



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th September 2021

'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me'

Mass Times

- Sat 11th The Blessed Virgin Mary**
09:30 Stefania Rondoni RIP
17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
Lino Alfiler RIP
- Sun 12th Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Education Day**
10:00 People of the Parish
12:00 Baptism
- Mon 13th St John Chrysostom, Bishop Doctor of the Church, Memorial**
09:30 Elvis Philip RIP
- Tues 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast**
09:30 Zayla Shimsha George
Thaksgiving
- Weds 15th Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial**
09:30 Coleen Mary Lobo RIP
- Thurs 16th Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs, Memorial**
09:30 Staff, pupils and governors of
St Joseph's School
- MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL (parishioners welcome)**
- Fri 17th Feria** 09:30 Irene Vincent RIP
- Sat 18th The Blessed Virgin Mary**
09:30
17:30 People of the Parish
- Sun 19th Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Home Mission Day**
10:00 Susan & William Northeast RIP

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-10.45

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

This Week's Liturgy Group: Matthew

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Mark

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

Please wear a face mask while in Church



'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.' Jesus says to his disciples. We cannot follow Christ unless we are prepared to journey with Christ through the suffering of human life. The cross is not an 'optional extra' for the Christian: it is fundamental to what Christianity means. We follow Christ not only *in* the suffering of the cross, but *through* the cross we come to the glory of the Resurrection. 'For anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Mgr Matthew



There are many things that can only be seen through eyes that have cried.

(St Oscar Romero, 1917 – assassinated 1980)



Education Day

Today is Education Day: a day of prayer for all our schools. Please keep in your prayers all our young people studying at school, college or university and all the staff and governors of the educational establishments in our Diocese. We have a second collection today for the Catholic Education Service, which acts on behalf of the Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education.

St Joseph's School Beginning of school year Mass (Thursday 16th September)

Mass for the beginning of the school year will be celebrated on Thursday 16th September at 09:30 in the school. Parishioners are welcome to come to the school for Mass (Mass will not be celebrated in the church today). Please keep all the staff, pupils and governors of St Joseph's in your prayers.

Refugees collection at St Thomas

From this autumn our parish will start a new year-long initiative to support the needs of refugees in our local area. At the start of each month we're asking you to donate different hygiene and non-perishable food items, which can be dropped off in a signposted box at the Church entrance. All items will be delivered to the South London Refugee Association.

Starting Saturday 4th of September until October 1st we ask you to please drop off the following items: Toothpaste, Shower gel, any further hygiene products. We thank you all for your generosity.

Assisted Dying Bill

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the House of Lords in October. It encourages them to write to peers at the House of Lords stating the reasons why they oppose this legislation and particularly explain from personal experience the reasons why this change in the law should be opposed. For more info: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hhkl8dQy06o>

FREE English Classes

Merton Home Tutoring Service offer free ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) classes around Merton for adult learners who are not able to get to formal college classes because of cost, family situation, childcare responsibilities, or other reasons. Please follow this the link to get all the details. <https://mhts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/MHTS-Prospectus-2021-2022.pdf>

Our Lady of Sorrows (Wednesday 15th September)



Following on from today's gospel, we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on Wednesday. Our Lady stood at the foot of the Cross and suffered the anguish of seeing her Son suffer crucifixion. Our Lady is beside each one of us in the suffering we undergo in this life, praying for us, bringing us her motherly love to console and strengthen us as we take up our own cross and follow her Son. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.



Having a loved one in prison is a frightening experience. And as many prisoners and their families continue to be separated by restrictions

around prison visits, families need support and information. Find out how Pact's Befriending Service is offering a lifeline to prisoners' families in the time of Covid-19.

If you'd like to learn more this or other aspects of our work please do feel free contact us.

29 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UA

Mobile: 07568 432336,

www.prisonadvice.org.uk

Prisoners' Families Helpline: 0808 808 2003

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Stewards: SAT: C. Kawesi, T. De Souza, S. Doney
N/W D. Abuchi, R.C. Jackson, S. Palmer **SUN:** H&B Dallman, V. Crewe, J.Neligan **N/W** C. Quirke, D. Lyons, J. Murray, J. Brine

Reders: SAT: E. De Souza, M. Slade **N/W** R.C. & S.C. Jackson, M. Slade **SUN:** G. Fayers, T. Brown

N/W A. Burnett, T. Greetham, A.K. Blanes

Flowers: L. Northeast **N/W** A. Robbins

Maintenance Team: 11am Sat 9th October