



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 9.00-17.00 Wednesday & Friday



Third Sunday of Advent

13th December 2020

He came as a witness to speak for the light

## Mass Times

<b>12th Sat</b>	<b>Feria</b>	9.30 Margaret Walsh + 17.30 People of the Parish
<b>13th Sun</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	10.00 Margaret Gallagher +
<b>14th Mon</b>	<b>St John of the Cross</b>	9.30 Father Eamonn Whelan +
<b>15th Tue</b>	<b>Feria</b>	9.30 Mary Mc Donnell +
<b>16th Wed</b>	<b>Feria</b>	Deceased Clergy of St Thomas à Becket Parish
<b>17th Thu</b>	<b>Feria</b>	9.30 Antonia Cafaro Rebecchini +
<b>18th Fri</b>	<b>Feria</b>	9.30 Denis Madigan +
<b>19th Sat</b>	<b>Feria</b>	9.30 James P Gallagher + 17.30 Richard Doherty +
<b>20th Sun</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	10.00 Anne Monahan +

**Confessions:**  
By Appointment

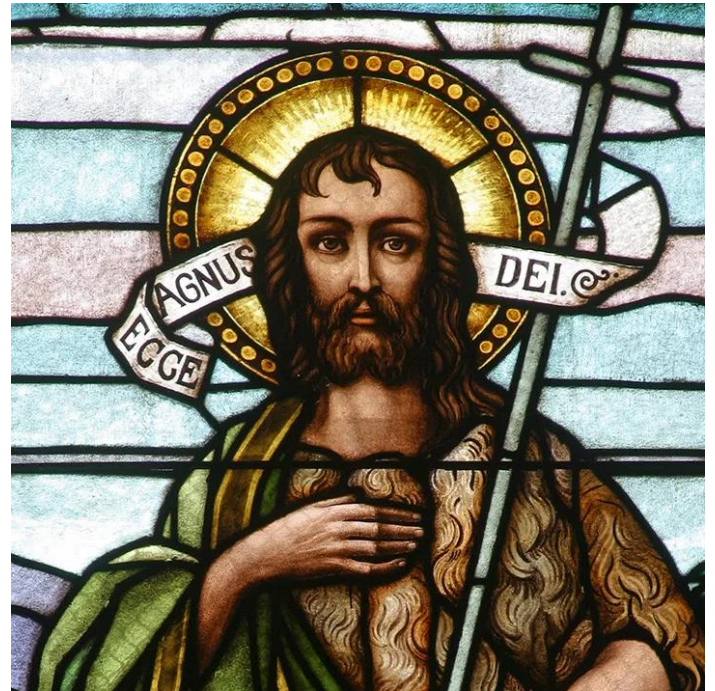
**Sunday Readings:** Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 1

**Cycle of Prayer, Advent & Christmas:**  
Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees,  
Expectant Mothers

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

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

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



*Saint John the Baptist*

## John the Baptist

The role of St John the Baptist was to be the forerunner of Jesus, to be the one who would prepare the people for the coming of the Messiah. He did this by inviting them to repent of their sins and baptising them in the River Jordan as a sign of their sorrow for their transgressions.

During the Season of Advent the Church, taking its lead from John the Baptist, invites us to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Seeking sacramental absolution for our sins is surely the best way to prepare for Christmas, please don't forget this important aspect of the Season of Advent.

Confessions at Saint Thomas à Becket take place on Saturdays after the 9.30 mass. There will be a special Penitential Service on Friday 18th December from 19.00-20.00

*Fr Alex*

# QUIZ NIGHT

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](mailto: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](mailto:wandsworthwesthill@rcaos.org)

You cannot do a kindness too soon,  
for you never know  
how soon it will be too late

Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Organ Repairs

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

## 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.

## Year of St Joseph

The Pope has proclaimed a Year of St Joseph running from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021. It is in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St Joseph as patron of the Universal Church.

Life is not a matter  
of holding good cards,  
but playing a poor hand well

Robert Louis Stevenson

## Exhibition at the British Museum

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

## Forthcoming Dates

Penance Service ..... 19.00 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

## Feast of St Thomas à Becket

It has been difficult to arrange the Feast of St Thomas à Becket this year due to the Coronavirus so we have decided to postpone it to the New Year. Archbishop John Wilson has agreed to celebrate the mass and preach. We are now awaiting a date from him.



## 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](http://radiomariaengland.uk)

## 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.

## 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.

The trouble with most of us  
is that we'd rather be ruined by praise  
than saved by criticism

Norman Vincent Peale

## A Prayer from the Sarum Breviary

O God, who purifies the heart of man from sin, and makes it more white than snow, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; renew, we beseech thee, thy Holy Spirit within us, that we may show forth thy praise, and, strengthened by thy grace, may obtain rest in the eternal mansions of the heavenly Jerusalem; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Forthcoming Second Collections

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

## Rotas

**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

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

**Maintenance:** 11.00 Saturday 9th January 2021