



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd November 2019

I must stay at your house today

## Mass Times

- 2nd Sat Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**  
9.30 Colm Maguire +  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Peter Kennedy +
- 3rd Sun Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00 Nicholas Lewis +  
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 4th Mon St Charles Borromeo**  
9.30 Deceased members Salesian order +
- 5th Tue Feria**  
9.30 Deceased members Brickley Family +
- 6th Wed Feria**  
9.30 Patrick Dolan +
- 7th Thu Dedication of St George's Cathedral**  
9.30
- 8th Fri Feria**  
9.30 Holy Souls
- 9th Sat Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
9.30  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Pat & Peter O'Donavan +
- 10th Sun Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00 Tim Nolan +  
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:** Matthew

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



Zacchaeus in the Sycamore Tree, James Tissot

## 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 throno  
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



## November The Month of the Holy Souls

Please take an envelope from the back of the Church and return it with a list of deceased relatives and friends you wish to be prayed for during the month of November. The list will be placed on the altar and the names included in all the masses during the Month of the Holy Souls.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen*

**Sometimes the poorest man leaves his children with the richest inheritance**

### First Holy Communion 2020



First Communion 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. If you have not yet registered your child please do so without delay.

### A Celebration of Parish Life

During the 175th anniversary of the Parish we had a special evening with a wide range of entertainment provided by a number of Parishioners for the enjoyment of the whole Parish. On Saturday 8th February we plan to hold a similar occasion to celebrate the wide range of talents that our people have. We invite everyone to consider contributing to the evening whether it be song, music, performance, drama, spoken word, dance, cultural activity or anything else that celebrates the life of our Parish.

### Christmas Dinner

Tickets will be on sale for the Parish Christmas Buffet on 7th December @ £13 from Saturday 2nd November.

**Zeal is for the wise,  
but it is mostly found in fools**

### Forthcoming Dates

Parish Council ..... 3rd December  
Christmas Dinner ..... 7th December  
Penitential Service.....16th December  
Carol Service ..... 22nd December  
Feast of St Thomas à Becket.....29th December  
Celebration of Parish Life..... 8th February

### Gift Aid

Gift Aid forms are available so that parishioners can contribute to our Offertory Collections by means of Banker's Order or Envelope in order that the parish can reclaim the Gift Aid.

### Legacies

Please consider the parish when drawing up your will. Much of the structure of our beautiful Church was built through the generosity of parishioners by means of legacies. Think of a legacy as a gift to the next generation of Catholics enabling them to maintain a truly worthy place of worship.

### Youth 2000

Young people (16-35 years) are invited to mass at 17.30 with Holy Hour at 18.30 followed by social time in the crypt of Holy Ghost Church, 36 Nightingale Square, Balham on Saturday 9th November.

### Sunday Teas and Coffees

Please remember that tea and coffee is served in the Corry Hall after 10.00 Sunday mass. It is a good occasion to meet your fellow parishioners.

### Cake Sale

Cake Sale raised £150. Thank you all for your support. Next cake sale takes place on 24th November.

### New Parishioners

If you are new to the Parish please complete a registration form which is available at the back of the Church. You are most welcome to the parish and to our primary school St Joseph's in Oakhill Road.

**Science can add years to your life,  
but only Christ can add life to your years**

### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £546 Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

Archbishop's Administration Fund 10th November,  
Catholic Youth Work 24th November, Organ Fund 1st December

### 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, 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 9th November