



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Lent

15th March 2020

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Mass Times

- 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 No Mass at Royal Hospital
- 16th Mon Feria**
 9.30 Rose Flynn +
- 17th Tue St Patrick**
 9.30 Devlin Family
- 18th Wed Feria**
 9.30 Mary Doorly +
- 19th Thu St Joseph**
 9.30 Mass in St Joseph's School
- 20th Fri Feria**
 9.30 Patrick (Paddy) Nolan +
- 21st Sat Feria**
 9.30 Stephen Gallagher +
 10.00 Confessions
 17.30 Hughie Murray +
- 22nd Sun Fourth Sunday of Lent**
 10.00 Fatima Azevedo Thanksgiving
 15.00 No Mass at Royal Hospital

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: John

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well,
Guercino 1640-1641

A Prayer by Thomas à Kempis

Grant me your grace, most merciful Jesus,
that your grace may be with me,
work in me,
and continue with me to the end.

Grant me always to want and desire
whatever is most acceptable to you
and pleases you best.

Let your will be mine,
and let my will always follow yours
and agree perfectly with it.

Let there be between you and me but one will,
so that I may love what you love
and abhor what you hate.

Grant that I may die to all things
that are in the world
and, for your sake, love to be despised,
and not to be known by the world.
Grant that I may rest in you above all other things,
and that my heart may be at peace in you.

You are the true peace of the heart.

You are its only rest.

Outside of you, all things are hard and uneasy.

In this peace, the same peace that is in you,
the one sovereign eternal Good,
I will sleep, and I will rest. Amen.

The Stations of the Cross Saturdays of Lent at 17.00

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*

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.

**To handle yourself, use your head;
to handle others, use your heart**

Feast of St Joseph

9.30 Mass on Thursday 19th March will be in the school in Oakhill Road where we will be celebrating the patronal feast.

Funeral of Archbishop Peter Smith

The funeral will take place on Monday 30th March at 12.30 at St George's Cathedral. The body will be received at 18.00 the night before.

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 regrettably due to the Coronavirus Epidemic it has been decided to postpone it's opening for a while. It is hoped to commence as soon as it is feasible to do so.

First Communion Classes

The next First Communion classes take place on 21st March, 25th April (First Confession) 2nd May, 16th May, 6th June (Practice) and the First Holy Communion will be on 13th June.

Prayer

is the oxygen of the soul

Padre Pio

Concert

Soprano Katie Gilbert and classical guitarist Sue Whittaker present a programme of beautiful songs by Dowland, Schubert, Villa Lobos and Piazzolla, and some traditional folk songs on Sunday 29th March, 15.00-16.00 in our Church. Perfect for a Sunday afternoon! Free admission with a collection for musician's expenses and a donation for the Church.

Forthcoming Dates

Concert 29th March
Penitential Service, East Hill 6th April
Concert 29th April
Easter Sunday 12th April
Quiz Night 2nd May
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 are using hand sanitiser before and after distributing Holy Communion.
- We are not distributing 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.
- Hand sanitisers are available at the door of the Church.
- Holy Water will not be available for the time being.
- Hymn and Mass Books have been withdrawn and hymn sheets will be issued instead.
- The Sign of Peace has been suspended to avoid the unnecessary shaking of hands.
- We also avoid the shaking of hands 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.

Royal Hospital

Please note that the Royal Hospital is in lockdown and there will be no mass there until further notice.

**Some minds are like concrete
All mixed up and permanently set**

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £469 Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

1st March Organ Fund, 8th March CAFOD.

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: L Northeast

M Ascensao n/w A Oliva, E Falcone

Readers: Sat: E & N Falcone, E De Souza, Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast n/w Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: E Falcone, C. Kawesi Sun: D Lyons L Delos Santos, J Cato n/w Sat:

D.McGavin C Kawesi Sun: R Nwodo P Fahy

R McMullan

Little Church: J & N Neligan, A Mann n/w R&S Jackson

Tiny Church: L. Fernandes Ferreira n/w R Barros

Flowers: V Barkho n/w A Oliva

Royal Hospital: A. Vanotti, M Lewis n/w A Robbin

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 14th March