



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th July 2020

Happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear!

Mass Times

11th Sat	Feria	9.30 17.30
12th Sun	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 People of the Parish
13th Mon	Feria	9.30 Kevin Green +
14th Tue	Feria	9.30 Alice Bryce in Thanksgiving
15th Wed	St Bonaventure	9.30 John Okwo Obi +
16th Thu	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	9.30 Alice Bryce in Thanksgiving
17th Fri	Feria	9.30
18th Sat	Feria	9.30 John Birkett + 17.30
19th Sun	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 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.

Next Week's Liturgy Group: John

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



The Sower, Van Gogh 1888

Reopening of the Church

Churches have been reopened 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.

The Offertory collection will be taken up as usual but from both sides of the rows of benches and only the collectors will hold the bags.

Everyone is obliged to complete an NHS Test and Trace form, one per family. If anyone does exhibit Coronavirus symptoms it will enable the NHS to track and test anyone whom they have been in contact with so they can be tested. Similar procedures are now required in restaurants, pubs and other venues throughout the country.

Please observe any instructions given by the stewards.

Offertory Collection

During the lockdown the parish has lost about £500 per week in the cash element of the Offertory Collection. This comes to about £7,500 while our expenses have remained more or less the same as before. Because of recent legislation we are also facing a major reduction in income from our mobile phone mast. **Please therefore consider increasing your Offertory contribution to help us make up this shortfall.** Thank you for your support in this and in many other ways.

**One filled with joy
preaches without preaching**

Mother Teresa

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.



First Communion Classes New Dates

We propose to restart our First Communion classes on 5th September with a rehearsal on 12th and the actual First Communions taking place on 19th or 20th September. Obviously if there is a further lockdown then these dates will have to be changed.

Little Church

As we are near the holidays and numbers are down we will not be having Little Church until September.

**Many complain of their memory,
few of their judgement**

A Prayer for Generosity

Teach us, Good Lord,
To Serve Thee as Thou deservest;
To give and not to count the cost;
To fight and not to heed the wounds;
To toil and not to seek for rest;
To labour and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do Thy will.
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

St Ignatius Loyola

Forthcoming Dates

First Communion 19th/20th September
Feast of St Thomas à Becket.....29th December

Offertory Envelopes

Please pick up a new box of Offertory Envelopes if you use them, they are at the back of the Church. If you would like to start using Offertory Envelopes please sign the sheet which is placed near the Envelopes.

Major Exhibition at the British Museum on St Thomas à Becket in October

The assassination of Thomas Becket, in Canterbury Cathedral, on 29th December 1170 changed the course of history. Becket was one of the most powerful figures of his time, serving as royal Chancellor and later as Archbishop of Canterbury. Initially a close friend of King Henry II, the two men became engaged in a bitter dispute that culminated in Becket's shocking murder by knights with close ties to the king.

Marking the 850th anniversary of this dramatic crime, this major exhibition will present Becket's tumultuous journey from a London merchant's son to Archbishop, and from a revered saint in death to a 'traitor' in the eyes of Henry VIII, over 350 years later.

Get up close to the man, the murder and the legend through an incredible array of objects associated with Becket, including medieval stained glass, manuscripts, jewellery and sacred reliquaries. It will feature artefacts from the Museum's collection as well as important loans from other major collections from the UK and around the world.

**It is better by far at rainbow's end
to find not gold
but the heart of a friend**

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £259, Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

Today 12th July Apostleship of the Sea, 19th July Organ Fund, 26th July Organ Fund, 2nd August Organ Fund.

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: D McGavin, C Kawesi Sun: R Nwodo, P Fahy, R McMullan n/w Sat: D McGavin, K Smith Sun: G Donaldson, S Palmer, D Lyons

Flowers: A Oliva n/w L Northeast

Royal Hospital: A Robbins n/w Sr Pauline

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 8th August