



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 9.30-14.30 Monday to Friday



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th September 2019

This man welcomes sinners

## Mass Times

**14th Sat Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

9.30 Kay Nolan +  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Vincenzina Vanedola +

**15th Sun Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10.00 Patrick Dolan +  
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

**16th Mon SS Cornelius & Cyprian**

9.30

**17th Tue St Robert Bellarmine**

9.30 Holy Souls

**18th Wed Feria**

9.30

**19th Thu St Theodore of Canterbury**

9.30 Holy Souls

**20th Fri St Andrew Kim & Companions**

9.30

**21st Sat St Matthew**

9.30 Cresencio Alba & Conchita Pechon +  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Eddie Mullaney +

**22nd Sun Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10.00 Genevieve Lahai-Taylor Wellbeing  
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, Autumn:

Students and Teachers, Spread of the Gospel, Harvest,  
Fruits of Human Work & Reverent use of Creation,  
Victims of War, Young People, Prisoners & their Families

**Next Week's Liturgy Group:** Mark

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



The Return of the Prodigal Son, Rembrandt 1669

## A Prayer from the Sarum Breviary

O God, who purifies the heart of man from sin, and makes it more white than snow, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; renew, we beseech thee, thy Holy Spirit within us, that we may show forth thy praise, and, strengthened by thy grace, may obtain rest in the eternal mansions of the heavenly Jerusalem; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## First Holy Communion 2020



Please take a form from the table at the back of the Church if you wish to enrol your child for First Communion classes. Forms should be returned to the parish office by 31st October with a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate. The children must be in Year Three or above.

We are also looking for some extra Catechists to help deliver the classes. The classes will be at 16.00 on the following Saturdays: 9th November, 14th December, 11th January, 8th February, 7th March, 28th March, 25th April (First Confession) 9th May, 6th June (Practice) and the First Holy Communion will be on 13th June. The idea is that the children come to the classes and then join in the 17.30 Saturday evening mass. Parents should attend on 9th November for the first half an hour so that organisational matters can be clarified.

**The mind is not a vessel to be filled,  
but a fire to be kindled**

### Mass Intentions

If you would like us to offer mass for a particular intention please take a small envelope from the back of the Church, print the name of the intention clearly, to prevent any misunderstanding, and put it through the letterbox. A donation can be included. Mass cards are available for you to use if necessary. We will publish the names of the mass intentions in the newsletter. If you wish to have the mass offered on a special date please indicate this on the envelope.

### 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.

### Cake Sale

There will be a cake sale on Sunday 29th September in the Corry Hall after 10.00 Mass. All very welcome. Donations of cakes can be put in the hall before mass.

**What we see  
depends mainly on what we look for**

### Forthcoming Dates

Parish Council .....17th September  
Cake Sale.....29th September  
Parish Council .....26th November  
Christmas Dinner ..... 7th December  
Penitential Service.....16th December  
Carol Service ..... 22nd December

## 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)

### Gift Aid

On the weekend of 5th & 6th October our parish treasurer Rupert Jackson-Cousins will speak at the masses about our parish finances and Gift Aid. Forms will be available so that parishioners can contribute to our Offertory Collections by Banker's Order and the parish can reclaim the Gift Aid.

### Film Show

We will be showing 'Far From the Madding Crowd' in the Corry Hall at 10.30 on Wednesday 9th October. All welcome.

### Eucharistic Ministers

The time has come for Eucharistic Ministers to renew their criminal record check. Please pick up the letter at the back of the church and contact the Parish Office, the Secretary will explain the process.

**I am the Way you must follow,  
the Truth you must believe,  
the Life you must hope for**

Thomas à Kempis

### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £372 Bankers Orders £384, Second Collection for Father Peter £304

### Upcoming Second Collections

Home Missions Today 15th September, Organ Fund 29th 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

M Slade Sun: A Burnett, T Greetham, A Kane Blanes

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

**Maintenance Team:** 11.00 Saturday 12th October