



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

28 NOVEMBER 2021

*Your liberation is near at hand*

## Mass Times

<b>Sat</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 09:30 Marcella Devlin RIP 17:30 People of the Parish
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent (C)</b> 10:00 Ann & James Lyons RIP 15:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction
<b>Mon</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>Feria</b> 09:30 Anne Walsh RIP
<b>Tues</b>	<b>30th</b>	<b>St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland, Feast</b> 09:30 Michael Hatton RIP
<b>Weds</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Feria</b> 09:30 Dorrington & Cullinan Fam. RIP
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Feria</b> 09:30 All Souls
<b>Fri</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>St Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial</b> <b>St Joseph's Primary School</b> <b>to attend Mass in church</b> 09:30 Holy Souls
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Feria</b> 09:30 Mary Nisbet RIP 17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday People of the Parish
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent (C)</b> 10:00 Nicholas Lewis RIP 15:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction

## Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-10.45

**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 Parish Priest

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

Advent Prayers: Week One



*Hope*

Today, the First Sunday of Advent, begins a new year in the life of the Church. It is, if you like, our 'New Year's Day.' Now is the time for Christians to take stock of our lives and to resolve to live close to Christ in the year to come. Advent – such a brief but beautiful season - is the ideal time to renew our love for Christ and our love for his people. A new, fresh start: a new opportunity to live our faith with honesty and integrity. St Luke tells us to stay awake, to pray and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. If we have sincerely tried to live close to Christ, despite all our failings and the many sins we commit, we can be confident of the mercy of God: mercy on which we will all depend when Christ comes again in his glory.

**Mgr Matthew**

## NEXT SATURDAY

**4th December**

**3-5pm**

A festive Christmas tea will be held in the parish hall on

Saturday 4th December from 3pm to 5pm. An opportunity to relax with family and friends! Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church to plan for catering numbers. In order to avoid over-crowding, we are limiting to 35 guests. **Prize raffle – please donate quality prizes for the raffle. Thank you**



## South London Refugee Association December collection

Please give the following items this month: breakfast cereal, biscuits. Please place items in the SLRS collection box in the entrance porch to the church.

Thank you for your generosity.

ALL FOOD ITEMS MUST BE 'IN DATE'. ANY ITEMS THAT ARE OUTSIDE THE SELL-BY DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

### APF Missio Red Boxes

Because of Covid restrictions we haven't been able to recover all the Red Missio Boxes, if you are still holding a box please return it as soon as possible. Thank you for your donations and generous support.



### SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Please submit primary school application forms to Mgr Matthew as soon as possible including CONTACT DETAILS OF PARENTS/CARERS' NAMES, CURRENT ADDRESS, EMAIL AND TELEPHONE NUMBER. Completed forms can be collected after Mass on Saturday (5:30pm Mass) or Sunday (10:00am Mass) or from the parish office Wednesday or Friday 10.00 to 17.00.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

Parents of children in school year 3 or above are invited to register their child for first reconciliation and first holy communion preparation 2022. Application forms available in the church or on the parish website.



**Parents' meeting on Friday 18 February at 19:00; classes begin Saturday 19 February at 16:00. All dates are given on the application form.**

**First Communion Mass will be at 12 noon on Sunday 25th June.**

**Closing date for application forms 4 February 2022**

### THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? Or are you a baptised Catholic but have not received the sacrament of confirmation? If you are interested please come to an informal meeting in the presbytery on Saturday 8th January at 11:00am to find out more about preparation leading to reception into the Catholic Church (including confirmation) at Easter 2022.



## Christmas Services 2021

### Sunday 19 December

10:00 Mass Fourth Sunday of Advent;

17:00 Service of Readings and Carols.

Mulled wine and mince pies to follow.

The Mayor of Wandsworth and MP for Battersea will be in attendance.

### Monday 20 December

19:00 Advent Reconciliation Service

### Friday 24 December

18:00 Children's Christmas Vigil Mass;

21:30 Carols;

22:00 Christmas Mass during the Night

[NB no Mass at midnight]

### Saturday 25 December

10:00 Christmas Day Mass [NB no Mass at 17:30]

### Sunday 26 December

10:00 Mass of the Holy Family

### Wednesday 29 December

10:00 Mass for Feast of St Thomas a Becket with veneration of relics of St Thomas

### School Mass

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December St Joseph's Primary School will attend 9.30am Mass in the Church.

"The better friends you are, the straighter you can talk, but while you are only on nodding terms, be slow to scold."

[*Saint Francis Xavier*]



### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £485.12, Bankers Orders £384

Catholic Youth Services £164.03

### Rotas

**Welcome and Coffee:** E. Falcone, A. Oliva  
**N/W** L. Northeast, M. Ascensao

**Readers: SAT:** N. Nolan, M. Slade **N/W** M. Slade. **SUN:** A. Stacey, A.K. Blanes **N/W** G. Fayers, T. Brown

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

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