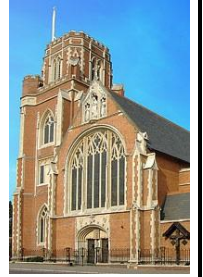




# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th November 2019

He is God not of the dead but of the living

## Mass Times

- 9th Sat Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
 9.30 Lolita Delos Santos Thanksgiving  
 10.00 Confessions  
 17.30 Pat & Peter O'Donovan +
- 10th Sun Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10.00 Tim Nolan +  
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 11th Mon St Martin of Tours**  
 9.30 Zia Isaac +
- 12th Tue St Josaphat**  
 9.30 James Monahan +
- 13th Wed Feria**  
 9.30 Patrick Dolan +
- 14th Thu Feria**  
 9.30 Violet & Family Wellbeing
- 15th Fri St Albert the Great**  
 9.30 Deceased Brugnoli & Zaninonni Families +
- 16th Sat St Edmund of Abingdon**  
 9.30 Pedro De Los Santos +  
 10.00 Confessions  
 17.30 Kay Nolan +
- 17th Sun Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10.00 Tess Keaney +  
 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:** Mark

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



## The Cenotaph

The Cenotaph positioned in Whitehall in London has become the central focus for the remembrance and commemoration events in Britain since the First World War – however it was never intended to be permanent.

Cenotaph means 'empty tomb' and it symbolises the unprecedented losses suffered during the First World War and is dedicated to 'The Glorious Dead'. There are no names inscribed on the Cenotaph, which allowed individuals to assign their own meaning to the memorial. It also provided a tangible place of mourning for those whose husbands, sons, brothers, friends and relations died during the war without a known grave. This symbolism also resonates through the introduction of the two minutes silence on Armistice Day and the interment of the Unknown Warrior.

It was designed by Edwin Lutyens in 1919. The original wood and plaster structure was only intended to stand for one week, but it proved so popular that a permanent replacement was commissioned. After the original was removed in January 1920, the new Portland stone memorial was completed and installed, ready to be unveiled by King George V on Armistice Day, 11 November 1920.



## November The Month of the Holy Souls

Please take an envelope from the back of the Church and return it with a list of deceased relatives and friends you wish to be prayed for during the month of November. The list will be placed on the altar and the names included in all the masses during the Month of the Holy Souls.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

## The person who fiddles around rarely gets to lead the orchestra

### 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. **If you would like to share your gift or talent please sign the list at the back of the Church.**

### Gift Aid

Gift Aid forms are available so that parishioners can contribute to our Offertory Collections by means of Banker's Order or Envelope in order that the parish can reclaim the Gift Aid.

### Weekly Offertory



Please consider increasing your weekly offertory contribution by at least £1 to help your parish meet its expenses. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

### Legacies

Please consider the parish when drawing up your will. Much of the structure of our beautiful Church was built through the generosity of parishioners by means of legacies. Think of a legacy as your gift to the next generation of Catholics enabling them to maintain a truly worthy place of worship.

## When you feel 'dog tired' at night, it may be because you growled all day

### Forthcoming Dates

Cake Sale.....24th November  
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



The mass this Sunday morning will be slightly shorter than usual so that parishioners can cross the road to the Fire Station for an Act of Remembrance together with the members of the London Fire Brigade. Please join us there promptly at 11.00.

### Mass for Deceased Clergy

All are welcome to the annual mass for deceased clergy of the Deanery at St Boniface, Tooting at 18.30 on Friday 15th November.

### Caribbean Feast Day

All Caribbean Feast Day Mass of Martin de Porres on Sunday 10th November at 12.00 noon at St James the Great Church, Elm Grove, Peckham Rye, London SE15 5DD

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

We will soon be drawing up new rotas soon to start in the New Year. If anyone would like to become a Eucharistic Minister or a Reader please let Father Alex know.

## It is better by far at rainbow's end to find not gold but the heart of a friend

### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £702 Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

Archbishop's Administration Fund 10th November, Catholic Youth Work 24th November, Organ Fund 1st December

### Rotas

**Sunday Welcome & Coffee:** F Azevado, M Figueiredo n/w E Chavez. R Martella

**Readers:** Sat: E De Souza, M Slade Sun: G Fayers, C McCarthy, n/w Sat: R & S Jackson M Slade Sun: A Burnett, T Greetham, A Kane Blanes

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sat: D McGavin, K Dolan Sun: G Donaldson, S Palmer, D Lyons n/w Sat: M & S Lee Sun: G D'Monte, V Chima, A Kilcawley, R McMullan

**Little Church:** A Kane Blanes, C Webb n/w A Kilcawley, A Stacey

**Tiny Church:** J. Bronicka Anderson n/w E Lueth

**Flowers:** L Northeast n/w A Robbins

**Royal Hospital:** Sr Pauline n/w C Kawesi

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