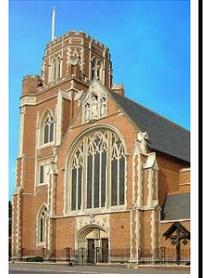




# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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 Parish Office: 9.00-17.00 Wednesday & Friday



First Sunday of Lent

21st February 2021

The time has come and the Kingdom of God is close at hand

## Mass Times

**20th Sat Feria**  
 9.30 Beth Smith  
 17.30 Tim Nolan +

**21st Sun First Sunday of Lent**  
 10.00 Parishioners

**22nd Mon Chair of St Peter the Apostle**  
 9.30 Ornella Elisabetta Callot +

**23rd Tue Feria**  
 9.30

**24th Wed Feria**  
 9.30

**25th Thu Feria**  
 9.30

**26th Fri Feria**  
 9.30

**27th Sat Feria**  
 9.30 Parishioners  
 17.30 Agnes Mabira Thanksgiving

**28th Sun Second Sunday of Lent**  
 10.00

**Confessions:**  
 By Appointment

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

### Cycle of Prayer, Lent

Candidates for the Sacraments, The needy and hungry of the world, Survivors of Sexual Abuse, Penitents and Wanderers, Women

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

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

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



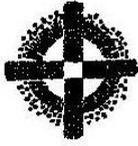
Forty Days in the Desert

## To Keep a True Lent

Is this a fast, to keep  
 The larder lean?  
 And clean  
 From fat of veals and sheep?  
 Is it to quit the dish  
 Of flesh, yet still  
 To fill  
 The platter high with fish?  
 Is it to fast an hour,  
 Or ragg'd to go,  
 Or show  
 A downcast look and sour?  
 No; 'tis a fast to dole  
 Thy sheaf of wheat,  
 And meat,  
 Unto the hungry soul.  
 It is to fast from strife,  
 From old debate  
 And hate;  
 To circumcise thy life.  
 To show a heart grief-rent;  
 To starve thy sin,  
 Not bin;  
 And that's to keep thy Lent.

Robert Herrick 1648

## 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*

**Success is getting what you want  
happiness is wanting what you get**

#### A Prayer

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake,  
or watch, or weep tonight,  
and give your angels and saints charge  
over those who sleep.  
Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.  
Rest your weary ones.  
Bless your dying ones.  
Soothe your suffering ones.  
Pity your afflicted ones.  
Shield your joyous ones,  
and all for your love's sake.  
Amen.

*Attributed to St. Augustine*

#### YouTube

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



Next Sunday we will take up a second collection to mark Lent Fast Day and to support the work of CAFOD in the third world. Please be generous.

**A good deed is never lost;  
he who sows courtesy reaps friendship  
and he who plants kindness gathers love**

*St Basil*

#### 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

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

#### 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.

#### 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.



#### Child Protection

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or a vulnerable 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 a member of the public or are in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations either to the Diocesan Safeguarding Office or directly to the Police. The Archdiocese of Southwark Safeguarding Office is at 0207 261 1606 or via email at [safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk)

**The saints did not all begin well,  
but they all ended well**

*St John Vianney*

#### Psychology Student

A psychology student, Charlotte Young, living locally is looking for a mother expecting a baby so she can observe the interaction with the new baby as part of her studies. If you are interested please contact [cyoung13@student.bbk.ac.uk](mailto:cyoung13@student.bbk.ac.uk).

#### Forthcoming Second Collections

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

#### 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 March