



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th July 2021

'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest awhile'

Mass Times

- 17th Sat The Blessed Virgin Mary**
9.30 Sam David RIP
17.30 Dermot McGreal RIP
- 18th Sun Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10.00 People of the Parish
- 19th Mon Feria**
9.30 Michael O'Connor RIP
- 20th Tue Feria**
9.30 Holy Souls
- 21th Wed Feria**
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- 22nd Thu St Mary Magdalene, Feast**
9.30 De Freine Family RIP
- 23rd Fri St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe, Feast**
9.30 Loaiza Family
- 24th Sat The Blessed Virgin Mary**
9.30 George Barkho Thanksgiving
17.30
- 25th Sun Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10.00 People of the Parish

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-10.45

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

This Week's Liturgy Group: Matthew

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Mark

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

Please wear a face mask while in Church



In the gospel, the apostles are overwhelmed with the demands placed upon them. Jesus understands that their exhaustion is not only physical, but is spiritual as well. In order for them to recuperate and to 're-charge', both physically and spiritually, Jesus leads them to a lonely place where they can be by themselves and rest awhile. In our often hectic and over-pressured lives, we too need to find time and space for God: time and space that is quiet and away from the frenzied activity of modern life. We need quiet, peace and solitude to experience that part of our inner selves that is God-filled. This week, try to find a quiet place where you can centre on God. In the stillness, know that God is present to you, calling you to deepen your love for Him. Allow him to strengthen you, to sustain you in all the responsibilities you must carry in your life.

Mgr Matthew

Celebration of Holy Mass after 19th July

From 19th July we move into Step 4 of the Government Covid-19 Response Road Map. We are urged now to exercise personal responsibility and caution going forward. Following guidance issued by the Conference of Bishops of England and Wales, please note the following revisions of practice at Mass which will be effective from 20th July:

1. Hand sanitiser: please continue to sanitize your hands on entering and leaving the church
2. NHS Test Track and Trace: while this system continues, please use the QR code or register your name and telephone number on entering the church
3. Face coverings: you are strongly recommended to wear a face covering in church for your protection and that of others
4. Cleaning: general cleaning will continue after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning masses
5. Social distancing: all benches will be available for seating, however please allow space between yourself (or your 'bubble') and other worshippers. Individual seats are available at the back of the church for those who wish to have more space between themselves and others
6. Stewards will no longer be required to guide people to designated seats, but will be required for test track and trace and for cleaning the church after Mass

Celebration of Holy Mass will resume as normal, however:

1. Holy Communion will be distributed under the Sacred Host only (not the Precious Blood). Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will continue to sanitize their hands and wear a face covering when distributing Holy Communion
2. The physical Sign of Peace will remain suspended until further notice
3. Congregation singing will be resumed gradually, beginning with some hymn singing. Face coverings should be worn by the congregation while singing.
4. Holy Water stoups will not be refilled at this stage. Persons wishing to have Holy Water may fill their own small bottles from the glass vessel in the Baptistry.
5. The offertory collection will resume using collection bags/baskets.

I am immensely grateful to those who have assisted in the observance of Covid-19 protection measures over recent months, particularly our stewards and cleaners. I urge everyone to remain cautious in this next phase. Please observe the notes above in order to encourage as many people as possible to return to Mass and to feel safe in doing so. It is good to see the numbers of people attending Mass gradually increasing. Mgr Matthew

'Sunday - it is our Day'



*A statement from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on the centrality of **Sunday Mass** to our Catholic life is available at the*

back of the Church and on the parish website.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you, like a dry, weary land without water. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **Psalm 63**

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £468.09, Stella Maris £314.42, Bankers Orders £384

Rotas

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

Readers: SAT: E. De Souza, M. Slade **N/W** R.C. & S.C. Jackson, M. Slade **SUN:** G. Fayers, T. Brown
N/W A. Burnett, T. Greetham, A.K. Blanes

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

Maintenance Team: 11:00 Sat 14 August 2021