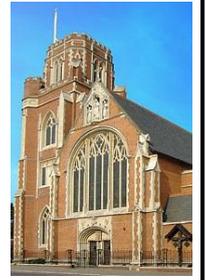




St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

Parish Priest: Father Alex McAllister SDS
 Becket House, Santos Road, Wandsworth SW18 1NT
 020 8874 1818 07788 415200
 www.stthomasabecketchurch.co.uk
 wandsworthwesthill@rcaos.org.uk
 Parish Office: 9.00-17.00 Wednesday & Friday



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th February 2021

The leprosy left the man at once and he was cured

Mass Times

13th Sat	Feria	9.30 17.30 Denis Nolan +
14th Sun	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 Ted Quinn +
15th Mon	Feria	9.30
16th Tue	Feria	9.30
17th Wed	Ash Wednesday	9.30 19.00
18th Thu	Feria	9.30
19th Fri	Feria	9.30 Daniel Lowe & Kayleigh Lowe
20th Sat	Feria	9.30 Parishioners 17.30 Tim Nolan +
21st Sun	First Sunday of Lent	10.00

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: John

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

Please wear a face mask while in Church



What is Lent?

A few years ago, it used to be fashionable in certain circles to greet people by saying, 'Have a happy Lent!' This was not something I ever liked very much, because I think that it made the penitential season of Lent sound just like Easter, which really is the proper liturgical season for rejoicing.

But I suppose that greeting found its origin in the Preface for the First Sunday of Lent which used to say, 'each year you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery with mind and hearts renewed.' However, the new translation of the mass puts it a bit more accurately: 'each year your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure.'

This makes things much clearer; it stresses that Lent is principally a time of purification. So, it is not the season that is joyful but the fact that it leads us to purify our lives. The joy that is referred to is more like serenity than pleasure. It is the serenity that comes from having kept a good Lent, having borne the hardships of penance and fasting and having put quite a bit of extra effort into our prayer lives.

We need to be attentive to the fact that the liturgy has various moods with specific emphases for each liturgical season. The same applies to the mass which is why in Lent we don't use exactly the same music for the Kyrie, the Sanctus and the Agnus Dei as we do during the rest of the year. We use different tunes to express the very different emotions of sorrow, praise and profound devotion appropriate for the season.

Lent may be a penitential time, but that does not make it a miserable season. There is joy in it but it is a sober joy, a restrained serenity that comes from being faithful to the traditional penances which are undertaken to unite ourselves with the sufferings of Jesus. Yes, it is a sorrowful season but our sadness is moderated by the knowledge that Christ has won the victory and paid the price of our redemption.

Father Alex

The Stations of the Cross



Saturdays of Lent at 17.00

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*

The Lord walks among the pots and pans

St Teresa of Avila

Ash Wednesday

There will be two masses on Ash Wednesday at 9.30 and 19.00 with the imposition of ashes. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat which means that Catholics from the age of fourteen to sixty must eat only one full meal during the day. Additionally, they may have two very small meals known as collations. It is worth noting that Catholics should abstain from meat on all Fridays of the year. If this is not your current practice then please make a special effort to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent.

YouTube

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

Penitential Intentions for the 6th Sunday

The leprosy of our soul is selfishness and greed toward our brothers and sisters. Forgive us Lord.

The leprosy of our soul is the spirit of evil and jealousy. Forgive us Lord.

The leprosy of our soul is the impurity of heart. Forgive us Lord.

Almighty God, by the hand of Jesus you cleansed the leper of whom we read in the Gospel. Cleanse us today from the stain of sin, and lead us into everlasting life. Amen.

**If we have been pleased with life,
we should not be displeased with death,
since it comes from the hand
of the same master**

Michelangelo

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 4th April
Confirmation..... 12.00 2nd May
First Communion 12.00 9th May

Feast of St Thomas à Becket

It was 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 an expectant mother so that she can observe the interaction between mother and baby as part of her studies. If you are interested please contact: cyoung13@student.bbk.ac.uk.

Confirmation and First Communion

Please note that there will be no Confirmation or First Communion classes on 19th and 20th February as it is half term.

Father Alex McAllister SDS

It is eighteen months since Archbishop John Wilson was appointed to Southwark and in the coming months we can expect quite a number of personnel changes across the Archdiocese. I am in the process of being reassigned to a different parish and as from this coming week I will be going on a few months sabbatical since I have not had a sabbatical for more than twenty years. From 22nd February the parish will be looked after by Father Peter Littleton and he will reside in the presbytery until a permanent appointment can be made. I have certainly enjoyed my three and a half years ministry here at St Thomas à Becket and I will miss you all. Many thanks for your kindness and cooperation.

**He does not call those who are worthy,
but those whom He pleases**

St Therese of Lisieux



Friday 26th February is Lent Fast Day and we will take up a second collection to support the work of CAFOD in the third world on the following Sunday. Please be generous.

Forthcoming Second Collections

14th February Poor Parishes, 21st February Organ Fund, 28th February CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

Rotas

Readers: Sat: E & N Falcone, E De Souza, Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast n/w Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey

Flowers: L Northeast n/w A Robbins

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 13th March