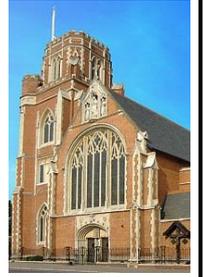




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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st July 2019

It is Mary who has chosen the better part

Mass Times

- 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*
- 22nd Mon St Mary Magdalene**
 9.30 Felisa Cipres Thanksgiving
- 23rd Tue St Bridget**
 9.30 Cathy Desmond +
- 24th Wed Feria**
 9.30 Patrick Dolan +
- 25th Thu St James the Apostle**
 9.30 The Farrelly Family Wellbeing
 12.00 Installation of the Archbishop at St George's Cathedral
- 26th Fri SS Joachim & Anne**
 9.30 Regina's Family Thanksgiving
- 27th Sat Feria**
 9.30 Holy Souls
 10.00 Confessions
 17.30 Rene Aurelio Sauchelli +
- 28th Sun Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10.00 Gloria De Los Santos +
 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: Mark

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



Christ in the House of Martha and Mary, Jan Vermeer 1655

Love of Life

Lord, may we love all your creation,
 all the earth and every grain of sand in it.
 May we love every leaf, every ray of your light.

May we love the animals:
 you have given them
 the rudiments of thought and joy untroubled.
 Let us not trouble it;
 let us not harass them,
 let us not deprive them of their happiness,
 let us not work against your intent.

For we acknowledge unto you
 that all is like an ocean,
 all is flowing and blending,
 and that to withhold any measure of love
 from anything in your universe
 is to withhold the same measure from you.

Fyodor Dostoevsky
 Adapted from a passage in *The Brothers Karamazov*

New Archbishop of Southwark



The installation of our new Archbishop John Wilson will take place on Thursday 25th July 2019 at 12 noon in St George's Cathedral. All welcome.

It is easier to do something correctly than to explain why you did it wrong

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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 this 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.

A Prayer for our Parish

God our father, graciously hallow with your blessing this our parish church. May it be a place where the sorrowing find comfort and the tempted strength; where the lonely find fellowship and the sinner forgiveness; where the faithful find grace, and all offer you holy worship in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The first sign of a nervous breakdown is when you start thinking your work is terribly important

New Parishioners

If you are new to the Parish please ensure that you complete a registration form which is available at the back of the Church. You are most welcome at St Thomas à Becket.

Forthcoming Dates

Parish Council17th September
Parish Council26th November

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

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.

Choir

The Choir will be singing at the 10.00 mass this Sunday and will then take a summer break returning on Sunday 1st September. We thank them for all they do to enhance the liturgy.

**There are three levels of mourning:
With tears that is the lowest.
With silence that is higher.
And with song that is highest**

Abraham Heschel

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £ 486 Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

Today: Organ Fund, Catholic Education Service 8th September, Home Missions 15th September

Rotas

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

Readers: Sat: E De Souza, M Slade Sun: G Fayers, C McCarthy, n/w Sat: R & S Jackson, M Slade n/w Sun: A Burnett, T Greetham, A Kane Blanes

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: D McGavin, K Dolan Sun: G Donaldson, S Palmer, R Kuleke, D Lyons n/w Sat: M & S Lee Sun: G D'Monte, V Chima, A Kilcawley, R McMullan

Flowers: L Northeast n/w A Robbins

Royal Hospital: Sr Pauline n/w C Kawesi

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 10th August
14th September