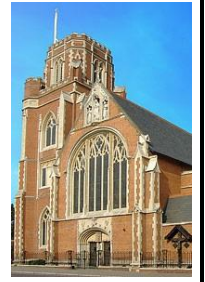




# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

31st January 2021

He taught them with authority

## Mass Times

- 30th Sat Feria**  
 9.30 Parishioners  
 17.30 Louis Christophe +
- 31st Sun Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10.00 Parishioners
- 1st Mon Feria**  
 9.30
- 2nd Tue Presentation of the Lord**  
 9.30
- 3rd Wed St Lawrence of Canterbury**  
 9.30
- 4th Thu Feria**  
 9.30
- 5th Fri St Agatha**  
 9.30
- 6th Sat St Paul Miki & Companions**  
 9.30 Parishioners  
 17.30 Kay Nolan +
- 7th Sun Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10.00 Reynaldo Delos Santos +

**Confessions:**  
 By Appointment

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

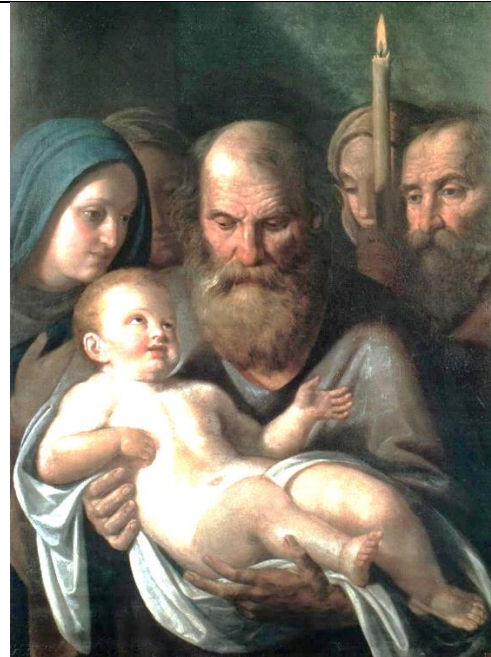
### Cycle of Prayer, Ordinary Time Before Lent

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**



Simeon the Righteous, Alexei Yegorov

## The Presentation of the Lord

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is kept on Tuesday 2nd February and it marks the very end of the Christmas Season. This feast is celebrated forty days after Christmas and it is the day when we remove the Christmas Crib from the Church.

We remember how the baby Jesus was presented by his parents in the Temple and where they made the necessary sacrifice for him. We recall how the Prophet Simeon took Jesus in his hands and sang out the song of praise we know as the Nunc Dimittis: "Now let your servant depart in peace because my eyes have seen your salvation."

This feast is also known as Candlemas because on this day we bless the candles used in the Church during the coming year.

In modern times it is also kept as a special; Day of Prayer for those who have embraced the Consecrated Life. We keep this commemoration on the Feast of the Presentation because of the strong parallels between Christ's consecration to God in the Temple and the special consecration made by those who have entered Religious Orders.

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.

**The Bible tells us to love our neighbours,  
and also to love our enemies;  
probably because they are generally  
the same people**

GK Chesterton

### YouTube

There is a series of short films on St Thomas à Becket from Canterbury Cathedral on YouTube. Please search 'Virtual Becket Pilgrimage'.

### 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.

**While I thought that  
I was learning how to live,  
I have been learning how to die**

Leonardo Da Vinci

### 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.



### Psychology Student

A psychology student, Charlotte Young, living locally is looking for a mother and baby to observe as part of her studies. If you are interested please contact cyoung13@student.bbk.ac.uk.

### 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

**Without love and compassion  
for others,  
our own apparent love for Christ  
is fiction**

Thomas Merton

### 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

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