



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2019

She was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit

Mass Times

- 21st Sat Feria**
9.30 James P Gallagher +
10.00 Confessions
17.30 Antonia Cafaro Rebecchini +
- 22nd Sun Fourth Sunday of Advent**
10.00 Anne Thornton +
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
19.00 Carol Service
- 23rd Mon Feria**
9.30 Deceased McHugh & Gallagher Family
- 24th Tue Christmas Eve**
18.00 Children's Mass
Regina & Family Thanksgiving
23.30 Christmas Carols
00.00 Midnight Mass
Elizabeth Smith Wellbeing
- 25th Wed Christmas Day**
10.00 Patrick Dolan +
- 26th Thu St Stephen**
12.00
- 27th Fri St John**
9.30 Deceased St. Thomas a Becket Parish Council +
- 28th Sat Feast of the Holy Family**
9.30 Deceased Clergy who served in St. Thomas a Becket +
10.00 Confessions
17.30
- 29th Sun St Thomas à Becket**
10.00 Maria Figueiredo Thanksgiving
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*



St Joseph's Dream, Gaetano Gandolfi 1734-1802

I am Joseph

I am Joseph, carpenter,
Of David's kingly line,
I wanted an heir; discovered
My wife's son wasn't mine.

I am an obstinate lover,
Loved Mary for better or worse,
Wouldn't stop loving when I found
Someone Else came first.

Mine was the likeness I hoped for
When the first-born man-child came.
But nothing of him was me. I couldn't
Even choose his name.

I am Joseph, who wanted
To teach my own boy how to live.
My lesson for my foster son:
Endure. Love. Give.

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: John

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

Christmas Carol Service

We will be holding our traditional Christmas Carol Service this Sunday evening at 19.00. Please come along. Refreshments afterwards in the Corry Hall.

Christmas Offerings

Please find attached an envelope for your Christmas Offering for the Clergy. They are also available at the back of the Church. The envelopes can be used on Christmas Day (or any time if you are going away). Thank you for your generosity and I assure you and your families of a warm remembrance in my prayers at Christmas and throughout the year. *Father Alex*

**The magic of Christmas
is not in the presents,
but in His presence.**

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. **Please sign the sheet at the back of the Church so that we can move forward with the planning of this event.**

Children's Mass



18.00 on Christmas Eve

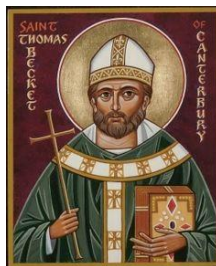
Children can dress up as Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, Kings etc

**Every child comes with the message
that God is
not yet discouraged of man**

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Forthcoming Dates

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 11th January at 16.00 in the Corry Hall. It is expected that the children will attend the 5.30 evening mass that day.

St Stephen's Day

Please note mass will be at 12.00 on 26th December.

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.

Christmas Crib

All gifts at the Crib are given to the Catholic Children's Society. Please support this work as generously as you can.

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

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £ 533 Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

Organ Fund 22nd December

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: L Northeast

M Ascensao n/w A Oliva, E Falcone

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, J Cato n/w Sat: J Cato, D McGavin, C Kawesi Sun: A Nobis, R Nwodo, P Fahy, R McMullan

Flowers: V Barkho n/w A Oliva

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

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 11th January