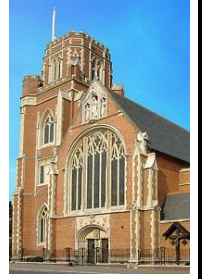




St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th August 2019

Be on your guard against avarice of any kind

Mass Times

3rd Sat Feria	9.30 No Mass Confessions before or after 5.30 mass 17.30 Mary and Piera Vanotti +
4th Sun Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 Anne Walsh + 15.00 (Royal Hospital) <i>People of the Parish</i>
5th Mon Feria	9.30 Audrey and John Charlton +
6th Tue Transfiguration of the Lord	9.30 Ann Whelan +
7th Wed Feria	9.30 Sarah Devlin
8th Thu St Dominic	9.30 Mary Poynter Thanksgiving
9th Fri St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	9.30 Teresa Mcloughlan +
10th Sat St Lawrence	9.30 No Mass Confessions before or after 5.30 mass 17.30 Ann McCabe +
11th Sun Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 Joseph Lennon + 15.00 (Royal Hospital) <i>People of the Parish</i>

Confessions:

During August before or after Saturday 5.30 mass

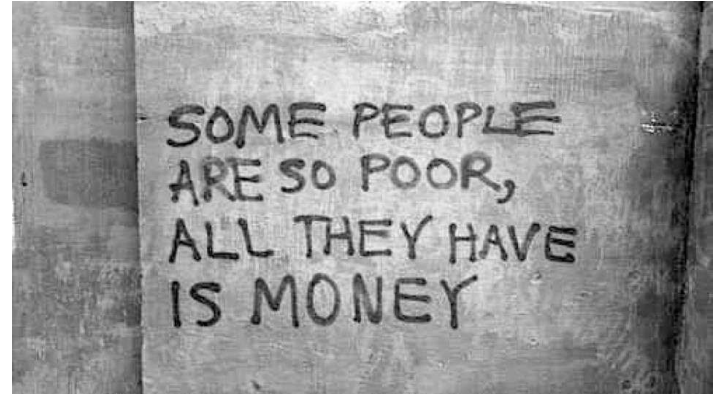
Sunday Readings: Year C **Weekday Readings:** Year 1

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



A Prayer by Thomas à Kempis

Grant me your grace, most merciful Jesus,
that your grace may be with me, work in me,
and continue with me to the end.

Grant me always to want and desire
whatever is most acceptable to you
and pleases you best.

Let your will be mine,
and let my will always follow yours
and agree perfectly with it.

Let there be between you and me but one will,
so that I may love what you love
and abhor what you hate.

Grant that I may die
to all things that are in the world and,
for your sake, love to be despised,
and not to be known by the world.
Grant that I may rest in you above all other things,
and that my heart may be at peace in you.

You are the true peace of the heart.

You are its only rest.

Outside of you, all things are hard and uneasy.

In this peace, the same peace that is in you,
the one sovereign eternal Good,
I will sleep, and I will rest.

Amen.

Feast of the Assumption

Thursday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and it is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses at 9.30 & 19.00 on that day.

Choir

The Choir are taking a summer break returning on Sunday 1st September. We thank them for all they do to enhance the liturgy. The organ will still be played on Saturday evening throughout August.

**Make not a show of your good deeds
suffice it that the Father heeds;
by fast and prayer in secret done
in heaven reward for you is won**

Holiday Arrangements

Father Alex is away on holiday during August. Please note that there will be no mass on Saturday mornings during August. Confessions will be before or after mass on Saturday nights. Father Louis Kouevi from St Joseph's, Roehampton will be covering while Father Alex is away.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Would all Readers and Eucharistic Ministers please check the rotas and if you are not available please arrange a substitute. Over the summer with many people away on holiday it is important that we have sufficient Readers and Ministers to help with the Sunday masses.

Mass Intentions

If you would like us to offer mass for a particular intention please take a small envelope from the back of the Church, print the name of the intention clearly, to prevent any misunderstanding, and put it through the letterbox. A donation can be included. Mass cards are available for you to use if necessary. We will publish the names of the mass intentions in the newsletter. If you wish to have the mass offered on a special date please indicate this on the envelope.

**The real art of conversation is not only
to say the right thing in the right place,
but to leave unsaid the wrong thing at
the tempting moment**

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 Council17th September
Parish Council26th November

Organ

Our organ specialist and tuner has informed us that the organ in our Church needs some important repairs. Apparently, the organ was completely overhauled in the 1990's but the work was very poorly done and the firm that did it went out of business shortly after. It is a splendid instrument but we are being told that it desperately needs work to be done in the near future. We don't have an estimated cost at this stage but it is thought to be around £15,000. Parts will need to be taken away to a workshop for overhaul and our consultant, Donald McKenzie, will oversee the work to ensure it is done to a high standard. We will need to take up a series of second collections to help fund these unexpected expenses. Also, we ought to make fundraising events for the organ a priority in the coming year or so. We will start by taking up second collections on a monthly basis. The organ certainly enhances the liturgy and we need to keep our marvellous organ in first class condition. Thank you for your support in this matter.

New Parishioners

If you are new to the Parish please ensure that you complete a registration form which is available at the back of the Church. You are very welcome to St Thomas à Becket Parish.

A Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**A rich man
is not one who has the most,
but one who needs the least**

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £ 577 Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

Catholic Education Service 8th September, Home Missions 15th September

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: Resumes September

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

Flowers: Resumes September

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

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 10th August
14th September