



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th July 2021

*Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs*  
*Sea Sunday*

## Mass Times

<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	9.30	Thanksgiving
	17.30	
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	10.00	People of the Parish
	12.00	Baptism
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Feria</b>
	9.30	Holy Souls
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Feria</b>
	9.30	All Souls
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Feria</b>
	9.30	Lolita Delos Santos Thanksgiving
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>St Bonaventure, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church, Memorial</b>
	9.30	Holy Souls
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Memorial</b>
	9.30	Annie O'Shea RIP
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	9.30	Sam David RIP
	17.30	Dermot McGreal RIP
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	10.00	People of the Parish



What is most striking in today's gospel is the simplicity underlying Jesus' commissioning of the twelve Apostles. He gives them his own authority and sends them out in pairs. But they are to carry nothing other than a staff and a pair of sandals. They are to take no bread, no haversack, not even a little money. Listening to today's gospel calls us back to the simplicity and joy at the heart of Christian faith. If our minds are cluttered up with too much 'baggage' – too many haversacks, too many tunics – we can put them aside at least for today. We can re-discover the true joy and simplicity of the gospel: love of God and love of neighbour.

Mgr Matthew

**'God has made us simple, we  
have made ourselves  
complicated'**

**(St Francis of Assisi, d.1226)**

### Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-10.45

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

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

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

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

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

## Sea Sunday



**Today is Sea Sunday**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. 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). This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate, 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 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.**"

## Stop abortion up to birth becoming law



Catholics in England and Wales are urged to write to their MP requesting they vote against an amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill that could see abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth.

*Right to Life*, a charity that defends the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death, has an online submission form that finds your local MP and provides a template letter, that you can edit, to make your views known.

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel 16<sup>th</sup> July

The Carmelites were known from early on as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." The title suggests that they saw Mary not only as "mother," but also as "sister." The word "sister" is a reminder that Mary is very close to us. She leads us to a new realization that all human beings belong to the family of God.



**When such a conviction grows, there is hope that the human race can find its way to justice and peace.**

## Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £360.11, Organ Fund £80, Bankers Orders £384

## Rotas

**Stewards: SAT:** P&C Macaulay **N/W** C. Kawesi, T. De Souza, S. Doney. **SUN:** C. Quirke, D. Lyons, J. Murray, J. Brine **N/W** H&B Dallman, V. Crewe, J. Neligan

**Readers: SAT:** N. Nolan, E. De Souza **N/W** E. De Souza, M. Slade. **SUN:** A. Stacey **N/W** G. Fayers, T. Brown

**Flowers:** A. Oliva **N/W** L. Northeast

**Maintenance Team:** 11:00 Sat 14 August 2021