



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th July 2019

The harvest is rich but the labourers are few

## Mass Times

<b>6th Sat Feria</b>	9.30 Marcella Devlin + 10.00 Confessions 17.30 Billie & Ronnie Maher +
<b>7th Sun Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	10.00 Pina Visentini + 15.00 (Royal Hospital) <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>8th Mon Feria</b>	9.30 The Freyne Family +
<b>9th Tue Feria</b>	9.30
<b>10th Wed Feria</b>	9.30 Louis Cyril Christophe +
<b>11th Thu St Benedict</b>	9.30 Holy Souls
<b>12th Fri Feria</b>	9.30 Bimbo S. Navarro Wellbeing
<b>13th Sat Feria</b>	9.30 Holy Souls 10.00 Confessions 17.30 John Greenham +
<b>14th Sun Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	10.00 Lolita De Los Santos Thanksgiving 15.00 (Royal Hospital) <i>People of the Parish</i>



Christ Sends Out the Seventy-Two Disciples, James Tissot (1836-1902)

## The Mission of the Disciples

Shaking the sand from your sandals may seem like a rather petty reaction to rejection. In doing so the person is declaring: 'I do not want share anything, not even the same earth, as you!' This sort of reaction might seem a bit extreme and yet it was what the Lord instructed his disciples to do.

Within the context of his commissioning of the seventy-two disciples, Jesus is making it clear that rejection and hostility will be a large part of spreading the Gospel.

His 'sand-shaking' advice is not intended as a snub to those who reject the Good News but rather as a lesson for his disciples. We will constantly come in contact with people, who find the Truth of the Gospel abhorrent and risible. One has only to think of the 'new atheists', Islamists and secularists who are growing in numbers within the Western world.

When we interact with these people, we ought not to let ourselves be dragged down to merely negative and aggressive engagement. We should not make 'winning the argument' the main objective. Whilst never losing our zeal or our openness we have to constantly shake off the 'sands of negativity' that comes with rejection and continue with our evangelical calling. If we allow the 'sands of negativity' to weigh us down, we will end up struggling to complete our mission: so, shake off the sand!

Father Alex

### Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

**Sunday Readings:** Year C **Weekday Readings:** Year 1

### Cycle of Prayer, Summer:

Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews,  
 Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression, and Denial of  
 Human Rights, Europe, Human Life, Seafarers

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

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



### Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

The AOS provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As the AOS is completely dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously in the second collection we will be taking up for them today. For more information about its work, visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk).

## The battle line between good and evil runs through the heart of every man

*Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn*

### Ordination to the Priesthood

Deacon Peter Littleton from St Mary Magdalen Church, East Hill is being ordained to the priesthood at 12.30 on Saturday 20th July in St George's Cathedral, Southwark. His first mass will be at St Mary Magdalen Church on Sunday 21st July at 11.00. All welcome.

### New Rotas

The new rotas for all those who help are now available.

### Sunday Teas and Coffees

Please remember that tea and coffee is served in the Corry Hall after 10.00 Sunday mass. It is a good occasion to meet your fellow parishioners.

### Gift Aid

Gift Aid letters are available at the back of the Church.

### Son of God, Eternal Saviour

As Thou, Lord, hast lived for others,  
So may we for others live;  
Freely have Thy gifts been granted,  
Freely may Thy servants give.  
Thine the gold and Thine the silver,  
Thine the wealth of land and sea,  
We but stewards of Thy bounty,  
Held in solemn trust for Thee.

SC Lowry

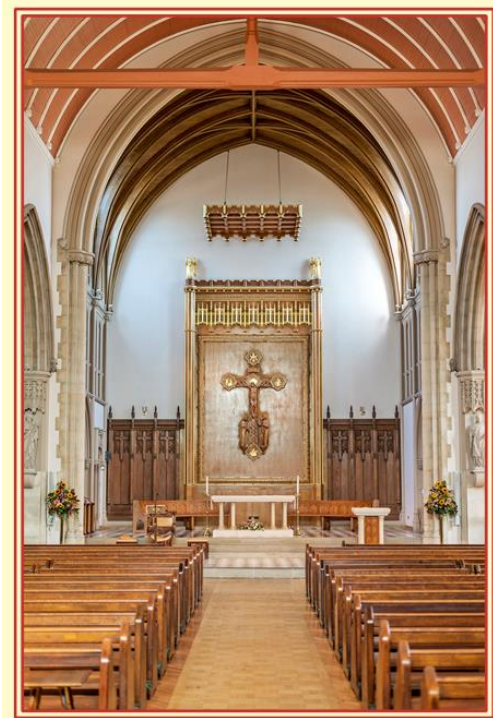
## It's never crowded along the extra mile

### Altar Servers

If any of the children who have just made their First Communion this year wish to become an Altar Server they should come to the Sacristy ten minutes before mass so we can get them ready. We greatly value their contribution.

### Forthcoming Dates

Parish Council .....17th September  
Parish Council .....26th November



### SERMONS FOR THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

by Father Alex McAllister SDS

### Father Alex's New Book of Sermons

A book containing Father Alex's sermons for each Sunday and Feast Day of the three-year Liturgical Cycle has now been published. Copies are obtainable at the back of the Church priced at £10

### Joseph Lennon RIP

Requiem Mass: Wednesday 10th July at 11.00 followed by burial at Putney Vale Cemetery.

## In the evening of life, we will be judged on love

*St. John of the Cross*

### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £456 Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

Today: Apostleship of the Sea, Catholic Education Service 8th September, Home Missions 15th September.

### Rotas

**Sunday Welcome & Coffee:** L Northeast

M Ascensao n/w A Oliva, E Falcone

**Readers:** Sat: E & N Falcone, E De Souza, Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast n/w Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin, C. Kawesi Sun: D Lyons, L Delos Santos, E Sinclair J Cato n/w Sat: J Cato, D McGavin, C Kawesi Sun: A Nobis, R Nwodo, P Fahy, R McMullan

**Little Church:** J & N Neligan, A Mann n/w R&S Jackson

**Tiny Church:** L. Fernandes Ferreira n/w R Barros

**Flowers:** V Barkho n/w A Oliva

**Royal Hospital:** A. Vanotti, M Lewis n/w A Robbin

**Maintenance Team:** 11.00 Saturday 13th July, 10th August