



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 9.00-17.00 Wednesday & Friday



Second Sunday of Advent

6th December 2020

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord

Mass Times

5th Sat Feria	9.30 Father Charles Duchemin + 17.30 Brugnoli Family +
6th Sun Second Sunday of Advent	10.00 Nicholas Lewis +
7th Mon St Ambrose	9.30 A.C. Jay +
8th Tue The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30 Lewis Family +
9th Wed Feria	9.30 Parents of S. De Silva
10th Thu Feria	9.30 Whole Country
11th Fri Feria	9.30 Judy Piers +
12th Sat Feria	9.30 Margaret Walsh + 17.30 People of the Parish
13th Sun Third Sunday of Advent	10.00 Margaret Gallagher +

Confessions:

By Appointment

Sunday Readings: Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 1

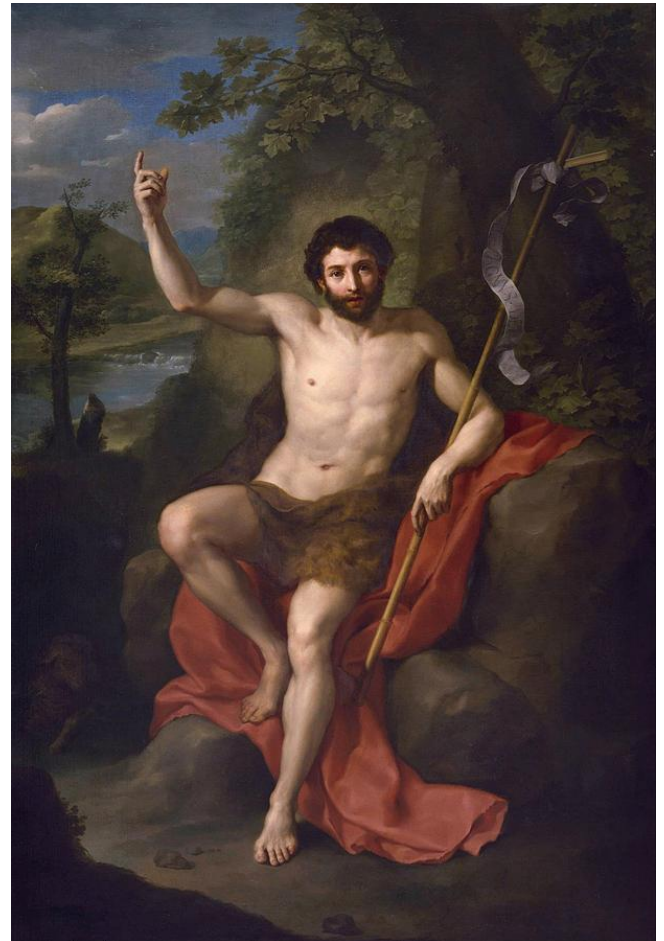
Cycle of Prayer, Advent & Christmas:

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

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Mark

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

**Please wear a face mask
while in Church**



*Saint John the Baptist Preaching in the Wilderness,
Anton Raphael Mengs*

St Mark's Gospel

We have begun the liturgical season of Advent and so commenced a new ecclesiastical year. In the Sunday liturgy we now switch from St Matthew's Gospel to St Mark's Gospel which is occasionally supplemented by the Gospel of St John.

Copies of St Mark's Gospel are available at the back of the Church at £3.50 each. It is the shortest of the Gospels and you can comfortably read it in a couple of hours. Please take a copy.



We will be having a Quiz Night on Zoom at 19.00 on Saturday 19th December (Note date change). To register please email wandsworthwesthill@rcaos.org.

Gift Aid

If you require a certificate for the Inland Revenue declaring your contributions via Gift Aid please email wandsworthwesthill@rcaos.org.uk

**We are not human beings
having a spiritual experience
We are spiritual beings
having a human experience**

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2021

Forms are available at the back of the Church for candidates to register for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2021. Please return them as soon as possible. Classes begin in the New Year.

Organ Repairs

You can see photos of our organ repair work at [facebook.com/Henry Willis Organs](https://www.facebook.com/Henry-Willis-Organs). There are several entries so scroll down the page and you will see what bad a condition it was in.

Decoration of the Church for Christmas

We propose to decorate the Church for Christmas on Saturday 19th December after the 9.30 mass. Volunteers of all ages are needed.

Exhibition at the British Museum

The postponed exhibition on St Thomas à Becket at the British Museum will now take place from 22 April to 22 August 2021.

**Prayer consists of listening to God
speak silently within us**

Cardinal Sarah

Soup Kitchen



The Companions of the Order of Malta have started a Soup Kitchen for the Homeless at St Mary Magdalen's Church Hall, 96 North Side London SW18 2QU.

The Soup Kitchen is now open on Tuesday evenings from 19.00 to 21.00. Volunteers required.

Forthcoming Dates

Penance Service19.00 18th December
Zoom Quiz.....19.00 19th December
Feast of St Thomas à Becket.....29th December
First Communion 12.00 9th May
Confirmation..... 12.00 2nd May

What Makes a Christian Home

It is a place of love, consideration and understanding.
It is a place where they pray for the homeless.
It is not a place where Father and Mother are always away at Church meetings.
It is a place of Family fun and enjoyment.
It is a place of welcome and hospitality.
It is not just a home for the family.
It is a place where the stranger can feel at home.
It is a place where God is given thanks for all things.
It is a place where the family can bring their friends.
It is a place where parents pray for the family.
It is a place where children can learn to pray.
It is not just a clean and respectable house:
it is a home.
A place where Jesus himself would feel at ease,
A place where Jesus lives
And callers who come with doubts and fears
will meet him.
They will find faith, hope and love, company and understanding.

From the Methodist Diary

Radio Maria

Father Alex recently recorded an interview with Radio Maria on the subject of the Feast of St Thomas à Becket. It will be broadcast on 29th December. radiomariaengland.uk

Penitential Service

We will be holding our Advent Penitential Service here at St Thomas à Becket at 19.00 on Friday 18th December together with the parishioners of St Mary Magdalen, East Hill.

**Teach me my God and King
In all things thee to see;
And what I do in anything
To do it as for thee**

George Herbert 1593-1632

Celtic Prayer

You are the peace of all things calm; You are the place to hide from harm You are the light that shines in dark; You are the heart's eternal spark You are the door that's open wide; You are the guest who waits inside You are the stranger at the door; You are the calling of the poor You are my Lord and with me still; You are my love, keep me from ill You are the light, the truth, the way; You are my Saviour this very day.

Forthcoming Second Collections

6th December Organ Fund, 13th December Organ Fund, 20th December Organ Fund.

Rotas

Readers: 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

Flowers: L Northeast n/w A Robbins

Maintenance: 11.00 Saturday 12th December