



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 9.30-14.30 Monday to Friday



Second Sunday of Advent

8th December 2019

Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand

## Mass Times

- 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*
- 9th Mon The Immaculate Conception**  
9.30 Zdybel Wellbeing
- 10th Tue Feria**  
9.30 James O'Neill +
- 11th Wed Feria**  
9.30 Kathleen O'Neill +
- 12th Thu Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
9.30 Irene Mulrennan +
- 13th Fri St Lucy**  
9.30 Zdybel Wellbeing
- 14th Sat St John of the Cross**  
9.30 Noel & Carmel Murray +  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Alice Bryce Thanksgiving
- 15th Sun Third Sunday of Advent**  
10.00 Maria Figueiredo Thanksgiving  
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*



Immaculate Conception of El Escorial, Murillo 1660-1665

## A Prayer for Advent

Lord of Heaven and Earth,  
stir our hearts with longing for you  
and guide our preparation for Christmas.  
Remind us that you come to us  
to proclaim Good News  
each day through the Church,  
the sacred Scriptures  
and the actions of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.  
As we look ahead to your coming at the end of time,  
help us to remember that  
our salvation has already been won.  
May our prayer this Advent  
lead us on the path to everlasting life.  
Amen.

### Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

**Sunday Readings:** Year A **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

### Cycle of Prayer, Advent & Christmas:

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

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

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

## 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 event to celebrate the wide range of talents among our congregation. 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. **Please sign the sheet at the back of the Church so that we can move forward with planning.**

**Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem  
May we let ourselves be drawn  
by the light of God made man**

Pope Francis

### Carol Service

Our annual Carol Service will be at 7pm on Sunday 22nd December. Please come along. Refreshments afterwards in the Corry Hall. The Mayor of Wandsworth will be present.

### Cardinal Newman

Take a look at the nice new picture of Cardinal Newman now hanging right next to our Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

### Catholic Almshouse

There are a couple of vacancies for self-contained flats in a Catholic Almshouse in Brook Green suitable for single persons of limited means. See noticeboard.

### Sunday Teas and Coffees

Tea & coffee are served in the Corry Hall after 10.00 Sunday mass. It is a good chance to meet your fellow parishioners.

### New Rotas

New rotas are in preparation for readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Flower Arrangers, Little Church Leaders, etc. If you would like to help in one of these capacities please contact the parish secretary.

### 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.

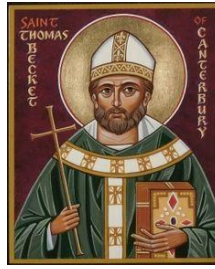


**When I ring, O gracious Mary,  
bring happiness to everyone. Amen.**

Bell Inscription

### Forthcoming Dates

Penitential Service.....16th December  
Carol Service ..... 22nd December  
Feast of St Thomas à Becket.....29th December  
Celebration of Parish Life..... 8th February



## Feast of St Thomas à Becket

We mark our patronal feast of St Thomas à Becket with mass on Sunday 29th December at 10.00. The special preacher will be Mgr. Keith Newton who is the Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.

After the mass there will be a buffet in the Corry Hall in appreciation of those who have helped the parish during the year in whatever capacity including servers, singers, sacristans, musicians, cleaners, readers, Eucharistic ministers, catechists, ushers, counters, other volunteers, etc, etc. Please do come along and enjoy what promises to be a most convivial occasion.

### 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.

### 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 today 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.

**Reason deceives us;  
conscience, never**

### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £648 Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

Organ Fund 8th December, Organ Fund 15th 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 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 14 December