



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th September 2020

Where two or three gather in my name I am there

## Mass Times

<b>5th Sat</b>	<b>Feria</b>	9.30 17.30 Kay Nolan +
<b>6th Sun</b>	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	10.00 Kevin Kelly +
<b>7th Mon</b>	<b>Feria</b>	9.30 People of the Parish
<b>8th Tue</b>	<b>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	9.30 Violet & George & Family
<b>9th Wed</b>	<b>St Peter Claver</b>	9.30 The Walsh Family
<b>10th Thu</b>	<b>Feria</b>	No mass
<b>11th Fri</b>	<b>Feria</b>	9.30 John Grenham +
<b>12th Sat</b>	<b>Most Holy Name of Mary</b>	9.30 17.30 Vincenzina Vanedola +
<b>13th Sun</b>	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	10.00 James O'Donovan +

**Confessions:**  
By Appointment

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

### Cycle of Prayer, Ordinary Time Autumn:

Students and Teachers, Spread of the Gospel,  
 The Harvest and the Fruits of Human Work, The Reverent  
 Use of Creation, Justice & Peace, Victims of War,  
 Young People, Prisoners and their Families

**Next Week's Liturgy Group:** Matthew

**Baptisms & Marriages:** Please contact the Parish Priest



## The Portrait

A travelling portrait painter passed through a small town, set up his easel but could get no custom. The main street was practically empty. A drunk was thrown out of a pub and collapsed in the gutter. The painter moved his easel over and began to paint the drunk.

After a while the drunk came round got to his feet and took a look at the painting. He was amazed at the picture, it was him but cleanly shaven, better looking, smartly dressed and looking prosperous.

'That's not me.' he shouted. 'No', came the reply, 'but it's the man you could be!'

## A Prayer

Voice of Jesus,  
 call out to us when we stray from you.  
 Hands of Jesus,  
 anoint us when we grow weak and weary.  
 Arms of Jesus,  
 lift us up when we stumble and fall.  
 Heart of Jesus,  
 teach us to love one another as you love us.

**Please wear a face mask  
 while in Church**

### Missio Red Box Holders



Would parishioners holding Red Missio Boxes please bring them to the Sacristy as soon as possible so the contents can be counted.

If you would like your Missio Box to be collected from your home please call Stephen Palmer (020 8875 1928) to make arrangements.

**Worry is like a rocking chair:  
it gives you something to do  
but it doesn't get you anywhere**



### 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

Due to the difficulty of keeping social distancing and other measures against the coronavirus we will not be having Little Church for the time being.

**Remember:  
Nothing is foolproof  
to a sufficiently talented fool**

### A Child's Prayer

Lord in heaven,  
please listen to all those  
who are praying to you now.  
Those who are sad and crying,  
those who have lost friends and family.  
Those who are alone  
and frightened.  
Help them to remember,  
that you are there  
and you are listening.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### Forthcoming Dates

Parish Council ..... 8th September  
First Communion ..... 19th/20th September  
Quiz Night on Zoom ..... 17th 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 and take a box.

### 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.

**The love in our family  
flows strong and deep,  
leaving us memories  
to treasure and keep**

### Church Floor Works in September

Please note that daily mass will take place in the Corry Hall at 9.30 on Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th of September due to works on the Church floor. Please note there will be no mass on Thursday 10th September as the Hall is booked that day.

### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £321.68 Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

6th Sept Organ Fund, 13th Sept Organ Fund.

### Rotas

**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 12 September