



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Lent

17th March 2019

Master, it is wonderful for us to be here

Mass Times

- 16th Sat Feria**
9.30
10.00 Confessions
17.00 Stations of the Cross
17.30 Hughie Murray +
- 17th Sun Second Sunday of Lent**
10.00 Valerie Percy +
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 18th Mon Feria**
9.30 All Souls +
- 19th Tue St Joseph**
14.00 St Joseph's School Mass in Church
Deceased Members Vanedola Family
- 20th Wed Feria**
9.30 Lina Dimaculagan +
- 21st Thu Feria**
9.30
- 22nd Fri Feria**
9.30 Ornella Elisabetta Callot +
- 23rd Sat Feria**
9.30
10.00 Confessions
17.00 Stations of the Cross
17.30 Rene Aurelio Sauchelli +
- 24th Sun Third Sunday of Lent**
10.00 Joseph Villacarlos +
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, Lent:

Candidates for the Sacraments, The Needy and Hungry of the World, Women's World Day of Prayer, Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Luke

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



The Transfiguration, Raphael (1516-1520)

The Transfiguration

I often think that the Transfiguration is one of the most underestimated events in the life of Christ. Although there is a special feast dedicated to the Transfiguration on 6th August it frequently falls on a weekday and is therefore not on the radar even of the most committed Catholics.

However, here as we begin the Second Week of Lent we are given the opportunity to consider the Transfiguration and we are invited to do so on a Sunday so that we can give it our full attention.

It is appropriate that the editors of the Lectionary place this account of the Transfiguration in Lent because in the text we note that it is mentioned that Jesus was speaking to Moses and Elijah 'about his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem.'

So, we see that Christ's glory and his Crucifixion are intimately connected. It is his breaking through the barrier of death that is his most significant achievement and it brings great glory to him and indeed to the whole of heaven and earth.

As so often, at the time the Apostles are confused and disoriented and are so unable to make sense of this significant event. But after Christ has returned to his Father they remember that great day on the mountain and then they begin to appreciate its true significance.

Father Alex

The Stations of the Cross



Saturdays of Lent at 17.00

Sheets and booklets are available so you can make the Stations at any time

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world

**Unless we're humble,
we're sure to stumble**



Feast of St Joseph

Don't forget that Tuesday 19th March is the feast of St Joseph. We ought to frequently invoke his intercession when we are praying about family problems as he surely knew all about them. In Christian art he is often depicted as carrying lilies and you might wonder what the connection is.

Actually, the lily is the symbol of purity and chastity and since St Joseph is known as the 'Protector of Chastity' this is symbolized by the lilies he holds in his hand.

Feast of St Joseph

The staff and pupils of St Joseph's School will join us to celebrate mass on their patronal feast at 14.00 on 19th March. There will be no 9.30 mass that day.

Confirmation Visit

The Confirmation Group will be visiting Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 6th April. There will be a guided tour, mass, a visit to the top of the tower and lunch. Leave from the Church at 10.00 sharp.

First Confession

First Confessions take place today after the 10.00 mass.

Gift Aid Offertory Envelopes

New boxes of Gift Aid Offertory Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

**We should at least spend as much time
thanking God for his favours as we
have spent in asking for them**

St Vincent de Paul

Forthcoming Dates

First Confession 17th March
Marriage Preparation Course 23rd March
Penitential Service (East Hill) 17th April
Confirmation 28th April
First Communion 12th May

CAFOD

CAFOD invited us to fast on Friday 15th March and contribute the money saved to support their projects in the developing world. There will be a second collection for this purpose today Sunday, 17th March. Envelopes available at the back of the Church.

Penitential Service

There will be a joint Penitential Service for Lent held together with East Hill Parish at St Mary Magdalen Church at 19.00 on Wednesday of Holy Week, 17th April. There will be several priests available for individual confession.

New Email

New parish email: wandsworthwesthill@rcaos.org.uk

Easter Duties

Easter Duties which are obligatory for all Catholics who have made their First Communion means going to Confession and receiving Holy Communion at least once between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. These requirements are not onerous so please do your best to fulfil your Easter Duties.

Marriage Preparation Course

We will be holding a Marriage Preparation Course on Saturday 23rd March from 10.00 to 15.00 in the Hall.

Lent Talks

There will be a series of talks for Lent at Holy Ghost Church, Nightingale Square, Balham in association with the Centre for Catholic Formation. The talks are on Tuesday nights and start at 20.00 lasting an hour, refreshments available.

19th March	Sebastian Morello	<i>Discovering Prayer</i>
26th March	Dr Mark Nash	<i>A Time to Fast</i>
2nd April	Theo Howard	<i>Almsgiving</i>
9th April	Pierpaolo Finaldi	<i>The Pascal Mystery</i>

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

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £ 474 Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

Today 17th March CAFOD, 24th March The Passage

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: L Northeast

M Ascensao n/w A Oliva, E Falcone

Readers: Sat: E & N Falcone, E De Souza, Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast n/w Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin, C. Kawesi Sun: D Lyons, L Delos Santos, E Sinclair J

Cato n/w Sat: J Cato, D McGavin, C Kawesi Sun: A Nobis, R Nwodo, P Fahy, R McMullan

Little Church: J & N Neligan, A Mann n/w R&S Jackson

Tiny Church: L. Fernandes Ferreira n/w R Barros

Flowers: V Barkho n/w A. Oliva

Royal Hospital: A. Vanotti, M Lewis n/w A Robbin

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 13th April
11th May