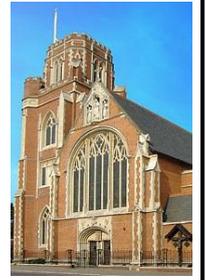




# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th January 2021

I will make you into Fishers of Men

## Mass Times

<b>23rd Sat</b>	<b>Feria</b>	9.30 17.30 Hugh Walsh +
<b>24th Sun</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	10.00 Jane Downey +
<b>25th Mon</b>	<b>Conversion of St Paul</b>	9.30 All Souls
<b>26th Tue</b>	<b>SS Timothy &amp; Titus</b>	9.30 John & Bernie Tehan Wellbeing
<b>27th Wed</b>	<b>Feria</b>	10.00 Jane Downey +
<b>28th Thu</b>	<b>St Thomas Aquinas</b>	9.30
<b>29th Fri</b>	<b>Feria</b>	9.30 All Souls
<b>30th Sat</b>	<b>Feria</b>	9.30 17.30 Louis Christophe +
<b>31st Sun</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	10.00 Parishioners

### Confessions:

By Appointment

**Sunday Readings:** Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 1

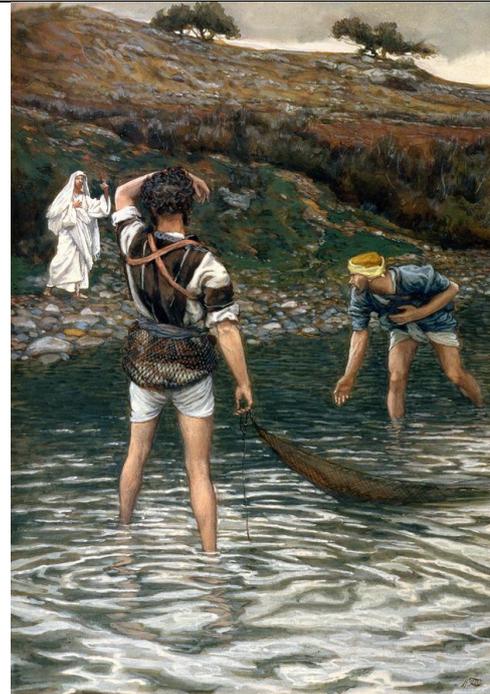
### Cycle of Prayer, Ordinary Time Before Lent

Peace on Earth, Openness to the Word of God, Justice and Peace in the World, Christian Unity, Victims of Trafficking and those who work to Combat it, The Sick and those who Care for them, The Unemployed

**Next Week's Liturgy Group: Matthew**

**Baptisms & Marriages:** Please contact the Parish Priest

**Please wear a face mask  
while in Church**



Calling of St Peter and St Andrew, James Tissot 1886-94

## The Call of the First Apostles

This Sunday we read about the call of the Apostles. What is striking about this account is how those first Apostles immediately dropped everything to follow Jesus.

In the world of today we all have so many commitments, so many things that keep us in one place, that it is hard to conceive of just letting go of everything in order to follow the Lord.

It is easy for us to believe that at the time of Christ there were fewer commitments and obligations and so believe that it was easier for the Apostles to let go of their day-to-day commitments.

But if you think about it, we soon realise that this cannot have been the case. In a society much poorer than ours it was even more important to secure a regular income. With bigger families and the responsibility of looking after the elderly there were also more commitments and obligations to the extended family.

So, let us not think that it was easy for those Apostles to make such a radical commitment to Christ. Let us instead take them as our inspiration and endeavour to follow the path that they walked; maybe not by leaving our families but by committing ourselves wholeheartedly to spreading the teaching of Christ.

Father Alex

### A Prayer for all in Need

We bring before thee, O Lord,  
the griefs and perils of people and nations;  
the necessities of the homeless;  
the helplessness of the aged and weak;  
the sighing of prisoners;  
the pains of the sick and injured;  
the sorrows of the bereaved:  
Comfort and relieve them, O merciful Father,  
according to their several needs;  
for the sake of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

You cannot do a kindness too soon,  
for you never know  
how soon it will be too late

Ralph Waldo Emerson

### St Mark's Gospel

In the Sunday liturgy we have switched to St Mark's Gospel. Copies of St Mark's Gospel are available at the back of the Church at £3.50 each. It is the shortest of the Gospels and you can comfortably read it in a couple of hours. Please take a copy.

### Year of St Joseph

The Pope has proclaimed a Year of St Joseph running from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021. It is in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St Joseph as patron of the Universal Church.



### Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes falls on Thursday 11th February. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick and so we will offer the Sacrament of the Sick after the 9.30 mass on that day.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from Monday 18th January to Monday 25th January.

Always do right;  
this will gratify some  
and astonish the rest

Mark Twain

### Exhibition at the British Museum

The postponed exhibition on St Thomas à Becket at the British Museum will now take place from 22nd April to 22nd August 2021.

### Forthcoming Dates

Ash Wednesday..... 17th February  
Easter Sunday ..... 3rd April  
Confirmation..... 12.00 2nd May  
First Communion..... 12.00 9th May

### Feast of St Thomas à Becket

It has been difficult to arrange the Feast of St Thomas à Becket on 29th December due to the Coronavirus so we have decided to postpone it for now. Archbishop John Wilson has agreed to celebrate the mass and preach. We are now awaiting a date from him.



### Organ Repairs

You can see photos of our organ repair work at [facebook.com/Henry Willis Organs](https://www.facebook.com/Henry-Willis-Organs). There are several entries so scroll down the page and you will see what bad a condition it was in.

### First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2021

First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes have now started. If you have not yet registered please do so without delay.

### Child Protection

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations directly to the safeguarding office for your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the Police. If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police and also to the safeguarding office in your diocese. The Archdiocese of Southwark Safeguarding Office 0207 261 1606 or via email at [safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk)

The right to life  
is the first among human rights

Pope Francis

### Christmas Crib

As usual at this Season, all gifts at the Crib are given to The Children's Society. Please support this work as generously as you can.

### Forthcoming Second Collections

24th January Organ Fund, 31st January Organ Fund, 7th February Organ Fund, 14th February Poor Parishes.

### Rotas

**Readers:** Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey n/w Sat: E De Souza, M Slade; Sun: G Fayers

**Flowers:** A Oliva n/w L Northeast

**Maintenance Team:** 11.00 Saturday 13th February