



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th July 2020

Let them both grow till the harvest

Mass Times

18th Sat	Feria	9.30 17.30
19th Sun	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 People of the Parish
20th Mon	Feria	9.30
21st Tue	Feria	11.00 Bridie Lennon + Funeral
22nd Wed	St Mary Magdalen	9.30
23rd Thu	St Bridget of Sweden	9.30 Deceased De Freyne Family +
24th Fri	Feria	9.30 Deceased Finn Family +
25th Sat	St James	9.30 17.30
26th Sun	Seventeenth 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: Mark

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



The Sower, James Tissot 1836-1902

Reopening of the Church

Although our Church is open for mass 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.

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.

**Live as if you were to die tomorrow.
Learn as if you were to live forever**

Mahatma Gandhi



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 approaching the holiday season we will not be having Little Church until September.

**Our lives begin to end the day we
become silent about things that matter**

Martin Luther King Jr

Suscipe A Prayer of Self-Offering

Receive, Lord, my entire freedom.
Accept the whole of my memory,
my intellect and my will.

Whatever I have or possess,
it was you who gave it to me;
I restore it to you in full,
and I surrender it completely
to the guidance of your will.

Give me only love of you
together with your grace,
and I am rich enough
and ask for nothing more. Amen

St Ignatius Loyola

Forthcoming Dates

Parish Council 8th September
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.

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

Bridie Lennon RIP

Long term parishioner Bridie Lennon died on 9th July. Her funeral will take place at 11.00 on Tuesday 21st July with burial at Putney Vale Cemetery. No 9.30 mass that day.

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £397, Bankers Orders £384, Second Collection 179.19

Upcoming Second Collections

Today 19th July Organ Fund, 26th July Organ Fund, 2nd August Organ Fund.

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: F Azevedo,
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; Sun:
A Burnett T Greetham A Kane Blanes

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: D McGavin, K Smith
Sun: G Donaldson, S Palmer, D Lyons n/w Sat:
D McGavin J Cato Sun: G D'Monte A Kilcawley
R McMullan

Flowers: L Northeast n/w A Robbins

Royal Hospital: Sr Pauline n/w C Kawesi

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 8th August