



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th July 2019

Who is my neighbour?

Mass Times

- 13th Sat Feria**
 9.30 Holy Souls
 10.00 Confessions
 17.30 John Grenham
- 14th Sun Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10.00 Lolita De Los Santos Thanksgiving
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 15th Mon St Bonaventure**
 9.30 Rene Barber +
- 16th Tue Our Lady of Mount Carmel**
 9.30 Monica Ross +
- 17th Wed Feria**
 14.30 Year 7 Leavers Mass in Church
 Patrick Dolan +
- 18th Thu Feria**
 9.30
- 19th Fri Feria**
 9.30 End of Term Mass in School
- 20th Sat Feria**
 9.30 Alice Bryce Thanksgiving
 10.00 Confessions
 17.30 Valarie Buckley +
- 21st Sun Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10.00 Richard Nathanson +
 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, Summer:

Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews,
 Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression, and Denial of
 Human Rights, Europe, Human Life, Seafarers

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Matthew

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



The Good Samaritan, Pelegrí Clavé 1838

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

This wonderful parable tells us a lot about our social responsibility. We are not a series of individual persons but are part of a community and we each have a certain responsibility for the welfare of our brothers and sisters who are in need.

Of course, living as we do in a welfare state quite a lot of responsibility for the less fortunate is taken up by the state. But, as we know, the state relies on highly bureaucratic methods when it comes to the provision of welfare. This means that many people fall through the net and there is more hardship around us than we might think.

We ought to keep an eye out for those of our neighbours who may be in need. Of course, this mostly does not concern financial needs but rather things like loneliness or lack of mobility or depression and things like that. Some people may need practical help but many others simply need companionship or a smiling face or some help with the shopping.

If our commitment to the Gospel is a serious one then we ought to ensure that we are reaching out to those in need. Our Christian faith must not remain merely at an intellectual or spiritual level but must have a practical and compassionate expression.

Father Alex



New Archbishop of Southwark

It was announced on 10th June 2019 that Pope Francis has accepted the resignation from office of Archbishop Peter Smith and has duly appointed Bishop John Wilson as his successor and Eleventh Archbishop of Southwark. His Installation as Archbishop of Southwark will take place on Thursday 25th July 2019 at 12 noon. All welcome.

What peace can we hope to find elsewhere if we have none within us

Teresa of Avila

Ordination to the Priesthood

Deacon Peter Littleton from St Mary Magdalen Church, East Hill is being ordained to the priesthood at 12.30 on Saturday 20th July in St George's Cathedral, Southwark. His first mass will be at St Mary Magdalen Church on Sunday 21st July at 11.00. All welcome.

School Masses

There will be a mass for our Year 7 leavers at 14.30 in the Church on Wednesday 17th July. Please note no 9.30 mass that day. There will also be an End of Term Mass at 9.30 in the School on Friday 19th July.

Going to University this Autumn?

Each University and Higher Education Institute in the country has a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based either in the University or in the parish.



The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith, to meet people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach.

If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is a chance to share them and search for some honest answers about life and faith. Everyone is welcome. For addresses see the special website www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk

It is better to understand a little than to misunderstand a lot

Forthcoming Dates

Parish Council17th September
Parish Council26th November

Church Organ

Our organ specialist and tuner has informed us that the organ in our Church needs some important repairs. Apparently, the organ was completely overhauled in the 1990's but the work was very poorly done and the firm that did it went out of business shortly after. It is a splendid instrument but we are being told that it desperately needs work to be done in the near future. We don't have an estimated cost at this stage but it is thought to be around £15,000. Parts will need to be taken away to a workshop for overhaul and our consultant, Donald McKenzie, will oversee the work to ensure it is done to a high standard. We will need to take up a series of second collections to help fund these unexpected expenses. Also, we ought to make fundraising events for the organ a priority in the coming year or so. We will start by taking up a second collection next Sunday and then have further collections on a monthly basis. The organ certainly enhances the liturgy and we need to keep our marvellous organ in first class condition. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Would all Readers and Eucharistic Ministers please check the rotas and if you are not available please arrange a substitute. Over the summer with many people away on holiday it is important that we have sufficient Readers and Ministers to help with the Sunday masses.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £ 424 Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

Organ Fund 21st July, Catholic Education Service 8th September, Home Missions 15th September

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: E De Souza, M Slade; 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: A Robbins n/w Sr Pauline

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 13th July
10th August