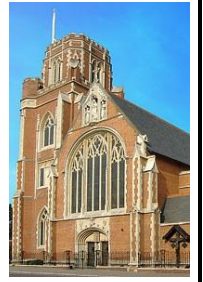




St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th February 2021

He cured many who were suffering from disease

Mass Times

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| 6th | Sat | St Paul Miki & Companions |
| | | 9.30 |
| | | 17.30 Kay Nolan + |
| 7th | Sun | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| | | 10.00 Renaldo Delos Santos + |
| 8th | Mon | Feria |
| | | 9.30 Holy Souls |
| 9th | Tue | Feria |
| | | 9.30 |
| 10th | Wed | St Scholastica |
| | | 9.30 |
| 11th | Thu | Our Lady of Lourdes With Anointing of the Sick |
| | | 9.30 Sarah Devlin |
| 12th | Fri | Feria |
| | | 9.30 Anne & Patrick Boyle + |
| 13th | Sat | Feria |
| | | 9.30 Parishioners |
| | | 17.30 Denis Nolan + |
| 14th | Sun | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| | | 10.00 Ted Quinn (RIP) |

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: Luke

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

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



Christ Healing Simon Peter's Mother-in-Law,
John Bridges

Observing Lent

The season of Lent is upon us next week. The relatively early Easter means that the gap between Christmas and Ash Wednesday is rather short. Many of us may have not even thought about how we will observe the coming penitential season.

There is a little clue for us in today's Gospel. We hear how Jesus, after an intensive time of healing the people, takes himself off to the hills to commune with his Father. Perhaps this is how we should be spending Lent; taking extra time in prayer, spending more time alone with the Father.

As we prepare to observe the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and alms-giving, it is essential that we do not separate them from their focus which is the person of Jesus and the Gospel he brings. If we make our penances the focus in their own right, we will not produce the spiritual fruits we desire.

It is only by making Christ the centre of our Lenten observance that we will be ultimately overwhelmed by graces.

Father Alex

A Prayer

Voice of Jesus,
call out to us when we stray from you.
Hands of Jesus,
anoint us when we grow weak and weary.
Arms of Jesus,
lift us up when we stumble and fall.
Heart of Jesus,
teach us to love one another as you love us.

**Decisions become easier when
your will to please God
outweighs your will to please the world**

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.

Always Remember

Always remember to forget
The things that made you sad
But never forget to remember
The things that made you glad.

Always remember to forget
The friends that proved untrue.
But don't forget to remember
Those that have stuck by you.

Always remember to forget
The troubles that have passed away.
But never forget to remember
The blessings that come each day.

**People who are brutally honest
often get more satisfaction
out of the brutality
than out of the honesty**

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 Second Collections

7th February Organ Fund, 14th February Poor Parishes, 21st February Organ Fund, 28th February Organ Fund.

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.



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.

Father Paul Saunders

Father Paul Saunders, a former parish priest here at St Thomas à Becket, died on 29th January from the Coronavirus. He was 77 years old and was the parish priest at Holy Cross, Carshalton. Please remember him in your prayers

Enterprising Catholics

Start-up advice and mentoring is now available for Catholics. Our organization 'Enterprising Catholics' connects Catholics who are thinking about setting up new enterprises be they businesses, professional firms, social enterprises, or charities - i.e. 'mentees', with Catholics who have already founded such enterprises and are willing to share their experiences - i.e. 'mentors'.

If you would like to be introduced to Catholics who have founded successful enterprises, and receive either: one-off guidance from these leading entrepreneurs, or more sustained mentoring from them? Or if you might be interested in volunteering as a mentor or mentee? Please email: volunteer@enterprisingcatholics.org or visit: www.enterprisingcatholics.org

**When the sea was calm all ships alike
showed mastership in floating**

Shakespeare

Rotas

Readers: Sat: R & S Jackson, M Slade Sun: A Burnett, T Greetham, A. Kane Blanes n/w Sat: E & N Falcone, E De Souza, Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast

Flowers: A Robbins n/w V Barkho

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 13 March