



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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



7th Sunday Eastertide

16th May 2021

Mass & Service Times

15th Sat - Eastertide Feria

17.30 Vigil Mass (Brayan Andres Prado, R.I.P.)

16th Sun - 7th Sunday Eastertide

10.00 Mass (People of the Parish)

16.30 NO VESPERS, ROSARY etc.*

17th Mon - Eastertide Feria

9.30 Mass (Teresa Delgado, R.I.P.)

10.00 Exposition, Rosary & Benediction*

18th Tue - Pope St. John I, Memoria

9.30 Mass (Holy Souls)

19th Wed - St. Dunstan of Canterbury, Memoria

9.30 Mass (Martin Williams, R.I.P.)

20th Thu - St. Bernadine of Sienna, Memoria

9.30 Mass (Durga Gummadi, R.I.P.)

10.00 Exposition, Rosary & Benediction*

21st Fri - St. Christopher of Magallanes & Companions, Memoria

9.30 - Mass (John Birkett, R.I.P.)

22nd Sat - Eastertide Feria

17.30 Vigil Mass (Chung Family, Thanksgiving)

18.30 Exposition & Adoration of Bl. Sacrament

19.30 Holy Rosary

20.00 Service of Blessing in the Holy Spirit

23rd Sun - Pentecost

10.00 Mass (People of the Parish)

16.30 Vespers, Rosary & Benediction*

*These services have been added because of closure of the Church to private prayer and are not part of the regular parish programme.

Confessions:

Mon - Fri 9am - 9.20am, Sat 5pm - 5.30pm
And at any time by request

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Year 1

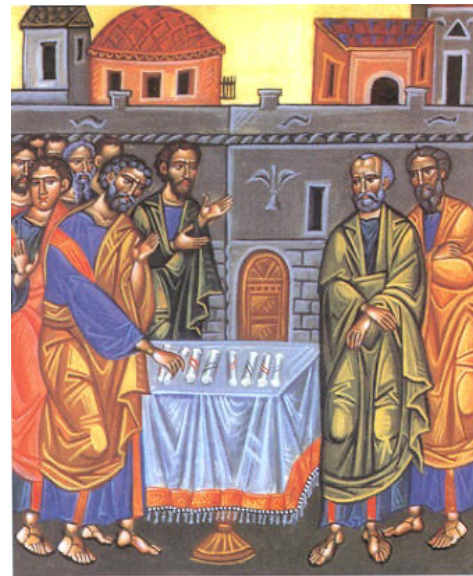
This Week's Liturgy Group: Luke

Next Week's Liturgy Group: John

Baptisms & Marriages:

Please contact the Priest

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



Following the Ascension (Acts 1:9-11), the Apostles replace Judas, who committed suicide (Matt. 27:3-5). In Acts 1:20, to explain Judas' demise and the need to appoint his successor, Peter cites the Psalms ("May their camp be a desolation, let no one dwell in their tents" [69:25] and "May his days be few; may another seize his goods!" [109:8]). These Psalms applied to Old Covenant Israel and its enemies, and Peter shows how they are fulfilled in Jesus and the New-Covenant kingdom of Israel, the Church (Gal. 6:16; see also Matt. 16:18-19).

Christ will reign as king in his everlasting kingdom (Luke 1:32-33), yet he appoints visible leaders—successors to the apostles—to teach and guide his people on Earth (Matt. 28:18-20) until he returns at his Second Coming (Acts 1:11). The apostles pray for guidance in selecting the man God "hast chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside, to go to his own place" (Acts 1:24-25). They cast lots, an honored method of determining God's will in ancient Israel (Lev. 16:7-10, Prov. 16:33), "and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles" (Acts 1:26).

This passage establishes the important principle that Jesus had erected an 'Apostolic Office' within his community, the Church. An office, by definition, exists and can be filled, even after the office-holder has departed. Such is the case in the Church today, where the Bishops have succeeded to the Apostolic office of the Apostles, and have their role of guiding and governing the Church today.

