



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Lent

8th March 2020

This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him

Mass Times

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	
9th Mon Feria	9.30		
10th Tue Feria	9.30 Holy Souls		
11th Wed Feria	9.30 Felicidad Castillo +		
12th Thu Feria	9.30 Michael Ewing +		
13th Fri Feria	9.30 Holy Souls		
14th Sat Feria	9.30	10.00 Confessions	17.30 Noel & Carmel Murray +
15th Sun Third Sunday of Lent	10.00 Valerie Percy +	15.00 (Royal Hospital) People of the Parish	



The Transfiguration, Raphael 1516-1520

A Prayer from the Sarum Breviary

O God, who purifies the heart of man from sin, and makes it more white than snow, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; renew, we beseech thee, thy Holy Spirit within us, that we may show forth thy praise, and, strengthened by thy grace, may obtain rest in the eternal mansions of the heavenly Jerusalem; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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: Luke

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

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 you 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.

**Those who think it is permissible
to tell white lies
soon grow colour-blind**

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.

Student Cross

Student Cross walking pilgrimage to Walsingham 3rd to 12th April. Details from studentcross.org.uk. See also poster on the noticeboard.

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). The First Holy Communion will be on 13th June. It is expected that the children will attend the 5.30 evening mass on the day of the classes.

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*

**When the oak is felled
the whole forest echoes with its fall,
but a hundred acorns are sown
in silence by an unnoticed breeze**

Thomas Carlyle

Forthcoming Dates

Feast of St Joseph	19th March
Concert	29th March
Penitential Service, East Hill	6th April
Concert	29th April
Easter Sunday	12th April
First Communion	13th June

Coronavirus

We have been given instructions by the Bishop's Conference about dealing with Coronavirus. We do not wish to cause panic but after discussing the matter with the Parish Council we have decided to take the following prudent steps immediately.

- Our Eucharistic Ministers will use hand sanitiser before and after distributing Holy Communion.
- We will not distribute Holy Communion from the Chalice until the crisis is over.
- If anyone has cold or flu symptoms, they should stay at home.
- It is preferred that Holy Communion is received in the hand rather than on the tongue since there is a risk of transferring saliva to the person distributing Holy Communion.
- Depending on availability, hand sanitiser will be placed at the door of the Church. Be aware that it is difficult to get sufficient supplies of sanitiser.
- Holy Water at the door of the Church will not be available while these measures are in place.
- We will suspend the Sign of Peace to avoid the unnecessary shaking of hands.
- We will also avoid shaking hands at the door of the Church after Mass.

If the crisis gets worse, we may be obliged to take further steps. You will be kept updated if other measures should be necessary.

Movie Show

The film Million Dollar Baby will be shown on Wednesday 11th March at 10.30. Seniors and all others are very welcome.

**If there is to be reconciliation,
first there must be truth**

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £620 Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

8th March CAFOD, 15th & 22nd March Organ Fund.

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: E. Chavez, R Martella n/w L Northeast M Ascensao

Readers: Sat: R & S Jackson, M Slade Sun: A Burnett, T Greetham, A. Kane Blanes n/w Sat: E & N Falcone E De Souza, Sun: G Donaldson L Brown, L Northeast

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: D McGavin J Cato Sun: G D'Monte, V Chima, A Kilcawley, R McMullan n/w Sat: E Falcone C Kawesi, Sun: D Lyons L Delos Santos J Cato

Little Church: A Kilcawley, A Stacey n/w A Mann J & N Neligan

Tiny Church: E Lueth n/w L Fernandes Ferreira

Royal Hospital: C Kawesi n/w A Vanotti, M Lewis

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 14th March