



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th February 2020

You are the salt of the Earth

Mass Times

- 8th Sat Feria**
 9.30 Caroline Benjiman & Family
 10.00 Confessions
 17.30 Alfredo Vanotti +
- 9th Sun Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10.00 Grace D'Monte Thanks & Wellbeing
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) People of the Parish
- 10th Mon St Scholastica**
 9.30
- 11th Tue Our Lady of Lourdes
 With Sacrament of the Sick**
 9.30 Anne & Patrick Boyle +
- 12th Wed Feria**
 9.30
- 13th Thu Feria**
 9.30 Deceased Bevilacqua Family +
- 14th Fri SS Cyril & Methodius**
 9.30 Peter Andrew Curtis +
- 15th Sat Feria**
 9.30
 10.00 Confessions
 17.30 Patrick Dolan +
- 16th Sun Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10.00
 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, 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: Luke

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



Pantocrator, Cefalù Cathedral, Sicily

Washing the Floor

One student of a struggling third world seminary in a Third World country recalled his first days at the school with embarrassment. The school was operating on a shoestring. It had dedicated teachers and a deep sense of mission, but inadequate facilities. One morning, after enduring the seldom cleaned washroom once too often, he burst into the principal's office and complained bitterly. The principal, a godly scholar well-known for his preaching abilities, listened calmly and then promised to have the washrooms cleaned on a regular basis. The change was immediate and apparent. And the student, taking the credit, basked in the congratulations of his peers. Having been successful in one area, he began to be more vocal about change in other areas. Then one morning, having risen early to catch a train, he found the principal on his hands and knees scrubbing the washroom floor. As he looks back today, he feels that no other experience so shaped his view of ministry. Jesus didn't clean the washroom floor, though he did wash the feet of the disciples. How can we be of service in the week ahead?



The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered here at St Thomas à Becket on Tuesday 11th February at the 9.30 mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. As it is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick we will also offer the Sacrament of the Sick at mass in the Royal Hospital at 15.00 on 9th February.

**O Thou who hast given us so much,
mercifully grant us one thing more...
a grateful heart**

George Herbert



First Communion Classes

The next First Communion classes take place this Saturday 8th February and on 7th March, 21st March, 25th April (First Confession) 2nd May, 16th May, 6th June (Practice). First Holy Communion will take place on 13th June. Please note there have been some date changes. 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.

Catholic History Walks

The next walk will be to mark the birthday of St John Henry Newman. Meet at 17.00 at the Newman Shrine, Church of the Most Precious Blood, O'Meara Street London SE1 1TE and walk to Newman's birthplace near the Bank of England

**There is a God-shaped vacuum in the
heart of every man which cannot be
filled by any created thing,
but only by God**

Blaise Pascal

Forthcoming Dates

Ash Wednesday..... 26th February
Concert 29th March
Concert29th April
Easter Sunday12th April

Movie Show

The Painted Veil will be shown on Wednesday 12th February at 10.30. All welcome.

Cake Sale

There will be a cake sale next Sunday 16th February.

Marriage in 2020

If you are considering getting married in 2020 it is important that you contact Father Alex urgently so that the preparation process can be started in good time. Six months' notice is normally required.

Converts

Anyone interested in being instructed in the Catholic Faith please speak to Father Alex.

A Prayer

Voice of Jesus,
call out to us when we stray from you.
Hands of Jesus,
anoint us when we grow weak and weary.
Arms of Jesus,
lift us up when we stumble and fall.
Heart of Jesus,
teach us to love one another as you love us.



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.

**Men are like wine
some turn to vinegar,
but the best improve with age**

Pope John XXIII

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £492, Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

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

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: E. Chavez, R Martella n/w L. Northeast M Ascensao

Readers: Sat: R & S Jackson, M Slade Sun: A Burnett, T Greetham, A. Kane Blanes n/w Sat: E & N Falcone, E De Souza, Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: M & S Lee, Sun: G D'Monte, V Chima, A Kilcawley, R McMullan n/w Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin, C Kawesi, Sun: D Lyons, L Delos Santos, J Cato

Little Church: A Kilcawley, A Stacey n/w A Mann, J & N Neligan

Tiny Church: E Lueth n/w L Fernandes Ferreira

Flowers: A Robbins n/w V Barkho

Royal Hospital: C Kawesi n/w A Vanotti, M Lewis

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 8th February