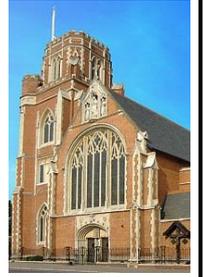




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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th July 2020

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest

Mass Times

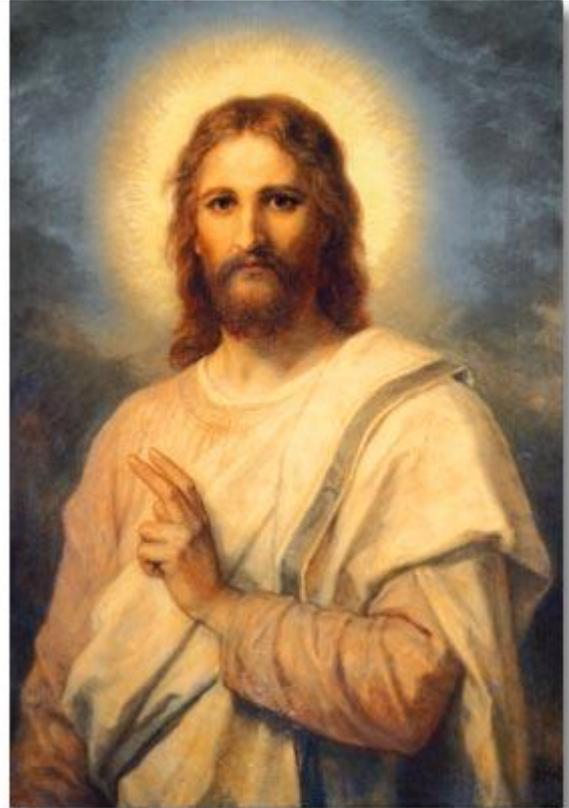
4th	Sat	Feria
5th	Sun	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish
6th	Mon	St Maria Goretti Caroline Ainger +
7th	Tue	Feria
8th	Wed	Feria Patrick Dolan +
9th	Thu	Feria
10th	Fri	Feria Dorothy Marshall +
11th	Sat	St Benedict
12th	Sun	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish

Confessions:
By Appointment

Sunday Readings: Year A **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

Cycle of Prayer, Ordinary Time After Easter:
Deeper Understanding Between Christians and Jews,
those Suffering Persecution, Oppression and Denial of
Rights, Human Life, Seafarers, Europe.

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



Reopening of the Church

We have been informed that the Churches can be opened for normal worship as from Saturday 4th July.

However, there are some restrictions. We may only have Holy Communion under one kind and there will be no Sign of Peace or intercessions. The sermon will be short. There will be no congregational singing for the time being and while there will be a newsletter the books with the readings will not be put out. Everyone will have to maintain a social distance from those who are not in their family group. This will be two metres unless you are wearing a face cover but if you are wearing one the distance will be one metre.

Please observe any instructions given by the stewards.



We were due to have a Quiz Night on Zoom on Saturday 4th July but since that is the day we were able to resume masses it was decided to cancel it. We hope to hold a proper Quiz Night in the Corry Hall early in the autumn. We thank all those who participated in these most enjoyable quizzes.

**If you have no sympathy for human pain
the name of human you cannot retain**

Saadi

Convert

We congratulate Graham Lunn, our Saturday night organist, who was received into the Church by Father Alex on Saturday 27th June. Graham was formerly the Anglican curate of Beckenham. We assure him of our prayers in the years ahead.

Soup Kitchen

St Mary Magdalen's Church, East Hill are starting a Soup Kitchen for the homeless on Tuesday nights. It was supposed to begin on 17th March but regretfully due to the Coronavirus Pandemic it has been decided to postpone the opening for the time being. It is hoped to begin as soon as it is feasible to do so.

First Communion Classes

First Communion classes have been cancelled for the time being. We will give more information when we can plan new classes.

Parish Website

During the entire Coronavirus crisis the parish newsletter and Father Alex's sermons will be available each week on the Parish Website www.stthomasabecketchurch.co.uk. There are also links to Churches which web-stream their masses.

Haste makes waste

A Prayer by Thomas à Kempis

Grant to us, O Lord,
to know that which is worth knowing,
to love that which is worth loving,
to praise whatever pleases you most,
to esteem whatever is most precious to you,
and to dislike whatever is evil in your eyes.
Do not let us judge merely
by what we see with our eyes,
nor to decide based on
what we hear from ignorant men,
but to discern with true judgment
between things visible and spiritual,
and above all to search out
and to do what is well pleasing to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Calvary

There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

He died the we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to Heaven,
Saved by his Precious Blood.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin.
He only could unlock the gate
Of heav'n and let us in.

Oh, dearly, dearly has he loved!
And we must love him too,
With all our strength and all our mind,
And prove our love is true.

**The Church
is a perpetually defeated thing
that always outlives her conquerors**

Hilaire Belloc

I am the Great Sun

From a Normandy crucifix of 1632

I am the great sun, but you do not see me,
I am your husband, but you turn away.

I am the captive, but you do not free me,
I am the captain but you will not obey.

I am the truth, but you will not believe me,
I am the city where you will not stay.

I am your wife, your child, but you will leave me,
I am that God to whom you will not pray.

I am your counsel, but you will not hear me,
I am your lover whom you will betray.

I am the victor, but you do not cheer me,
I am the holy dove whom you will slay.

I am your life, but if you will not name me,
Seal up your soul with tears, and never blame me.

Charles Causley

Song

I choose white, but with
Red on it, like the snow
In winter with its few
Holly berries and the one

Robin, that is a fire
To warm by and like Christ
Comes to us in his weakness,
But with a sharp song.

R.S. Thomas