



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th January 2020

I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God

## Mass Times

- 18th Sat Feria**  
9.30 Bernard Devlin +  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Antonia Cafaro Rebecchini +
- 19th Sun Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00 Irene Dionisio +  
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 20th Mon Feria**  
**(First Week in Ordinary Time)**  
9.30 Colette Gallet +
- 21st Tue St Agnes**  
9.30
- 22nd Wed Feria**  
9.30 Deceased Lewis Family +
- 23rd Thu Feria**  
9.30
- 24th Fri St Francis de Sales**  
9.30
- 25th Sat Conversion of St Paul**  
9.30 Kate Hayward +  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Pier Paolo & Cristina Vanotti +
- 26th Sun Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00 Gerard, Lily, Adrian & Michael  
McMorrow +  
15.00 (Royal Hospital)

### Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

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

### Cycle of Prayer, Ordinary Time before Lent:

Peace on Earth, Justice and Peace in the World, Christian Unity, Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat It, The Sick and Those who Care for Them, The Unemployed

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

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



Agnus Dei, Francisco de Zurbarán, 1635-1640

## Heavenly Railway

The line to Heaven by Christ was made,  
With heavenly truth the Rails are laid,  
From Earth to Heaven the Line extends,  
To Life Eternal where it ends.

Repentance is the Station then,  
Where Passengers are taken in;  
No Fee for them is there to pay,  
For Jesus is himself the way.

God's Word is the first Engineer,  
It points the way to Heaven so clear,  
Through tunnels dark and dreary here.  
It does the way to Glory steer.

God's Love the fire, his Truth the Steam,  
Which drives the Engine and the Train;  
All you who would to Glory ride,  
Must come to Christ, in him abide.

In First, and Second, and Third Class,  
Repentance, Faith, and Holiness,  
You must the way to Glory gain,  
Or you with Christ will not remain.

Come then poor Sinners, now's the time,  
At any Station on the Line,  
If you'll repent, and turn from sin,  
The Train will stop and take you in.

Nikolaus Pevsner transcribed these lines from a memorial in the cloister of Ely Cathedral to two victims of an accident on the Norwich to Ely railway line in 1845. Pevsner finds it "eminently characteristic of the earnestness with which this new triumph of human ingenuity was still regarded." (*The Buildings of England: Cambridgeshire*, 365).



### A Celebration of Parish Life

We are holding a special evening of entertainment provided by Parishioners for the enjoyment of the whole Parish. It takes place on **Saturday 8th February** at 19.00 in the Church. The programme has now been drawn up and a wide range of talents will be on show. There will be a light buffet and wine afterwards in the Corry Hall. Any money raised that night will go towards our Organ Repair Fund. **Tickets are now on sale after masses: £10 per adult, children free.**

**Between God and the soul  
there is no between**

*Julian of Norwich*

### First Communion Classes

The next First Communion classes take place on 8th February, 7th March, 28th March, 25th April (First Confession) 9th May, 6th June (Practice) and the First Holy Communion will be on 13th June. It is expected that the children will attend the 5.30 evening mass on the day of the classes so that the priest can address them.

### Christmas Crib

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

### Beginning of Term Mass

The staff and Pupils of St Joseph's School will join us for mass on Monday 13th January at 9.30.

### Westside Knitters & Stitchers

A group of knitters and stitchers meets at Westside Church, Melody Road on Tuesdays at 19.30 during term time.

### New Rotas

New rotas available taking effect on the 1st February.

**Don't wait for six strong men  
to take you to church**

### Forthcoming Dates

Celebration of Parish Life..... 8th February  
Ash Wednesday..... 26th February  
Easter Sunday .....12th April

churches  
together

IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from 18th to the 25th January 2018. The Week of Prayer always concludes with the Feast of St Paul. Please remember this intention in your daily prayers. The Unity Service will be held on Tuesday 21st January at 19.00 in St John's Methodist Church, East Hill. **Our Church is taking care of the Intercessory Prayers so readers are required.** Please see Father Alex if you can help.

### A Prayer for Christian Unity

Loving and merciful God, teach us the joy of sharing in your peace. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that the walls of hostility separating us may be removed. May the risen Christ, who is our peace, help us overcome all division, and unite us as members of his household. We ask this in the name of Jesus, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

### Cake Sale

There will be a cake sale on Sunday 16th of February.

**Children who watch TV every night  
often go down in history to say nothing  
of science, English, and algebra**

### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £505 Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

Today 12th January Organ Fund, 19th February Organ Fund, 26th January Organ Fund, 2nd February Organ Fund, 9th February Racial Justice Sunday.

### 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

**Little Church:** J & N Neligan, A Mann n/w R&S Jackson

**Tiny Church:** L. Fernandes Ferreira n/w R Barros

**Flowers:** V Barkho n/w A Oliva

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

**Maintenance Team:** 11.00 Saturday 8th February