



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th October 2019

God will see justice done

## Mass Times

- 19th Sat Feria**  
9.30 Paula Payabyab +  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Giuseppe Vanedola +
- 20th Sun Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00 Julian N Kato +  
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 21th Mon Feria**  
9.30 Holy Souls
- 22th Tue St John Paul II**  
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- 23th Wed Feria**  
9.30 Archbishop Michael Bowen +
- 24th Thu Feria**  
9.30 George Gorman +
- 25th Fri Forty Martyrs of England & Wales**  
9.30 Colm Maguire +
- 26th Sat SS Chad & Cedd**  
9.30 Desmond Neligan +  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Mary Byrne +
- 27th Sun Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00 Patrick Dolan +  
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

### Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

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

### Cycle of Prayer, Autumn:

Students and Teachers, Spread of the Gospel, Harvest,  
Fruits of Human Work & Reverent use of Creation,  
Victims of War, Young People, Prisoners & their Families

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

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



Parable of the Unjust Judge, Pieter de Grebber 1648

## October 2019

### Extraordinary Mission Month

Pope Francis has declared this October a special month of prayer and action on behalf of the Missions. Extraordinary Mission Month calls us all to renew our missionary commitment and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all peoples. The ways different individuals are expressing that commitment are truly inspiring. From cutting down on plastic use to visiting sick or elderly neighbours; from campaigning and volunteering to just finding time to be quiet and listen to God. In all these ways the global Church family is putting EMM2019 into practice in the world.

Our parish is taking up a collection for the support of the foreign missions this Sunday. Please give it your support.

## First Holy Communion 2020



Please take a form from the table at the back of the Church if you wish to enrol your child for First Communion classes and return to the parish office by **31st October** with a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate. The children must be in Year 3 or above.

Classes will be at 16.00 on the following Saturdays: 9th November, 14th December, 11th January, 8th February, 7th March, 28th March, 25th April (First Confession) 9th May, 6th June (Practice) and the First Holy Communion will be on 13th June. The idea is that the children come to the classes and then join in the 17.30 Saturday evening mass. Parents should attend on 9th November for the first half an hour so that organisational matters can be clarified.

**To the Church the living call  
and to the Grave I summon all**

Bell Inscription

### A Celebration of Parish Life

During the 175th anniversary of the Parish we had a special evening with a wide range of entertainment provided by a number of Parishioners for the enjoyment of the whole Parish. On Saturday 8th February we plan to hold a similar occasion to celebrate the wide range of talents that our people have. We invite everyone to consider contributing to the evening whether it be song, music, performance, drama, spoken word, dance, cultural activity or anything else that celebrates the life of our Parish.

### Little Church

Due to half-term there will be no Little Church this week or next week.

### Day of Recollection

The Annual Day of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers is on Saturday 26th October 10.30-15.00 at St Boniface, Tooting. **Please register by ringing 020 8672 2345.**

**When man is with God  
in awe and love,  
then he is praying**

Karl Rahner

### Forthcoming Dates

Parish Council ..... 3rd December  
Christmas Dinner ..... 7th December  
Penitential Service ..... 16th December  
Carol Service ..... 22nd December  
Feast of St Thomas à Becket ..... 29th December  
Celebration of Parish Life ..... 8th February

### Gift Aid

Our parish treasurer Rupert Jackson-Cousins spoke at all the masses last weekend about our parish finances and the importance of Gift Aid. Forms are available so that parishioners can contribute to our Offertory Collections by means of Banker's Order or Envelope so that the parish can reclaim the Gift Aid.

### Sunday Teas and Coffees

Please remember that tea and coffee is served in the Corry Hall after 10.00 Sunday mass.

### Cake Sale

There will be a cake sale on 27th October in the Corry Hall after 10.00 Mass. Donation of cakes can be left in the hall before Mass.

### Month of the Holy Souls

November is the month of the Holy Souls. You will find envelopes and forms at the back of the Church so that you can write the names of your loved ones who have died. When returned to the Parish Office the list of names will be placed on the altar and included in all the masses during the month of November.

### Urgent Need

A patient in the Royal Hospital has been returned to his home in the Cape Verde Islands and his sister has had to give up her job to care for him full-time at home. If anyone would like to help them financially then contributions will be forwarded by Fr Alex.

### Canonisation of Cardinal Newman

St George's Cathedral is displaying a relic of Blessed John Henry Newman until Sunday 27th October 2019. In addition, a Mass will be celebrated in honour of Newman's canonisation by Archbishop John Wilson on Sunday 27th October at 11.30.

**Lord, help me look at acorns and see trees  
help me look at raindrops and see oceans  
help me look at time and see eternity**

### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £ 481 Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

Missio Today 20th October, Organ Fund 27th October, Archbishop's Administration Fund 10th November, Catholic Youth Work 24th November, Organ Fund 1st December

### Rotas

**Sunday Welcome & Coffee:** E Chavez, R Martella n/w L Northeast M Ascensao

**Readers:** Sat: R & S Jackson, M Slade Sun: A Burnett, T Greetham, A. Kane Blanes n/w Sat: E & N Falcone, E De Souza, Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sat: M & S Lee, Sun: G D'Monte, V Chima, A Kilcawley, R McMullan n/w Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin, C Kawesi, Sun: D Lyons, L Delos Santos, J Cato

**Royal Hospital:** C Kawesi n/w A Vanotti, M Lewis

**Maintenance Team:** 11.00 Saturday 9th November