



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st August 2021

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst'

Mass Times

31st July Sat St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, Memorial

9.30

17.30 Holy Souls

1st Sun Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00 People of the Parish

12.00 Baptism

2nd Mon Feria

9.30 Gloria Delos Santos RIP

Portiuncula Indulgence. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession

3rd Tue Feria

9.30 Holy Souls

4th Wed St John Vianney, Priest, Memorial

9.30 Bernadette & Eddie George
(Wedding Anniversary)

5th Thu Feria

9.30 Margaret Joseph RIP

6th Fri The Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast

9.30 Ornella Elisabetta Callot RIP

7th Sat The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30

17.30 Charles Mabira RIP

8th Sun Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00 People of the Parish



To draw as much as we can from the Mass we need to recognise that this hour or so is the most sacred time of our week. It is the 'peak' from which everything else flows. Anyone who receives Holy Communion has consumed the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus, and we carry him in our bodies as we leave Mass. We become, in a very literal sense, a living tabernacle of the Lord. At the end of Mass the priest blesses the people and says 'Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.' That is exactly what we should be committed to doing as we return to our homes, our work, our schools.

As Catholics, the Mass should mean everything to us. It is here, in the Eucharist, that the Lord feeds us with his very self. Let there be joy in our hearts as we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, and may the love of Jesus truly transform the people we are.

Mgr Matthew

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-10.45

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

Portiuncula Indulgence (Monday 2nd August)

A plenary indulgence for the remission of sins may be gained on 2nd August through a visit to the parish church during which the Our Father and the Creed are recited together with a prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, sacramental Confession and Holy Communion. Confession will be available before and after the 9:30 Mass. The church will be open from 9:00am to 11:00am. The Portiuncula is the chapel in Assisi, now within the Basilica of Our Lady of the Angels, from where the Franciscan movement started.

Memoria of St John Vianney



(Wednesday 4th August)

St John Vianney, the 'curé d'Ars' is the patron saint of parish priests. Please pray for the parish priests of our Archdiocese on this day, and for vocations to the priesthood. 'Prayer is the foretaste of heaven, an overflowing of heaven. It never

leaves us without sweetness. It is like honey'.

(St John Vianney 1786 -1859)

Bishop Paul - fundraising for Lourdes

Last summer, my cat went missing for a fortnight. During that time, my prayer had new urgency and I realised that, until then, my prayer for others hadn't been anything like as intense! From then, I made a special effort to say the whole Rosary each morning, while I was out walking before breakfast, saying each of the 20 decades for a particular intention. As we come up to the time when dioceses would normally be preparing for their Lourdes pilgrimage, I'm asking people to sponsor me to raise money for the Lourdes Sanctuaries. This will help them maintain their facilities for pilgrims and people who need particular assistance, at this time when little money is coming in from visitors, because of travel restrictions. If you would like to help, please visit <https://catholicassociation.enthuse.com/pf/bishop-paul-hendricks>, or click the link on your parish web site. Thank you very much. Bishop Paul.



Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for August

Reform in the Light of the Gospel Pope Francis's monthly prayer intention for August is directly for the Church, and that it might reform herself in the light of the Gospel. When we hear that something is directed at 'the Church' are we inclined to feel some distance? Do we think of 'the Church' as a collection of bishops in some way off office in Rome? Do we ever think of ourselves as the Church? Of course each and every one of us is the Church and therefore Pope Francis's monthly intention is for each and every one of us to live by the gospels. The first thing to do is actually read the gospels. For those of us who don't much like reading, the shortest gospel is by Mark and can be easily read in two hours. For those of us who find the language of the Bible a little 'dry' the first thing to do is buy a commentary. A word of caution though, lots of commentaries can actually be harder to read than the Bible itself, so consider investing in a commentary written for teenagers or students. This month Pope Francis asks us to join in his monthly prayer intention "... for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel."

Feast of the Transfiguration

(Friday 6th August) The first and single most important factor in staying motivated is to have a vision. Having a vision gives us a reason to act. As Christ's disciples we might motivate ourselves with a vision of a world without poverty or war ... or simply to improve the life of one other person. The Feast of the Transfiguration invites us to stay motivated as disciples in the belief that we will one day enjoy the place God has prepared for each of us.



Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £491.50, Organ Fund £97, Bankers Orders £384

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. Stacey.

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

Maintenance Team: 11:00 Sat 14 August 2021