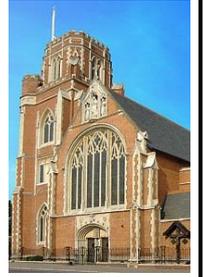




St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Advent

29th November 2020

He must not find you asleep

Mass Times

The masses listed below will be celebrated
 by Father Alex in private up until 2nd December when
 the normal schedule is resumed

28th Sat	Feria	**** John Okwo Obi +
29th Sun	Feast of Christ the King	**** Anne Walsh +
30th Mon	St Andrew	**** Michael Hatton +
1st Tue	Feria	**** Dorrington & Cullianan +
2nd Wed	Feria	9.30 Kathleen Nolan +
3rd Thu	St Francis Xavier	9.30 Denis Nolan +
4th Fri	Feria	9.30 Salesian Order Deceased +
5th Sat	Feria	9.30 Father Charles Duchemin + 17.30 Brugnoli Family +
6th Sun	Second Sunday of Advent	10.00 Nicolas Lewis +

Confessions:

By Appointment

Sunday Readings: Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 1

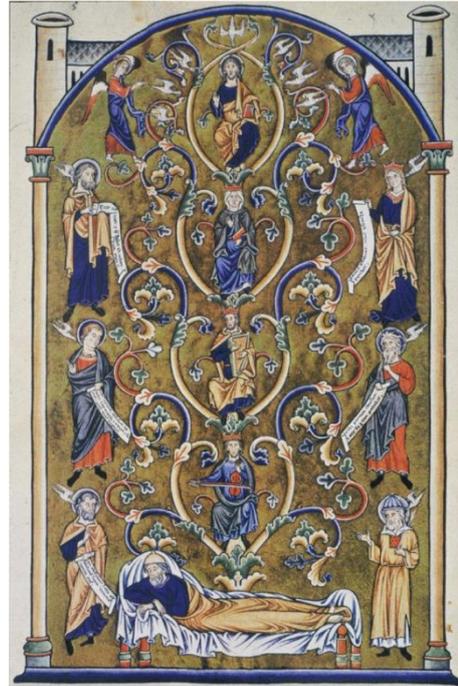
Cycle of Prayer, Ordinary Time Autumn:

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: Mark

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

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



Jesse Tree Ingeborg Psalter 1210

The Jesse Tree

A Jesse Tree is a common way of depicting the ancestry of Jesus through art. Jesse was the father of King David and therefore an important ancestor of Jesus who is often referred to as the seed of Jesse. Sometimes a Jesse Tree has a selection of Jesus' ancestors depicted on it; such pictures are often seen in stained glass windows or in illuminated manuscripts as we see above. However, more often today a Jesse Tree will have symbols of the Old Testament relating to the personalities connected with the coming of Jesus. Here are some symbols that could be used on a Jesse Tree:

Creation: sun, moon, stars, animals, earth

Adam and Eve: man, woman

Fall of Man: serpent, apple with bite

Noah: ark, animals, dove, rainbow

Abraham: torch, sword, mountain

Isaac: bundle of wood, altar, ram in bush

Jacob: ladder

Joseph: bucket, well, silver coins, tunic

Moses: baby in basket, river and rushes

Samuel: lamp, temple

Jesse: crimson robe, shepherd's staff

David: slingshot, Star of David

Solomon: scales of justice, temple, two babies & sword

Joseph: hammer, saw, chisel, angle



November
The Month of the Holy Souls

Please take an envelope from the back of the Church and return it with a list of deceased relatives and friends who you wish to be prayed for during the month of November.

The list will be placed on the altar and the names included in all the masses during the Month of the Holy Souls.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen*

Gift Aid

If you require a certificate for the Inland Revenue declaring your contributions via Gift Aid please email wandsworthwesthill@rcaos.org.uk

**Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire**

WB Yeats

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2021

We will be registering for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2021 nearer Christmas. Classes begin in the New Year.

A Prayer of St Columba

Be thou a bright flame before me,
be thou a guiding star above me,
be thou a smooth path below me,
be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
today, tonight and for ever. Amen.

Organ Repairs

You can see photos of our organ repair work at [facebook.com/HenryWillisOrgans](https://www.facebook.com/HenryWillisOrgans). There are several entries so scroll down the page and you will see what bad a condition it was in.

**The darker the night,
The brighter the stars,
The deeper the grief,
The closer is God**

Fyodor Dostoevsky

Soup Kitchen



The Companions of the Order of Malta have started a Soup Kitchen for the Homeless at St Mary Magdalen's Church Hall, 96 North Side London SW18 2QU.

The Soup Kitchen is now open on Tuesday evenings from 19.00 to 21.00. Volunteers required.

Forthcoming Dates

Feast of St Thomas à Becket.....29th December



We will be having a Quiz Night on Zoom at 19.00 on Friday 20th December. To register please email wandsworthwesthill@rcaos.org.

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!'

**Make not a show of your good deeds
suffice it that the Father heeds;
by fast and prayer in secret done
in heaven reward for you is won**

Advent Prayer to Jesus

You are our eternal salvation,
The unfailing light of the world.
Light everlasting,
You are truly our redemption.
Grieving that the human race was perishing
through the tempter's power,
without leaving the heights
You came to the depths in your loving kindness.
Readily taking our humanity by Your gracious will,
You saved all earthly creatures, long since lost,
Restoring joy to the world.
Redeem our souls and bodies, O Christ,
and so possess us as Your shining dwellings.
By Your first coming, make us righteous;
At your second coming, set us free:
So that, when the world is filled with light
and you judge all things,
We may be clad in spotless robes
and follow in Your steps, O King,
Into the heavenly hall.

(Unknown Author, 10th century)

Forthcoming Second Collections

6th December Organ Fund, 13th December Organ Fund, 20th December Organ Fund.

Rotas

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 V Chima

Flowers: L Northeast n/w A Robbins

Maintenance: 11.00 Saturday 12th December