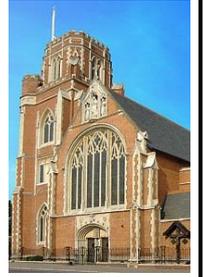




St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Easter Sunday

12th April 2020

He is not here, He is risen

Mass Times

In the light of the fact that public masses have been suspended Father Alex will say mass privately and offer the intentions as below.

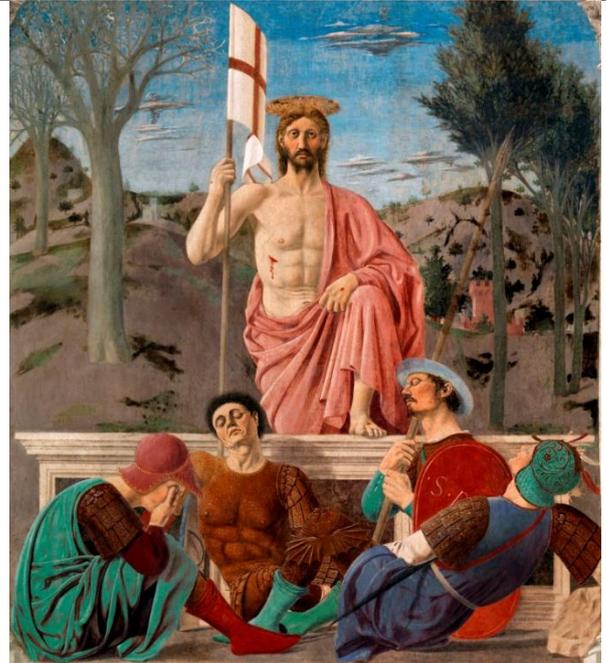
- 11th Sat Holy Saturday**
Tim Nolan +
- 12th Sun Easter Sunday**
Patrick Dolan +
- 13th Mon Within the Octave of Easter**
Dermot Nolan +
- 14th Tue Within the Octave of Easter**
- 15th Wed Within the Octave of Easter**
Eithne O'Sullivan +
- 16th Thu Within the Octave of Easter**
Martin Marnie +
- 17th Fri Within the Octave of Easter**
- 18th Sat Within the Octave of Easter**
Cornelius Lennon +
- 19th Sun Second Sunday of Easter**
People of the Parish

Confessions:
By Appointment

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

Cycle of Prayer, Easter:
New Members of the Church, Vocations, Right Use of the Media, The Church, Human Work

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



The Resurrection, Piero della Francesca 1460

Coronavirus

Because of the Coronavirus pandemic we had been instructed by the Archbishop to suspend masses in the Church for the time being. But under Government instruction we are now obliged to keep the main body of the Church locked during the day. However, the porch is open and palms and votive candles are available. Father Alex will continue to say mass privately.

The Archbishop has issued a pastoral letter on the subject and there is a link to it on the parish website. You may wish to watch mass on your computer which is being livestreamed from numerous Churches in Britain and Ireland by clicking on this link <http://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/>

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Collect from the Newly Approved
Mass in Time of Pandemic**

Almighty and eternal God,
our refuge in every danger,
to whom we turn in our distress;
in faith we pray
look with compassion on the afflicted,
grant eternal rest to the dead,
comfort to mourners,
healing to the sick,
peace to the dying,
strength to healthcare workers,
wisdom to our leaders
and the courage to reach out to all in love,
so that together we may give glory
to your holy name.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Easter is the only time of the year
when it's perfectly safe
to put all your eggs in one basket**

Soup Kitchen

St Mary Magdalen's Church, East Hill are starting a Soup Kitchen for the homeless on Tuesday nights. It was supposed to begin on 17th March but regretfully due to the Coronavirus Pandemic it has been decided to postpone the opening for the time being. It is hoped to begin as soon as it is feasible to do so.

First Communion Classes

First Communion classes have been cancelled for the time being. We will give more information when we can plan new classes.

Parish Website

During the entire Coronavirus crisis the parish newsletter and Father Alex's sermons will be available each week on the Parish Website www.stthomasabecketchurch.co.uk. There are also links to Churches which web-stream their masses.

E.A.S.T.E.R.

E is for Easter, coming soon,
A is for angels near the tomb,
S is for stone which was rolled away,
T is for tomb found empty that day,
E is for early morning, the women are glad,
R is for the Risen Lord, no need to be sad.

Forthcoming Dates

Easter Sunday12th April
First Communion 13th June



We were due to have a St Thomas à Becket Parish Quiz Night but due to the outbreak of Coronavirus it has been cancelled. Instead we would like to do an Online Quiz by means of Zoom. We propose Saturday 18th April at 19.00 It will take about an hour and a half. If you would like to participate please send an email to the parish at wandsworthwesthill@rcaos.org.uk. You will need to give her your team name and we will email you the link. In the meantime, download Zoom onto your computer. Happy Quizzing!

The Little Rule of St Romuald

Sit in your cell as in paradise. Put the whole world behind you and forget it. Watch your thoughts like a good fisherman watching for fish. The path you must follow is in the Psalms; never leave it.

If you have just come to the monastery, and in spite of your goodwill you cannot accomplish what you want, then take every opportunity to sing the Psalms in your heart and to understand them with your mind.

And, if your mind wanders as you read, do not give up; hurry back and apply your mind to the words once more.

Realise above all that you are in God's presence, and stand there with the attitude of one who stands before the emperor.

Empty yourself completely and sit waiting, content with the grace of God, like a chick who tastes nothing and eats nothing but what his mother gives him.

St Romuald (952-1027)

Founder of the Camaldolese Order

**Because upon the first glad Easter day
The stone that sealed
His tomb was rolled away,
So, through the deepening shadows
of death's night,
Men see an open door
... beyond it, light.**

An Easter Prayer

Almighty God, who through thy only begotten Son Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us, thou dost put into our minds good desires; so, by thy continual help, we may bring the same to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.