



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th July 2021

Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as they wanted

Mass Times

- 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
12.00 Baptism
- 26th Mon Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the BVM**
9.30 Holy Souls
- 27th Tue Feria**
9.30 Robert Reese Williams Thanksgiving
- 28th Wed Feria**
9.30 Holy Souls
- 29th Thu St Martha, Memorial**
9.30 Holy Souls
- 30th Fri Feria**
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- 31st Sat St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, Memorial**
9.30
17.30
- 1st Sun Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10.00 People of the Parish
12.00 Baptism



The people who gathered to hear Jesus speak were hungry: hungry in the physical sense of course, but also in the deeper, spiritual sense. They yearn for that which will satisfy the deepest yearning of their hearts, for meaning, for love. Jesus feeds the vast crowd with just five loaves and two fish, a sign that in him is found all that can assuage the deepest hunger of our lives. In the Mass, Jesus feeds us not with ordinary food but with the bread and wine that is the sacrament of his Body and his Blood. We are given bread that is Jesus; wine that is Jesus. This is the food that nourishes our soul; the only food that can satisfy our deepest hunger for life, for truth, for love, for God. At the same time we receive Holy Communion not just for ourselves, but to build communion in the Church and in the world. We do not receive Jesus as isolated individuals, but as the baptised people of God who *together* make the Church, the Lord's body on earth.

Mgr Matthew

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-10.45

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

This Week's Liturgy Group: Mark

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Luke

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

Please wear a face mask while in Church

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. Congregational 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.

VACANCY AT ST. JOHN BOSCO COLLEGE

Learning Support Assistant Salary £17,773.47, 32.5 hours per week Monday to Friday with 30 minutes lunch break Term time only (39 weeks per annum).

Closing date: Noon Monday 26 July 2021 Interviews w/c: Monday 9 August 2021 We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to a DBS check.

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Check website for application. Completed application should be returned to the school either by email or post. CVs are not accepted.

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £631.23, Organ Fund £51.50, Bankers Orders £384

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

Readers: SAT: M. Slade **N/W** E&N Falcone, E De Souza. **SUN:** A. Burnett, T. Greetham, A.K. Blanes **N/W** G. Donaldson, L. Brown.

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

Maintenance Team: 11:00 Sat 14 August 2021