



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

**19 DECEMBER 2021**

*Why should I be honoured with a visit from my Lord?*

## Mass Times

<b>Sat</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>Feria</b>	09:30 James P. Gallagher RIP 17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday People of the Parish
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)</b>	10:00 Richard Doherty RIP 17:00 <b>Service of readings and carols</b> (nb no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)
<b>Mon</b>	<b>20th</b>	<b>Feria</b>	09:30 Ann Monahan RIP 19:00 Advent Reconciliation Service
<b>Tues</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>Feria</b>	12:00 <i>Requiem Mass</i> Carmel O'Sullivan RIP
<b>Weds</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>Feria</b>	09:30 Antonietta Cafaro Rebecchini RIP
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>Feria</b>	09:30 Chrissy Williams Thanksgiving
<b>Fri</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	18:00 Children's Christmas Eve mass 21:30 Carols 22:00 Christmas Mass during the Night (nb no Mass at midnight) Luigi Marcolongo RIP
<b>Sat</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>	10:00 Christmas Day mass Ann O'Shea RIP <b>Nb no 17:30 Mass</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Feast</b>	10:00 People of the Parish 15:00 Adoration 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

**You must wear a face mask while in Church unless medically exempt**

## Advent Prayers: Week Four



Love

We hear the narrative of the visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in today's gospel. Mary, pregnant with the Lord Jesus in her womb, goes to care for her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist. We are given the opportunity to share that unique moment of joy as these two women greet one another: two pregnant women united in their love for God and for each other, two women who have said 'yes' to God to play their part in God's plan for the salvation of mankind. We can glimpse the human reality of God becoming man, of the Holy Spirit transforming life. The incarnation is wonderful, it is awe-inspiring. It is nothing less than God beginning again with humanity: a new beginning that means we can be reconciled with God. We share Mary and Elizabeth's joy and their hope as Christmas draws near.

**Mgr Matthew**

## COVID-19 GUIDANCE

The Bishops' Conference issues the following advice in regard to the Omicron covid-19 variant: People displaying symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person. Hand sanitiser should be used by those attending church (available in the church porch). People must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth unless medically exempt (now mandatory). Good ventilation maintained in the building. People are encouraged to receive the vaccine and booster jabs. Those visiting the sick or housebound should take regular lateral flow tests (free from NHS). **Please check the link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>** Do everything you can to ensure the safety of the congregation. 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



### Advent Reconciliation Service

On Monday *20th December at 19:00* with several priests available for confession

### 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 26th 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



### Service of Carols and Readings

Today at 17:00 followed by refreshments in the parish hall. All welcome!

### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £626.69, Bankers Orders £384  
Organ Fund £172.24 (Unless otherwise stated, the second collection is for the Organ Fund)

### Rotas

**Welcome and Coffee:** R. Martella, M. Hernandez **N/W** C. Alfiler, M. Trotter

**Readers: SAT:** E&N Falcone **N/W** N. Nolan, M. Slade **SUN:** L. Brown, L. Northeast **N/W** A. Stacey, A.K. Blanes

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

**Maintenance Team:** 11am Sat 8<sup>th</sup> January

