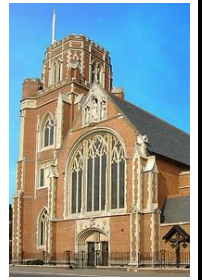




# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th July 2019

Lord, teach us to pray

## Mass Times

- 27th Sat Feria**  
9.30  
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*
- 29th Mon St Martha**  
9.30 Joseph Lennon +
- 30th Tue Feria**  
9.30 No Mass
- 31st Wed St Ignatius Loyola**  
9.30 No Mass
- 1st Thu St Alphonsus Ligouri**  
9.30 Gloria De Los Santos +
- 2nd Fri Feria**  
9.30 Patrick Dolan +
- 3rd Sat Feria**  
9.30 No Mass  
Confessions before or after 5.30 mass  
17.30 Mary & Piera Vanotti +
- 4th Sun Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00 Anne Walsh +  
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: Luke**

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



God the Father, Cima da Conegliano, c. 1515

## Kneeling

Moments of great calm,  
Kneeling before an altar  
Of wood in a stone church  
In summer, waiting for the God  
To speak; the air a staircase  
For silence; the sun's light  
Ringing me, as though I acted  
A great role. And the audiences  
Still; all that close thron  
Of spirits waiting, as I,  
For the message.  
Prompt me, God;  
But not yet. When I speak,  
Though it be you who speak  
Through me, something is lost.  
The meaning is in the waiting.

R. S. Thomas

### Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;  
Body of Christ, save me;  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;  
O good Jesus, hear me;  
Within Thy wounds, hide me;  
Permit me not to be separated from Thee;  
From the wicked foe defend me;  
In the hour of my death call me,  
And bid me come unto Thee,  
That with all Thy saints I may praise Thee  
For ever and ever. Amen.

**If we have been pleased with life,  
we should not be displeased with death,  
since it comes from the hand  
of the same master**

Michelangelo

### 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](http://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk)

### Choir

The Choir are taking a summer break and returning on Sunday 1st September. We thank them for all they do to enhance the liturgy.

### 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.

**We often look for God in the momentous  
when he is waiting for us in the moment**

### Forthcoming Dates

Parish Council .....17th September  
Parish Council .....26th November

### Holiday Arrangements

Father Alex will be away on holiday from 30th July so there will be no mass on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st. Also, there will be no mass on Saturday mornings during August. Confessions will be before or after mass on Saturday nights. Father Louis Kouevi from St Joseph's, Roehampton will be covering while Father Alex is away.

### 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 second 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.

**He alone is the way that is worth  
following, the light that is worth  
lighting, the life that is worth living,  
and the love that is worth loving**

St Teresa of Calcutta

### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £446 Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

Organ Fund 11th August, Catholic Education Service 8th September, Home Missions 15th September

### Rotas

**Sunday Welcome & Coffee:** E. Chavez, R Martella

**Readers:** Sat: R & S Jackson, M Slade Sun: A Burnett, T Greetham, A. Kane Blanes n/w Sat: E & N Falcone, E De Souza, Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sat: M & S Lee, Sun: G D'Monte, V Chima, A Kilcawley, R McMullan n/w Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin, C Kawesi, Sun: D Lyons, E Sinclair, L Delos Santos, J Cato

**Flowers:** A Robbins

**Royal Hospital:** C Kawesi n/w A Vanotti, M Lewis

**Maintenance Team:** 11.00 Saturday 10th August