Adapted from 'Bible Navigator: Acts 1.20', by Catholic Answers

The power of the priest, is the power of the divine person, for the transubstantiation of the bread, requires as much power, as the creation of the world.

St. Bernadine of Siena

Book Recommendation of the Week

In the School of the Holy Spirit, by Jacques Philippe



In the School of the Holy Spirit will help you get to know the Sanctifier of your soul. It will lead you to be more attentive to the movements of the Holy Spirit in your life as you learn to love the third person of the Holy Trinity. Philippe explains the rewards of being attentive to the Holy Spirit and provides simple and concrete ways to grow in this inner sensitivity. In his clear and simple style, he illustrates his points with

many examples from modern life. *In the School of the Holy Spirit* is a valuable aid in your own spiritual journey.

ISBN: 1594170533

Scepter Publishers (8 July 2010)

Fr. Peter Away on Annual Retreat, this week

Please note, I will be away from the parish from the afternoon of Sunday 16th May until the afternoon of Saturday 22nd May making my annual retreat at a convent in Oxfordshire. This means I will be out-of-contact all week. I will keep you all in my prayers.

For non-urgent matters arising, please leave a message with the parish office. If you urgently need a priest, please call the other local parishes.

My thanks to Canon Martin Edwards, who is covering the weekday Masses in my absence.

Fr. Peter

Collection for Fr. Alex McAllister

You can still return envelopes with thanksgiving offerings for Fr. Alex, placing them in either collection box/basket.

He hath made a remembrance of his wonderful works, being a merciful and gracious Lord: He hath given food to them that fear Him

Final words of St. Dunstan

Forthcoming Dates

Pentecost.....23rd May
First Communion.....6th June, 12pm
New Parish Priest arrives.....5th-6th June

Pentecost Vigil

The important feast of Pentecost will soon be upon us. Please, in the coming days, pray for the Holy Spirit to descend anew into your life, upon our parish, in the Church and across the whole world.

If you have not already done so, do consider reading *In the School of the Holy Spirit*. It is freely available from amazon.co.uk and on *Kindle™*, and is short enough for you to read between now and Pentecost.

Please do come along to some part of our **Pentecost Vigil Service on Saturday 22nd May**, and invite others from outside the parish to join us in renewing our devotion to the Third Person of the Bl. Trinity.

6.30pm Exposition of Bl. Sacrament, Quiet Prayer

7.30pm Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

8.00pm Service of Blessing in the Holy Spirit

9.00pm Solemn Benediction of the Bl. Sacrament

I am innocent and I die innocent. I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serve the peace of our divided Mexico

Last words of St. Christopher of Magallanes

Summertime Camp for 11 - 15 year olds

An opportunity for some young Catholics to spend a few days away together, in faith and enjoying one another's company. The days will include faith formation, Liturgy, prayer, and social activities. Price includes entry to *LazerQuest* and *Thorpe Park*. The camp is organized by priests of the Diocese, including Fr. Peter.

Cost: £165

Date: 3rd-6th August

Further Details: Contact Fr. Peter

Una Rooney Funeral

Many thanks for your prayers for the soul of Una Rooney, who has passed away recently. Her funeral will take place on **Thursday 3rd June at 9.30am**, in this Church, where she worshipped for so many years. The burial will be at midday in Mortlake Cemetery.

At this stage it is not possible to confirm arrangements for mourners, because we do not know what the Covid-19 regulations for funerals will be at that point. This information will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Last week's Offertory: £334.22

Organ Fund: £52.45

This week's Second Collection: Catholic Communications Network (CCN)

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

Readers: SAT: N. Nolan, S. Vas, E. De Souza **N/W** E. De Souza, M. Slade. **SUN:** A. Harris, A. Stacey **N/W** G. Fayers, T. Brown

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

Maintenance Team: Sat 12th June 2021