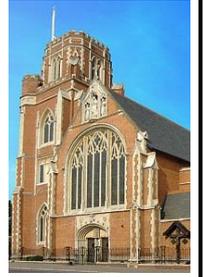




St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Palm Sunday

4th April 2020

Hosanna!

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.

4th	Sat	Feria	People of the Parish
5th	Sun	Palm Sunday	Anne Thornton +
6th	Mon	Feria	Funeral
7th	Tue	Feria	Arturo Junjen Navarro +
8th	Wed	Feria	Eileen Clarke +
9th	Thu	Maundy Thursday	People of the Parish
10th	Fri	Good Friday	
11th	Sat	Holy Saturday	Tim Nolan +
12th	Sun	Easter Sunday	Patrick Dolan +

Confessions:
By Appointment

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

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



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 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.

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.

**The roots of education are bitter,
but the fruit is sweet**

Aristotle

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.

Money can buy...

A bed, but not sleep
Books, but not knowledge
Food, but not appetite
Friends, but not friendship
Finery, but not beauty
Medicine, but not health
A house, but not a home
Amusement, but not happiness
Religion, but not salvation

**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**

Forthcoming Dates

Easter Sunday12th April
First Communion 13th June

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.

Prayer of Abandonment

Father, I abandon myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you:
I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me,
and in all Your creatures -

I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul;
I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,

for I love you Lord,

and so need to give myself,

to surrender myself into your hands,

without reserve,

and with boundless confidence,

for you are my Father.

St Charles de Foucauld

**No pain, no palm;
no thorns, no throne;
no gall, no glory;
no cross, no crown**

William Penn

The Donkey

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

GK Chesterton