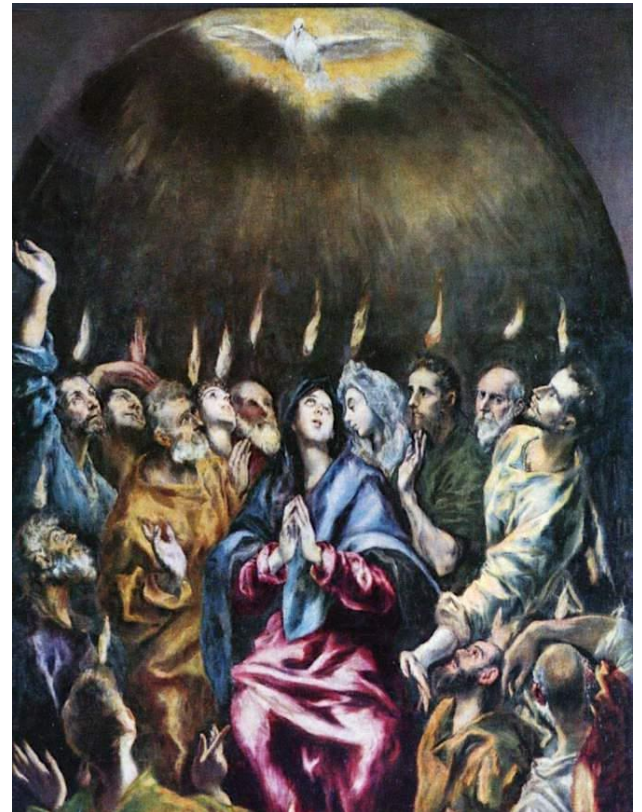
Sunday Readings: Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

Cycle of Prayer, Easter:

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

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Matthew

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



Pentecost, El Greco, 1600

Pentecost

It is important to recognise the transformational aspect of the Feast of Pentecost. The disciples up to that point had been mostly passive. They had listened to Christ's message, they had followed him and they had witnessed his miracles but not much else.

But on the Feast of Pentecost they are totally transformed; they suddenly become active witnesses to Christ and his Gospel. They are emboldened and become missionaries to the world taking the Gospel to the very ends of the earth.

We too are transformed through our reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. It might not feel as dramatic as what happened to the disciples but please do realise that each one of us was changed through our reception of that wonderful sacrament. And each one of us now has the role of being a witness to Christ in the world of today.

Father Alex

Congratulations

We offer our warm congratulations to those who made their First Communion last Sunday. They will be coming to 10.00 mass this Sunday in their First Communion Outfits and will have a party in the Corry Hall. We thank Father Christopher Luoga who stood in for Father Alex who is still recovering from his leg injury.

**The only job
where you start at the top,
is digging a hole**

Altar Servers

If any of the children who have just made their First Communion this year wishes to become an Altar Server they should come along to the Sacristy about ten minutes before mass so we can get them ready. We can then induct them into the mysteries of Altar Serving gradually over a period of time. We greatly value their contribution.

Life Coaching

If you would like to have fun, transform your life and be happy try Life Coaching on Saturdays 11.00-12.00 in the Rice Room. First Session free, after that £7 per session. Starts Saturday 26th May. See poster.

St John's Seminary

Our former parish priest Mgr. Gerry Ewing is now the vice rector of St John's Seminary at Wonersh. He has been given the task of renovating this very large building. He has launched an appeal across the diocese and we will be taking up a second collection for this purpose on 15th July. £2,000 is needed to renovate each room. If you would like to help cheques can be sent directly to him at St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford GU5 0QX.

Cake Sale

There will be a Cake Sale after 10.00 mass this Sunday 20th May.

Salesian Sisters

The Salesian Sisters will be making a Mission Appeal here on 2nd/3rd June. They are quite an impressive Order with 12,245 sisters and 300 novices in training and they are to be found working in 93 countries in the world.

**Not everything
that can be counted counts, and not
everything that counts can be counted**

Albert Einstein

Forthcoming Dates

Seniors Club 23 May
Parish Council 5th June
Eucharistic Congress 7th-9th September

GK Chesterton

Talk by Canon John Udris who is investigating the Cause for his Beatification. 19.00-21.00, 14th June 2018. For a free ticket ask the Centre for Catholic Formation 020 8672 7684, 21 Tooting Bec Road SW17 8BS.

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.

Prayer before Examinations

Lord, as I prepare for this examination, let your strength and your wisdom be present to me. May I revise my work thoroughly. May I understand what it is I have to know. May my memory be reliable and orderly. May I be calm and focused on the task ahead. May I know and feel the love and support of my family and friends. And may you, the author and creator of all things, enlighten me. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adrian Porter SJ

Gift Aid

All Parishioners who are in the Gift Aid Scheme need to collect their Gift Aid boxes and letter. Please do so from the back of the church after Sunday mass.

**We must be silent before we can listen
We must listen before we can learn
We must learn before we can prepare
We must prepare before we can serve
We must serve before we can lead**

William Arthur Ward

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £884.53, Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

3rd June Salesian Sisters Mission Appeal, 10th June Catholic Trust, 17th June Day for Life, 29th June Peter's Pence, 8th July Apostleship of the Sea, 15th July St John's Seminary Refurbishment.

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: 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