



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 9.30-14.30 Monday to Friday



First Sunday of Advent

1st December 2019

Stay awake so that you may be ready

## Mass Times

### 30th Sat St Andrew

9.30 Bernard & Marcella Devlin +  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Michael Hatton +

### 1st Sun First Sunday of Advent

10.00 James & Ann Lyons +  
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

### 2nd Mon Feria

9.30 Gerry Naven Lynch +

### 3rd Tue St Francis Xavier

9.30 Zdybel Wellbeing

### 4th Wed St Osmund

9.30 Zdybel Wellbeing

### 5th Thu Feria

9.30 Mgr Charles Duchemin + (Benefactor)

### 6th Fri St Nicholas

9.30 Nicholas Lewis +

### 7th Sat St Ambrose

9.30 Zdybel Wellbeing  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Richard Doherty +

### 8th Sun Second Sunday of Advent

10.00 Mary Kelly +  
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

#### Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

Sunday Readings: Year A Weekday Readings: Year 2

#### Cycle of Prayer, Advent:

Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees,  
Expectant Mothers

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Matthew

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



God the Father, Cima da Conegliano (1510-1517)

## Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley



**Advent is a time to wait, listen and ponder the awesome wonder of God.**

**Christmas Buffet**

Good quality prizes are needed for the raffle to take place at the Christmas Buffet.

**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.

**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.



**God's delay is not God's denial**

**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

**First Communion Class**

The next First Communion class takes place on Saturday 14th December at 16.00 in the Corry Hall. It is expected that the children will attend the 5.30 evening mass that day.

**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.

**APF Red Mission Boxes**



Please return your red Missio boxes to the sacristy so the money can be counted and sent off to the APF. It would be good if they could be returned by 8th December.

**New Parishioners**

If you are new to the Parish please complete a registration form which is available at the back of the Church. You are most welcome to the parish and to our primary school St Joseph's in Oakhill Road.

**Cake Sale**

Cake sale raised £160. Sincere thank you to all talented bakers and purchasers

**Legacies**

Please think about the parish when drawing up your last 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 a gift to the next generation of Catholics enabling them to maintain a truly worthy place of worship.

**The measure of love is love without measure**

*St Francis de Sales*

**Last Week's Finances**

Parish Collection £494 Bankers Orders £384

**Upcoming Second Collections**

Organ Fund 1st December

**Rotas**

**Sunday Welcome & Coffee:** A Oliva, E Falcone n/w F Azevedo, M Figueiredo

**Readers:** Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey n/w Sat: E De Souza, M Slade; Sun: G Fayers, C McCarthy

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sat: J Cato, D McGavin, C Kawesi Sun: A Nobis, R Nwodo, P Fahy, R McMullan n/w Sat: D McGavin, Sun: G Donaldson, S Palmer, D Lyons

**Little Church:** R&S Jackson n/w A Kane Blanes C Webb

**Tiny Church:** R Barros n/w J Bronicka Anderson

**Royal Hospital:** A Robbins n/w Sr Pauline

**Maintenance Team:** 11.00 Saturday 14 December