



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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



3rd Sunday Eastertide

18th April 2021

Mass & Service Times

17th Sat - Eastertide Feria

17.30 Vigil Mass (Mona Bonas, RIP)

18th Sun - 3rd Sunday Eastertide

10.00 Mass (People of the Parish)

16.30 Exposition, Vespers and Rosary*

19th Mon - Eastertide Feria

9.30 Mass (Francis Barko, RIP)

20th Tue - Eastertide Feria

9.30 Mass (Bernard Palmer RIP)

21st Wed - St. Anselm, Bishop

9.30 Mass (Caroline Anger RIP)

10.00 Exposition, Rosary & Benediction*

22nd Thu - Eastertide Feria

9.30 Mass (Youil Barko)

23rd Fri - St. George, Solemnity

9.30 - Mass (Anicette Koua & Marie Divine
Gnagme, Birthday)

10.00 Exposition, Rosary & Benediction*

24th Sat - St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Memoria

17.30 Vigil Mass (All Souls RIP)

25th Sun - 4th Sunday Eastertide

10.00 Mass (People of the Parish)

16.30 Exposition, Vespers and Rosary*

*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 - Sat 9am - 9.20am, Sat 10am - 10.30am
And at any time by request

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Year 1

This Week's Liturgy Group: John

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Matthew

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Priest

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



The Appearance of Christ at the Cenacle, Tissot (1836 - 1902)

The 'Resurrection' to which [the Apostles] bore witness was, in fact, not the action of rising from the dead but the state of having risen; a state, as they held, attested by intermittent meetings during a limited period (except for the special, and in some ways different, meeting vouchsafed to St Paul). This termination of the period is important, for, as we shall see, there is no possibility of isolating the doctrine of the Resurrection from that of the Ascension.

The next point to notice is that the Resurrection was not regarded simply or chiefly as evidence for the immortality of the soul. It is, of course, often so regarded today: I have heard a man maintain that 'the importance of the Resurrection is that it proves survival'. Such a view cannot at any point be reconciled with the language of the New Testament. On such a view Christ would simply have done what all men do when they die: the only novelty would have been that in His case we were allowed to see it happening. But there is not in Scripture the faintest suggestion that the Resurrection was new evidence for something that had in fact been always happening. The New Testament writers speak as if Christ's achievement in rising from the dead was the first event of its kind in the whole history of the universe. He is the 'first fruits', the 'pioneer of life'. He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because He has done so. This is the beginning of the New Creation: a new chapter in cosmic history has opened.

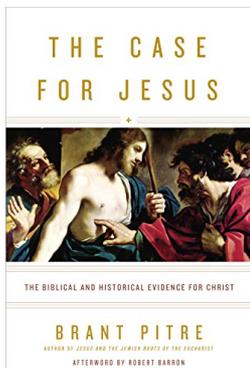
Taken from 'Miracles', Chapter 16, by C.S. Lewis

I have little doubt that when St. George had killed the dragon he was heartily afraid of the princess.

G.K. Chesterton

Book Recommendation of the Week

The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ by Brant Pitre



Brant Pitre is an American Catholic Scripture scholar who has published a number of books written for the popular audience to help expand and deepen understanding of the Bible and the Catholic faith. In this book, he assesses, succinctly but in depth, the documentary evidence for the claims of the Church about the person of Jesus Christ.

Through his extremely clear style of writing, Dr. Pitre has the capacity to blow your mind with the power of what he is able to teach you. I simply could not believe it when he demonstrated from the prophet Daniel that the birth of the Messiah had been foreseen to within a decade!

This book would make excellent reading for any Catholic who has ever been challenged or afraid of talking about reasons for their faith in Christ; or, indeed, for anyone who simply wants to nourish their minds with greater confidence in God's revelation.

ISBN: 0770435483

Image, NY (2016)

Volunteer Sacristan(s) needed

The work of the sacristan is quite an interesting job, allowing one to see 'behind the scenes' of the Mass, and comes with certain 'perks', such as a key to the Church so that one can come in and pray.

If you might be prepared to consider being part of a new generation of sacristans in this parish, please to speak to Fr. Peter. We are in particular need of someone who regularly comes to the Saturday night Mass, and another person who often comes to weekday Mass. Training and lots of support will be provided to anyone willing to come forward.

Woe to me if I should prove myself but a halfhearted soldier in the service of my thorn-crowned Captain.

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Forthcoming Dates

Confirmation.....2nd May, 12pm
First Communion.....6th June, 12pm
New Parish Priest arrives.....5th-6th June

ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR NEW PARISH PRIEST

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Archbishop John has appointed Mgr. Matthew Dickens as the new parish priest of St Thomas Becket parish, Wandsworth West Hill.

As many of you may know, Mgr. Dickens is the Vicar General and Chancellor of the Archdiocese - senior roles which he will continue to hold, alongside being your new parish priest.

We look forward to welcoming Mgr. Dickens for his first Sunday on the weekend of the **5th – 6th June**. Please keep your new parish priest in your prayers as he prepares for his new appointment.

The first weekend of June will also be my last weekend in Wandsworth, and my final Mass will be the First Holy Communion Mass at 12pm on June 6th.

Fr. Peter

For I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but I believe in order to understand. For this also I believe that unless I believe I shall not understand.

St. Anselm of Canterbury

Reception of Holy Communion

Communicants receiving in the hand are asked to **remove their masks before approaching the minister, and consume the host immediately in front of the minister**. It is in order for the communicants to step to one side and consume whilst facing the altar; however, **please do not turn around and return to your pew until you have eaten the Body of Christ**.

Missio Red Box Appeal

In 2020, this parish raised £15 through our Missio Red Boxes (this compares to £600+ in a more normal year). Communities throughout the world are so grateful that people here in Wandsworth are supporting them through prayer and donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by the pandemic. They have asked us to pass on their thanks and to tell us they pray for us all. If you want to know how you can help the missionaries you can find out more at missio.org.uk, or, contact local representative, Steve Palmer, via the Parish Office.

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 8 May 2021