



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

25th December 2019

They found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in the manger

## Mass Times

- 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 Members of St Thomas à Becket Parish Council +
- 28th Sat The Holy Innocents**  
9.30 Deceased Clergy who served in St Thomas à Becket Parish +  
10.00 Confessions  
**Feast of the Holy Family**  
17.30 Margaret McAllister +
- 29th Sun Patronal Feast of St Thomas à Becket**  
10.00 Maria Figueiredo Thanksgiving  
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 & 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



The Nativity, Duccio di Buoninsegna, c. 1255 - 1318

## BC-AD

This was the moment when Before Turned into After, and the future's Uninvented timekeepers presented arms.

This was the moment when nothing Happened. Only dull peace Sprawled boringly over the earth.

This was the moment when even energetic Romans Could find nothing better to do Than counting heads in remote provinces.

And this was the moment When a few farm workers and three Members of an obscure Persian sect Walked haphazard by starlight straight Into the kingdom of heaven.

UA Fanthorpe



### 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). The Christmas collection forms a substantial part of the annual income of the priest. 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*

Love came down at Christmas;  
Love all lovely, love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas,  
Stars and angels gave the sign

*Christina Rossetti*

### 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. The money raised will go towards our Organ Repair Fund. **Please sign the sheet at the back of the Church so that we can move forward with the planning of this event.**

### Christmas Crib

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

### Movie Show

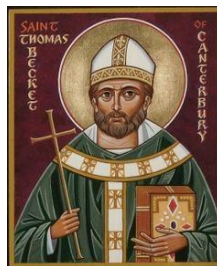
The film *The Book Thief* will be shown in the Corry Hall at 10.30 on Wednesday 15th January. All welcome. Refreshments available.

May the spirit of Christmas  
bring you peace,  
The gladness of Christmas  
give you hope,  
The warmth of Christmas  
grant you love.

### Forthcoming Dates

Feast of St Thomas à Becket.....29th December  
Celebration of Parish Life..... 8th February  
Ash Wednesday..... 26th February  
Easter Sunday .....12th April

### Feast of St Thomas à Becket



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

After the mass there will be a light 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.

### 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.

### 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.

The greatest Christmas gift of all  
was never placed beneath a tree  
But lay within a manger bed  
beneath a star for all to see

### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £ 533 Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

Organ Fund 29th 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

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

**Maintenance Team:** 11.00 Saturday 11th January