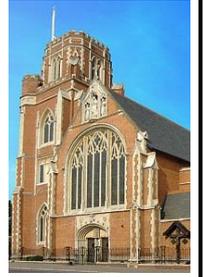




St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th July 2020

He brings out from his storeroom things both new and old

Mass Times

25th Sat	St James
	9.30
	17.30
26th Sun	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	10.00 People of the Parish
27th Mon	Feria
	9.40
28th Tue	Feria
	9.40 Patrick Dolan +
29th Wed	St Martha
	9.40
30th Thu	Feria
	9.40
31st Fri	St Ignatius Loyola
	9.40
1st Sat	St Alphonsus Ligouri
	No Mass
	17.30 Gloria Delos Santos +
2nd 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: John

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



The Treasure Hidden in a Field

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.

Please come up to communion from the side aisles and return down the centre aisle remembering to keep a social distance from others in the queue.

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. This is the same as with restaurants, pubs, hairdressers, etc

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.

**A narrow mind
has a broad tongue**

Daily Mass in August

Please note that weekday Masses from 27th July will be at 9.40 with no mass on Saturdays.



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 in the holidays we will not be having Little Church until September.

**A rich man
is not one who has the most,
but one who needs the least**

A Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle;
be our defence against
the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Forthcoming Dates

Parish Council 8th September
First Communion 19th/20th September
Quiz Night 24th October
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.

**A painter should begin every canvas
with a wash of black,
because all things in nature are dark
except where exposed by the light**

Leonardo da Vinci

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £511.87, Bankers Orders £384,
Second Collection 152.42

Upcoming Second Collections

Today 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: Only one Eucharistic
Minister required at each mass

Flowers: A Oliva n/w L Northeast

Royal Hospital: A Robbins n/w Sr Pauline

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 8th August