



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Corpus Christi

6th June 2021

Mass & Service Times

5th Sat - St. Boniface, Memoria

17.30 Vigil Mass (Luzviminda Oxida R.I.P.)

6th Sun - Corpus Christi

10.00 Mass (People of the Parish)

12.00 First Holy Communion Mass

7th Mon - Feria

9.30 Mass (Rakel Florez)

8th Tue - Feria

9.30 Mass (Holy Souls)

9th Wed - Feria

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10th Thu - Feria

9.30 Mass (Clifford Allen Collier R.I.P.)

11th Fri - Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity

9.30 - Mass (Thomas Payabyab R.I.P.)

10.00 - Exposition & Sacred Heart Litany

12th Sat - Immaculate Heart of Mary, Memoria

9.30 Mass

17.30 Vigil Mass (Antonia Cafaro Rebecchini)

13th Sun - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00 Mass (People of the Parish)



#1402 In an ancient prayer the Church acclaims the mystery of the Eucharist: *"O sacred banquet in which Christ is received as food, the memory of his Passion is renewed, the soul is filled with grace and a pledge of the life to come is given to us."* If the Eucharist is the memorial of the Passover of the Lord Jesus, if by our communion at the altar we are filled *"with every heavenly blessing and grace,"* then the Eucharist is also an anticipation of the heavenly glory.

#1403 At the Last Supper the Lord himself directed his disciples' attention toward the fulfillment of the Passover in the kingdom of God: *"I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."* (Mt 26:29; cf. Lk 22:18; Mk 14 25). Whenever the Church celebrates the Eucharist she remembers this promise and turns her gaze *"to him who is to come."* In her prayer she calls for his coming: *"Marana tha!" "Come, Lord Jesus!"* (Rev 1:4; 22 20; 1 Cor 16 22). *"May your grace come and this world pass away!"* (Didache 10, 6; SCh 248,180).

#1404 The Church knows that the Lord comes even now in his Eucharist and that he is there in our midst. However, his presence is veiled. Therefore we celebrate the Eucharist *"awaiting the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ,"* (Roman Missal 126, embolism after the Our Father: *expectantes beatam spem et adventum Salvatoris nostri Jesu Christi*; cf. Titus 2:13). asking *"to share in your glory when every tear will be wiped away. On that day we shall see you, our God, as you are. We shall become like you and praise you for ever through Christ our Lord."* (Eucharistic Prayer III 116: prayer for the dead).

#1405 There is no surer pledge or dearer sign of this great hope in the new heavens and new earth *"in which righteousness dwells,"* (2 Pet 3:13) than the Eucharist. Every time this mystery is celebrated, *"the work of our redemption is carried on"* and we *"break the one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ."* (Lumen Gentium 3; St. Ignatius of Antioch, *Ad Ephesians* 20, 2: SCh 10, 76).

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Confessions:

Sat 10.15pm - 10.45pm / 4.45pm - 5.15pm

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Year 1

This Week's Liturgy Group: Luke

Next Week's Liturgy Group: John

Baptisms & Marriages:

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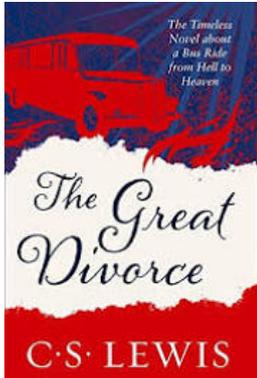
Do not let the past disturb you, just
leave everything in the Sacred
Heart and begin again with joy.

St. Teresa of Calcutta



Book Recommendation of the Week

The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis



As Christians - indeed as human beings - we probably spend far too little time meditating on the reality of the life to come once we pass from this world. Perhaps because of this we can easily lose touch with the fact that it is the next world which is really real.

In this wonderful little book, C.S. Lewis imagines the scene when souls from this world make their way to the edge of heaven. There

they meet with people whom they knew in their earthly lives, and they dialogue with them about whether they will choose to enter into heaven or not. Lewis paints very realistic pictures of people similar to those we will have met in our lives, and he shows us that the choice they face is more complex than we may have thought.

It is very tempting to cast the decision to receive the gift of heaven as a choice to go to a cosmic theme park, or not; but *The Great Divorce* takes the reader beyond such a simplistic assumption to realise that the choosing heaven is about choosing to be real - and the choice to be real is not to be taken lightly.

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Collins (1st April 2012)

*Cling to God, and leave all the rest
to Him: He will not let you perish.
Your soul is very dear to Him, He
wishes to save it.*

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Last week's collection: £386.09
Second Collection: £62.10

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

Readers: SAT: E&N Falcone, E De Souza **N/W** N. Nolan, S. Vas, E. De Souza. **SUN:** G. Donaldson, L. Brown, L. Northeast **N/W** A. Harris, A. Stacey.

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

Maintenance Team: Sat 12th June 2021

Your new parish priest writes...

I am delighted that Archbishop John has appointed me as parish priest of St Thomas a Becket and look forward to getting to know you and to work with you. St Thomas' is one of the most beautiful churches in the Diocese and it will be a privilege to celebrate Mass with you in such a splendid building.

To give you a little of my background: I was brought up in the Anglican church and my mother (at 90) is a member of the Anglican Franciscan Third Order. My father, who died in 1991, was a lay-reader in the Church of England. I found my spiritual home in the Catholic Church and was received into Full Communion in 1985. After graduating from Cambridge University I worked in publishing and medical information before going to St John's Seminary, Womersley in 1988. I was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood in 1994. I served in the parishes of Streatham, Tunbridge Wells, Bromley, South Croydon and Northfleet before being appointed Vicar General and Chancellor of the Archdiocese in 2009. I will continue with some of my VG responsibilities while being parish priest at St Thomas'.

As I have had an 'office job' for the last 12 years it will be quite a transition to go back to parish life and ministry - please be patient with me as I adjust to my new role!

I am indebted to Father Alex McAllister for his work in the parish, and to Father Peter Littleton who has generously looked after the parish until my arrival. I wish them both every blessing in their future ministries.

Of course I come to you after a most challenging eighteen months with the Covid-19 pandemic causing so much loss, anxiety and distress. My prayers and condolences are with anyone in St Thomas' parish who has lost loved ones, from Covid or for any other reason, through this sad time. Please God we are now, slowly, coming through this crisis and will be able to re-build our parish life together. We celebrate Corpus Christi today, so let us be confident in the abiding presence of the risen Christ with us in the Blessed Sacrament. We are nourished and strengthened by the Lord himself, let us draw not on our own strength but on the risen and glorified Lord who is with us until the end of time. Please pray for me, as I will for all of you. God bless and keep you always.

Mgr. Matthew Dickens

*"After the love which we give Jesus
Christ, we must give the chief place
in our heart to the love of His
Mother Mary.*

St. Alphonsus Liguori