



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Lent

1st March 2020

Man does not live on bread alone

Mass Times

29th Sat Feria

9.30

10.00 Confessions

17.30

1st Sun First Sunday of Lent

10.00 Lolita Delos Santos Thanksgiving

15.00 (Royal Hospital) People of the Parish

2nd Mon Feria

9.30

3rd Tue Feria

9.30 Holy Souls

4th Wed Feria

9.30

5th Thu Feria

9.30

6th Fri Feria

9.30 Holy Souls

7th Sat Feria

9.30

10.00 Confessions

17.30

8th Sun Second Sunday of Lent

10.00 Antonio Delos Santos +

15.00 (Royal Hospital) People of the Parish

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

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

Cycle of Prayer, Lent:

Candidates for the Sacraments, The Needy and Hungry of the World, Survivors of Sexual Abuse, Women, Penitents and Wanderers

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Mark

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



The Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness

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One SONG can spark a moment
One FLOWER can wake the dream
One TREE can start a forest
One BIRD can herald spring
One SMILE begins a friendship
One HANDCLASP lifts a soul
One STAR can guide a ship at sea
One WORD can frame the goal
One VOTE can change a nation
One SUNBEAM lights a room
One CANDLE wipes out darkness
One LAUGH will conquer gloom
One STEP must start each journey
One WORD must start a prayer
One HOPE will raise our spirits
One TOUCH can show you care
One VOICE can speak with wisdom
One HEART can know what is true
One LIFE can make a difference.

First Communion Classes

The next First Communion classes take place on 7th March, 21st March, 25th April (First Confession) 2nd May, 16th May, 6th June (Practice) and the First Holy Communion will be on 13th June. Please note there have been some date changes. It is expected that the children will attend the 5.30 evening mass on the day of the classes so that the priest can address them.

**Most of us spend too much time
on what is urgent and not enough time
on what is important**

Penitential Service

There will be a joint Penitential Service for Lent with East Hill Parish at St Mary Magdalen Church at 19.00 on Monday of Holy Week, 6th April. There will be several priests available for individual confession.



CAFOD invite us to fast on Friday 6th March and contribute the money saved to support their projects in the developing world. There will be a second collection for this purpose next Sunday, 8th March. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

**To one who has faith,
no explanation is necessary.
To one without faith,
no explanation is possible**

St Thomas Aquinas



Soup Kitchen

St Mary Magdalen's Church, East Hill are starting a Soup Kitchen for the homeless on Tuesday nights beginning 17th March from 19.30-21.00. It takes place in their Parish Hall, 96 North Side, SW18 2QU. If anyone would like to help then contact the organiser on 07730 070403. People are needed to help the guests but also to cook food beforehand. It is being run under the auspices of the Knights of Malta.

Forthcoming Dates

Ash Wednesday..... 26th February
Concert..... 29th March
Penitential Service, East Hill 6th April
Concert.....29th April
Easter Sunday12th April

The Stations of the Cross



Saturdays of Lent at 17.00

Sheets and booklets are available so you can make the Stations at any time

*We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world*

Weekly Offertory



Please consider increasing your weekly offertory contribution by at least £1 to help your parish meet its expenses. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Catholic History Walks

Richmond: Friday March 13th, 11am (note time, there is Mass at 10am) St Elizabeth's RC Church, The Vineyard, Richmond TW10 6AQ. Nearest Tube and main line train Richmond. We will explore the Old Palace (Henry VII, Henry VIII, Elizabeth I) and then walk along the river to St John Henry Newman's family home at Ham.

Islington: Sunday March 15th, 3.30pm at St John the Divine, Islington, London N1 8AL (nearest tube Angel). We will learn about the ancient shrine of Our Lady of the Oak, and a modern Catholic heroine, Caroline Chisholm.

No need to book, just turn up! Wear sensible clothing and shoes. Suggested donation: £10 per adult. www.catholichistorywalks.com

**Forgiveness does not change the past,
but it does enlarge the future**

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £489, Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

1st March Organ Fund, 8th CAFOD.

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: F Azevedo, M Figueiredo n/w E Chavez R Martella

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 Donaldson, S Palmer,

Little Church: A Kane Blanes C Webb n/w A Kilcawley A Stacey

Tiny Church: J Bronicka Anderson n/w E Lueth

Flowers: L Northeast n/w A Robbins

Royal Hospital: Sr Pauline n/w C Kawesi

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 14th March