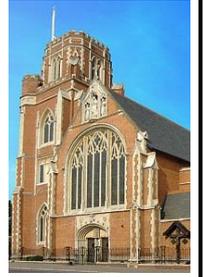




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Fifth Sunday of Easter

10th May 2020

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

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.

9th	Sat	Feria
10th	Sun	Fifth Sunday of Easter Zia Isaac +
11th	Mon	Feria Kieran & Mary Guilfoyle +
12th	Tue	Feria Deceased Member Vanedola Family
13th	Wed	Feria John Bajdan +
14th	Thu	St Matthias Gerry Fleming +
15th	Fri	Feria Ornella Elizabeth Callot +
16th	Sat	St Simon Stock Billie & Ronnie Maher +
17th	Sun	Sixth Sunday of Easter People of the Parish

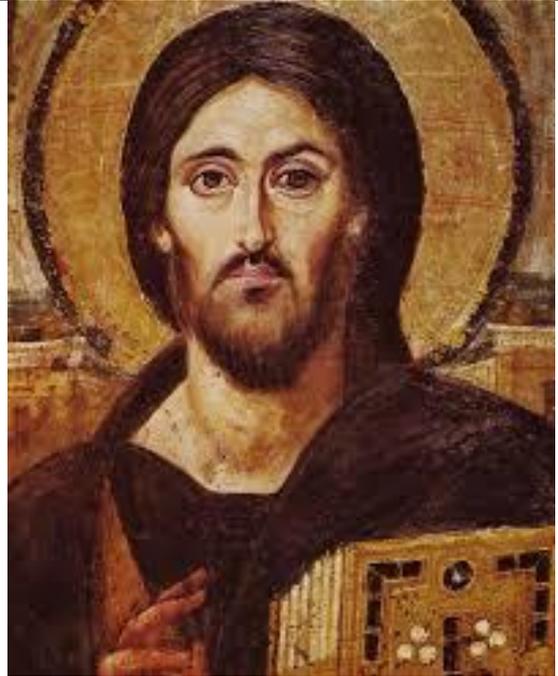
Confessions:
By Appointment

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



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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.stthomasabeckchurch.co.uk. There are also links to Churches which web-stream their masses.

**The object of opening the mind as of
opening the mouth is to close it again
on something solid**

G. K. Chesterton

Inscription in the Cathedral at Lubek, Germany

Ye call me master, and obey me not;
ye call me light, and seek me not;
ye call me way, and walk me not;
ye call me wise, and follow me not;
ye call me fair, and love me not;
ye call me rich, and ask me not;
ye call me eternal, and seek me not;
ye call me gracious, and trust me not;
ye call me noble, and serve me not;
ye call me mighty, and honour me not;
ye call me just, and fear me not;
If I condemn you, blame me not.

The Grail Prayer

Lord Jesus,
I give you my hands to do your work.
I give you my feet to go your way.
I give you my eyes to see as you do.
I give you my tongue to speak your words.
I give you my mind that you may think in me.
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.
Above all,
I give you my heart that you may love in me
your Father and all mankind.
I give you my whole self that you may grow in me,
so that it is you, Lord Jesus,
who live and work and pray in me.

Give Me, O Lord, a Steadfast Heart

Give me, O Lord,
a steadfast heart,
which no unworthy thought can drag downwards;
an unconquered heart,
which no tribulation can wear out;
an upright heart,
which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.

Bestow upon me also,
O Lord my God,
understanding to know thee
diligence to seek thee,
wisdom to find thee,
and a faithfulness that may finally embrace thee;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

St Thomas Aquinas (1225-74)

**The test of courage comes
when we are in the minority
The test of tolerance comes
when we are in the majority**

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can.

John Wesley