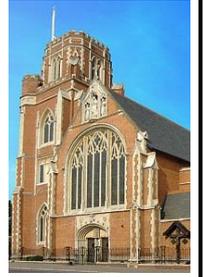




# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

24th 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.**

23rd Sat Feria

24th Sun **Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
People of the Parish

25th Mon **St Bede**

26th Tue **St Philip Neri**  
Patrick Nolan +

27th Wed **St Augustine of Canterbury**

28th Thu Feria

29th Fri Feria

30th Sat Feria

31st Sun **Pentecost Sunday**  
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.

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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## We learn from history that we do not learn from history

Hegel

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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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## It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.

Henry David Thoreau

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### No Man is an Island

No man is an island entire of itself;  
every man is a piece of the continent,  
a part of the main;  
if a clod be washed away by the sea,  
Europe is the less,  
as well as if a promontory were,  
as well as a manor of thy friends  
or of thine own were;  
any man's death diminishes me,  
because I am involved in mankind.  
And therefore never send to know  
for whom the bell tolls;  
it tolls for thee.

John Donne

## Heavenly Railway

The line to Heaven by Christ was made,  
With heavenly truth the Rails are laid,  
From Earth to Heaven the Line extends,  
To Life Eternal where it ends.

Repentance is the Station then,  
Where Passengers are taken in;  
No Fee for them is there to pay,  
For Jesus is himself the way.

God's Word is the first Engineer,  
It points the way to Heaven so clear,  
Through tunnels dark and dreary here.  
It does the way to Glory steer.

God's Love the fire, his Truth the Steam,  
Which drives the Engine and the Train;  
All you who would to Glory ride,  
Must come to Christ, in him abide.

In First, and Second, and Third Class,  
Repentance, Faith, and Holiness,  
You must the way to Glory gain,  
Or you with Christ will not remain.

Come then poor Sinners, now's the time,  
At any Station on the Line,  
If you'll repent, and turn from sin,  
The Train will stop and take you in.

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## Love can turn the cottage into a golden palace

German Proverb

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### A Prayer by Thomas à Kempis

Grant to us, O Lord,  
to know that which is worth knowing,  
to love that which is worth loving,  
to praise whatever pleases you most,  
to esteem whatever is most precious to you,  
and to dislike whatever is evil in your eyes.  
Do not let us judge  
merely by what we see with our eyes,  
nor to decide based on what we hear  
from ignorant men,  
but to discern with true judgment  
between things visible and spiritual,  
and above all to search out and to do  
what is well pleasing to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.