



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Parish Office: Mon 10am-2pm, Wed 2pm-5pm, Fri 10am-5pm



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Home Mission Day

19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

*'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all'*

## Mass Times

- Sat 18th The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
09:30 Doreen Cope RIP  
17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday  
People of the Parish
- Sun 19th Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Home Mission Day**  
10:00 Susan & William Northeast RIP
- Mon 20th St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and companions, Martyrs, Memorial**  
09:30 Irene Vincent RIP
- Tues 21st St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist, Feast**  
09:30
- Weds 22nd Votive Mass After the Harvest**  
09:30 Holy Souls
- Thurs 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina [Padre Pio], Priest, Memorial**  
09:30
- Fri 24th Our Lady of Walsingham, Memorial**  
09:30 Rita Lobo Wellbeing
- Sat 25th The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
09:30  
17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday  
Billy Lowe RIP
- Sun 26th Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**  
10:00 People of the Parish  
12:00 Baptism

### Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-10.45

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

**This Week's Liturgy Group:** Mark  
**Next Week's Liturgy Group:** Luke

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

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



At Capernaum the disciples argue about which of them is the greatest. The gospels often give us glimpses of how the disciples were as subject to human failings as we all are. Even if we do not express it, we can think of ourselves to be better than others in some way or another. Jesus is clear that such presumptions are not worthy of the Christian disciple: 'if anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' Service is at the heart of following Christ, the Lord who himself washed the feet of the disciples. There is joy in service, if we remember that whatever we do for another person in the name of Christ, we do for the glory of God. **Mgr Matthew**

## Home Mission Day

This Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Agency for the support of Evangelisation.

Home Mission Sunday is the day in the Church's calendar when the Catholic community in England and Wales is invited to pray for, celebrate and support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Agency for Evangelisation & Catechesis

Do you wish to learn more about the Faith that you profess each week at Mass, and share it confidently with those you love? If so, please consider registering for the new Archbishop's Certificate today. More information on this two-year blended learning course (which starts on 9th October 2021) can be found on the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis website: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>** 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=hhkl8dQyo6o>

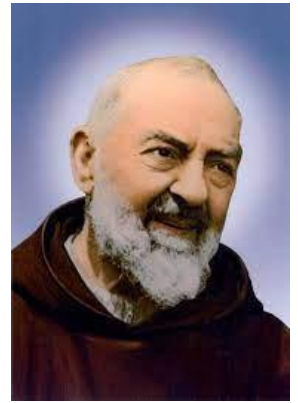
### Catholic Social Group

'London SW Catholic Social Group is a group for Catholic adults to meet for regular social and networking events in a friendly and relaxed setting with the aim of making new friends, enjoy new experiences or just to socialise. Upcoming events include walks, a karaoke evening and a Christmas meal; our monthly socials will restart in October. We can be found on Facebook as

'London SW Catholic Social Group' or on email - [londonswcatholicsocial@gmail.com](mailto:londonswcatholicsocial@gmail.com) '

## St Pius of Pietrelcina [Padre Pio] (Thursday 23rd September)

We celebrate the Memoria of St Pius of Pietrelcina, better known as Padre Pio, on Thursday. Padre Pio, an Italian Franciscan friar, received the marks of the stigmata in his hands, feet and side. He was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 2002. 'Don't be daunted by the Cross. The surest test of love consists



in suffering for the loved one, and if God suffered so much for love, the pain we suffer for Him becomes as lovable as love itself.' (St Pius of Pietrecina, 1887 - 1968)



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

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[www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk)

Prisoners' Families Helpline: 0808 808 2003

### SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

#### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Parents requiring the Certificate of Catholic Practice for their child's school admission application please submit the form to Mgr Matthew TOGETHER WITH DETAILS OF PARENTS' NAMES, CURRENT ADDRESS, EMAIL AND TELEPHONE NUMBER. Completed forms can be collected after Mass on Saturday (5:30pm Mass) or Sunday (10:00am Mass)

### Rotas

**Stewards: SAT:** D. Abuchi, R.C. Jackson, S. Palmer  
**N/W** E&N Falcone, S. Kone. **SUN:** C. Quirke, D. Lyons, J. Murray, J. Brine **N/W** H&B Dallman, V. Crewe, J.Neligan

**Readers: SAT:** R.& S. Jackson Cousin, M. Slade  
**N/W** E&N Falcone, E De Souza. **SUN:** A. Burnett, T. Greetham, A.K. Blanes **N/W** L. Brown, L. Northeast.

**Flowers:** A. Robbins **N/W** V. Barkho

**Maintenance Team:** 11am Sat 9<sup>th</sup> October