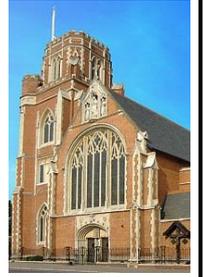




# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

17th May 2020

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate

## 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.**

- 16th Sat St Simon Stock**  
Billie & Ronnie Maher +
- 17th Sun Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
People of the Parish
- 18th Mon Feria**  
Tim Nolan +
- 19th Tue Feria**
- 20th Wed Feria**  
Patrick Dolan +
- 21st Thu Ascension of the Lord**
- 22nd Fri Feria**  
Ornella Elisabetta Callot +
- 23rd Sat Feria**  
Brian & Margaret Gallagher +
- 24th Sun Seventh 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 Ascension, Rembrandt 1636

## 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.

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**It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers**

James Thurber

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### **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](http://www.stthomasabecketchurch.co.uk). There are also links to Churches which web-stream their masses.

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**I shall not live till I see God,  
and when I see him I shall never die**

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### **Kneeling**

Moments of great calm,  
Kneeling before an altar  
Of wood in a stone church  
In summer, waiting for the God  
To speak; the air a staircase  
For silence; the sun's light  
Ringing me, as though I acted  
A great role. And the audiences  
Still; all that close throng  
Of spirits waiting, as I,  
For the message.  
Prompt me, God;  
But not yet. When I speak,  
Though it be you who speak  
Through me, something is lost.  
The meaning is in the waiting.

RS Thomas

### **Show us good Lord**

Show us good Lord,  
The peace we should seek,  
The peace we must give,  
The peace we can give,  
The peace we must keep,  
The peace we must forgo  
And the peace you have given  
In Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Anima Christi**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me  
Body of Christ, save me  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me  
Water from Christ's side, wash me  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me  
O good Jesus, hear me  
Within Thy wounds hide me  
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee  
From the malicious enemy defend me  
In the hour of my death call me  
And bid me come unto Thee  
That I may praise Thee with Thy saints  
and with Thy angels  
Forever and ever  
Amen

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**Sin has four characteristics:  
self sufficiency instead of faith,  
self will instead of submission,  
self seeking instead of benevolence,  
self righteousness instead of humility.**

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### **A Prayer of St Teresa of Avila**

Let nothing disturb thee;  
Let nothing dismay thee;  
All things pass:  
God never changes.  
Patience attains  
All that it strives for.  
He who has God  
Lacks for nothing:  
God alone suffices.