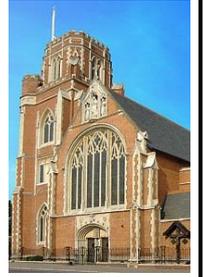




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Second Sunday of Easter

19th April 2020

As the Father sent me so am I sending you

Mass Times

In the light of the fact that public masses have been suspended Father Alex will say mass privately and offer the intentions as below.

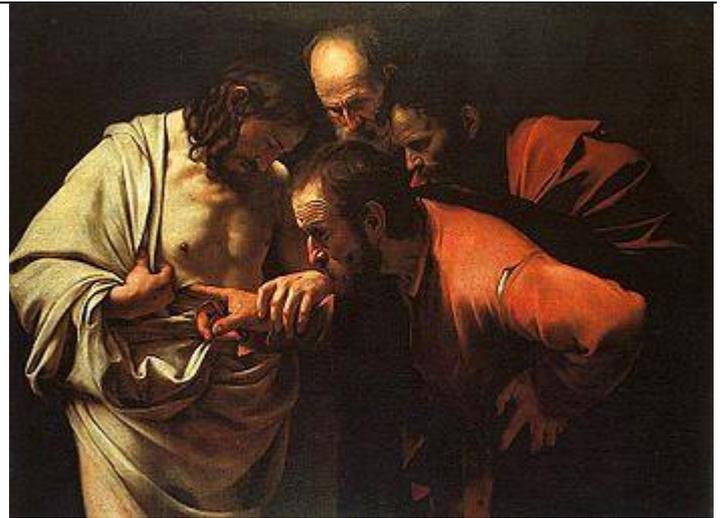
- 18th Sat Within the Octave of Easter**
Cornelius Lennon +
- 19th Sun Second Sunday of Easter**
People of the Parish
- 20th Mon Feria**
Barrie Pride +
- 21st Tue St Anselm**
Dermot Walshe +
- 22nd Wed Feria**
Denis Nolan +
- 23rd Thu St George**
Priest's Intention
- 24th Fri Feria**
- 25th Sat St Mark**
- 26th Sun Third Sunday of Easter**
People of the Parish

Confessions:
By Appointment

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

Cycle of Prayer, Easter:
New Members of the Church, Vocations, Right Use of the Media, The Church, Human Work

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



The Incredulity of St Thomas, Caravaggio 1602

Coronavirus

Because of the Coronavirus pandemic we had been instructed by the Archbishop to suspend masses in the Church for the time being. But under Government instruction we are now obliged to keep the main body of the Church locked during the day. However, the porch is open and palms and votive candles are available. Father Alex will continue to say mass privately.

The Archbishop has issued a pastoral letter on the subject and there is a link to it on the parish website. You may wish to watch mass on your computer which is being livestreamed from numerous Churches in Britain and Ireland by clicking on this link <http://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/>

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

A Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**May your choices reflect your hopes,
not your fears**

Nelson Mandela

Soup Kitchen

St Mary Magdalen's Church, East Hill are starting a Soup Kitchen for the homeless on Tuesday nights. It was supposed to begin on 17th March but regretfully due to the Coronavirus Pandemic it has been decided to postpone the opening for the time being. It is hoped to begin as soon as it is feasible to do so.

First Communion Classes

First Communion classes have been cancelled for the time being. We will give more information when we can plan new classes.

Parish Website

During the entire Coronavirus crisis the parish newsletter and Father Alex's sermons will be available each week on the Parish Website www.stthomasabecketchurch.co.uk. There are also links to Churches which web-stream their masses.

**A man never stands as tall
as when he kneels to help a child**

Prayer of Cardinal Newman

May he support us all the day long,
'till the shades lengthen
and the evening comes
and the busy world is hushed
and the fever of life is over
and our work is done.
Then in his mercy
may he give us a safe lodging
and a holy rest
and peace at the last.
Amen.



We were due to have a St Thomas à Becket Parish Quiz Night but due to the outbreak of Coronavirus it has been cancelled. Instead we would like to do an Online Quiz by means of Zoom. We propose Saturday 18th April at 19.00 It will take about an hour and a half. If you would like to participate please send an email to the parish at wandsworthwesthill@rcaos.org.uk. You will need to give her your team name and we will email you the link. In the meantime, download Zoom onto your computer. Happy Quizzing!

**A life spent making mistakes
is not only more honourable,
but more useful
than a life spent doing nothing**

George Bernard Shaw

Prayer of St Thomas More

O Lord,
give us a mind that is humble, quiet, peaceable,
patient and charitable,
and a taste of your Holy Spirit
in all our thoughts, words and deeds.
O Lord,
give us a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity,
a love of you.
Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation,
and all dullness in prayer.
Give us fervour and delight in thinking of you,
your grace, and your tender compassion toward us.
Give us, good Lord,
the grace to work for
the things we pray for.
Amen.