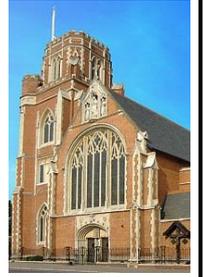




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Fifth Sunday of Lent

29th March 2020

I am the Resurrection 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.

28th Sat	Feria	Pina Visentini +
29th Sun	Fifth Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish
30th Mon	Feria	Jessica Daniels +
31st Tue	Feria	
1st Wed	Feria	Patrick Dolan +
2nd Thu	Feria	
3rd Fri	Feria	
4th Sat	Feria	People of the Parish
5th Sun	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Anne Thornton +

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



The Raising of Lazarus, Duccio 1310-11

Coronavirus

Because of the Coronavirus pandemic we had been instructed by the Archbishop to suspend masses in the Church for the time being. But since the Prime Minister's statement on Monday we are now obliged to keep the Church locked during the day. 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 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.

**Your stumbling block will never
become your stepping stone
until you step on it**

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.

**The two best times
to keep your mouth shut
are when you're swimming
and when you're angry**

Concert

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

Forthcoming Dates

Easter Sunday12th April
First Communion 13th June

Please Join in the Rededication of England to Mary as her Dowry

In 1381 King Richard II dedicated England to Mary as her Dowry. The Bishops of England have been preparing for the Rededication of England to Mary for some time. It will take place at the National Catholic Shrine, the Basilica of Our Lady in Walsingham at 12 noon on Sunday 29th March (though this will now be done behind closed doors because of coronavirus restrictions). At this worrying time in our history as a nation, under the threat of this pandemic and deprived of the ability to attend Holy Mass because of the health risks, Catholics throughout England are invited to join the Act of Rededication of this country to Mary as her Dowry. Everybody is invited to join in the prayers and to participate in this loving act on Sunday 29th March 2020 at 12.00 noon. You can watch the livestream here: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

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.

**You know well enough
that Our Lord does not look so much
at the greatness of our actions,
nor even at their difficulty,
but at the love with which we do them**

St Thérèse of Lisieux

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that
anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help or
sought thy intercession,
was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of Virgins my Mother;
to thee do I come,
before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful;
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy clemency hear and answer me.
Amen.

A Prayer by St Thomas Aquinas

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.*