



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

20th December 2020

He came as a witness to speak for the light

Mass Times

19th Sat	Feria	9.30 James P Gallagher + 17.30 Richard Doherty +
20th Sun	Fourth Sunday of Advent	10.00 Anne Monahan +
21th Mon	Feria	9.30 Gerard & Angelo Rajakarrier +
22th Tue	Feria	9.30 Deceased McHugh & Gallagher Family
23th Wed	Feria	9.30 Deceased St. Thomas a Becket Council
24th Thu	Christmas Eve	18.00 22.00 Anne Thornton +
25th Fri	The Nativity of the Lord	10.00 People of the Parish
26th Sat	Saint Stephen	12.00 May Sheridan + 17.30 John Grenham +
27th Sun	The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph	10.00 Anthony Dowden (ill)



The Annunciation

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent moves up a step this week as we come much nearer to our celebration of the birth of Christ. In fact, we are as near to Christmas as it is possible to get. Today's Gospel is that of the Annunciation. We are told how the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to give birth to Jesus.

This is a most astonishing thing for anyone to hear; but Mary realises that this is the work of God and gives her assent in the famous phrase, 'I am the handmaid of the Lord, let what you have said be done to me.'

We look to Mary with great admiration as she cooperates with God's plan for the world. We take her as our model and try to emulate her as well as we can in the circumstances of our own life. We try to discern God's will for us and to go along with his wishes rather than try to impose our own will on whatever situation confronts us.

This is a good attitude to adopt and is particularly relevant at this time of year as we approach Christmas. Let us always strive to do the will of God and to put his wishes at the forefront of our lives.

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: John

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

Please wear a face mask while in Church

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.

NEW ROTA

Please pick up the new ROTA at the back of the Church. Only Readers and Flowers arranging for the time being.

The worst prison would be a closed heart

John Paul II

Christmas Collection for the Clergy

Due to the exceptional circumstances this year the Archbishop has decided that the Christmas collection for the clergy will be spread over the period from Christmas Eve to the Epiphany. Thanks for your kind generosity.

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.

Into this world, this demented inn in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited

Thomas Merton

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 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

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

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/HenryWillisOrgans). There are several entries so scroll down the page and you will see what bad a condition it was in.

Calm me, O Lord

Calm me, O Lord, as you calmed the storm,
Still me, O Lord, keep me from harm,
Let the tumult within me cease,
Enfold me Lord in your peace.

The Holy Scriptures were not given to us that we should enclose them in books, but that we should engrave them upon our hearts

St John Chrysostom

Christmas Blessing

May the Blessings of Christmas be with you,
May the Christ Child light your way,
May God's holy angels guide you,
And keep you safe each day.

Forthcoming Second Collections

Today 20th December Apostleship of the Sea.

Rotas

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

Flowers: V Barkho n/w A Oliva

Maintenance: 11.00 Saturday 9th January