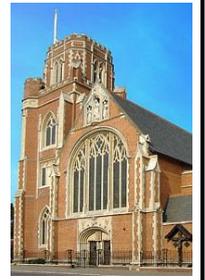




St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

22nd March 2020

When I washed I could see

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.

- 21st Sat Feria**
 Stephen Gallagher +
 Hughie Murray +
- 22nd Sun Fourth Sunday of Lent**
 Fatima Azevedo Thanksgiving
- 23rd Mon Feria**
 Bernard and Joy Palmer Wellbeing
- 24th Tue Feria**
 Kayleigh Lowes +
- 25th Wed Annunciation of the Lord**
- 26th Thu Feria**
- 27th Fri Feria**
 Patrick Dolan +
- 28th Sat Feria**
 Pina Visentini +
- 29th Sun Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

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

Cycle of Prayer, Lent:

Candidates for the Sacraments, The Needy and Hungry of the World, Survivors of Sexual Abuse, Women, Penitents and Wanderers

Next Week's Liturgy Group:

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



Healing of the Man Born Blind, *El Greco* 1567

Coronavirus

Because of the Coronavirus pandemic we have been instructed by the Archbishop to suspend masses in the Church for the time being. However, the Church will be open for private prayer from 09.00-18.00 daily. 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. Copies available at the back of the Church. You may wish to watch mass on your computer which is being livestreamed from Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon by going to the website: www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon

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.

The Stations of the Cross



Saturdays of Lent at 17.00 Suspended for the time being

Booklets are available
so you can make the Stations at any time

*We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world*

Penitential Service

The joint Penitential Service for Lent with East Hill Parish at St Mary Magdalen Church has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Individual confessions remain still available.

**Make not a show of your good deeds
suffice it that the Father heeds;
by fast and prayer in secret done
in heaven reward for you is won**

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.

Organ Fund

We have raised £6,204 for the Organ Fund so far. The projected cost is in the region of £20,000 +VAT. We hope to get the go-ahead from the Diocese soon so that the work can go ahead.

First Communion Classes

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

**Many complain of their memory,
few of their judgement**

Concert

The concerts on 29th March and 29th April have unfortunately been cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Forthcoming Dates

Easter Sunday12th April
Quiz Night 2nd May
First Communion 13th June

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

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.

**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

A Prayer

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of St Alcuin of York (730-804)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts,
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal Power, be our support,
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us;
that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength
we may seek thy face and be brought by thine infinite mercy
to thy holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £, Bankers Orders £384