



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Parish Office: Mon 10am-2pm, Wed 2pm-5pm, Fri 10am-5pm



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th July 2021

## Behold, I am with you to the end of time

### Mass Times

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat St Thomas, Apostle, Feast**  
9.30 All parish helpers  
17.30 People of the Parish
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sun Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00 Richard Nathanson RIP  
12.00 Baptism
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mon Feria**  
9.30 Holy Souls
- 6<sup>th</sup> Tue Feria**  
9.30 John Obi RIP
- 7<sup>th</sup> Wed Feria**  
9.30 John Obi RIP
- 8<sup>th</sup> Thu Feria**  
9.30 Brickley Family RIP
- 9<sup>th</sup> Fri Feria**  
11.00 Requiem Mass Amador Dadulla RIP
- 10<sup>th</sup> Sat Blessed Virgin Mary**  
9.30 Thanksgiving  
17.30
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sun Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00 People of the Parish

### Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-10.45 and 16.45-17.15

**Sunday Readings:** Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

**This Week's Liturgy Group:** Luke

**Next Week's Liturgy Group:** John

**Baptisms & Marriages:** Please contact the Parish Priest

**Please wear a face mask while in Church**



In his second letter to the Corinthians, St Paul speaks of a 'thorn in the flesh.' We do not know what this means: some illness, perhaps, or temptation, or conflict with another person. Whatever it was, St Paul learns that as God has not relieved him of this struggle, it is there for a purpose. He comes to understand that the 'thorn' is there to teach him that his ministry comes not from himself, not from his own strength, but from the grace of God alone. "My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness" the Lord says to Paul.

It is good to reflect on this not only in the struggles of our own lives of faith, but the life of the Church in these very secular times. We need to guard against despondency when we feel that the Church is, like John the Baptist, a 'voice crying in the wilderness'. We have to believe and to trust in God and in the treasure we have in the Catholic faith. Secularism will have its day. Ultimately secularism will fail because it cannot speak to the spiritual reality that lies at the heart of the human person. We must put our faith in the Lord's words to his apostles: "Behold, I am with you to the end of time." **Mgr Matthew**

## Sea Sunday



**Next week** is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit

[www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday) . To donate and for more information, please visit:

[www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

## Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for July 2021 "A Better Normal"



As we move from lockdown and Covid restrictions we hear a lot of people speak of the "new normal" while others want to return to how things were before all this. Will the 'old normal' ever be the same? How will the 'new normal' look? Either way, it's clear that we all have some rebuilding to do, and in rebuilding, we all have to create a 'better normal'. Pope Francis's challenge for this month is to look for areas of conflict either locally or globally and think how we can approach that conflict in a spirit of friendship and dialogue. We all imagine that we work very hard, but when it comes to making a mark on the world perhaps we are all a little lazy. Our lives cannot just be about providing for our families. As Christians we have to look to the common good. This month we are asked to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention ".....**that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.**"

## Care for Our Common Planet

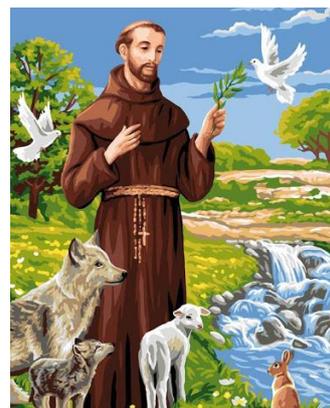
### *The Tree Warriors*

Trees are our strongest warriors in the battle against climate change. They lock up carbon, fight flooding and cool our cities. But there are simply not enough of them to tackle the climate emergency. **To hit the Government's 2050 carbon net zero target, the UK desperately needs more trees and it's down to every last one of us.**

### **Five things to do this summer:**

- Plant a new tree in your garden, or encourage your council to plant more trees.
- Teach your children how to plant seeds.
- Give trees as gifts to family members and friends.
- Support the Woodland Trust with your time and donations.

Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily; to lean on your great strength, trustfully, restfully; to wait for the unfolding of your will, patiently, serenely; to meet others, peacefully, joyfully; to face tomorrow, confidently, courageously. **St Francis of Assisi (1182 – 1226)**



## NEW ROTA FOR JULY AND AUGUST

Dear Volunteers, please pick up the new Rota at the back of the Church. Thanks for your all of your help at the Parish.

### **Last Week's Finances**

Parish Collection £331.91, Organ Fund £53.78, Bankers Orders £384

### **Upcoming Second Collections**

11th July Apostleship of the Sea

### **Rotas**

**Stewards: SAT:** E&N Falcone, S. Kone **N/W** P&C Macaulay **SUN:** H&B Dallman, V. Crewe, J. Neligan **N/W** C. Quirke, D. Lyons, J. Murray, J. Brine

**Readers: SAT:** E&N Falcone, E De Souza **N/W** N. Nolan, E. De Souza. **SUN:** G. Donaldson, L. Brown, L. Northeast **N/W** A. Harris, A. Stacey.

**Flowers:** V. Barkho **N/W** A. Oliva

**Maintenance Team:** 11:00 Sat 10 July 2021