



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Pentecost 2021

23rd May 2021

Mass & Service Times

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*

24th Mon - Mary, Mother of the Church, Memoria

9.30 Mass (Kevin Greene, R.I.P.)

25th Tue - The Venerable St. Bede, Memoria

9.30 Mass (Brian Gallagher R.I.P.)

26th Wed - St. Philip Neri, Memoria

9.30 Mass (Holy Souls)
10.00 Exposition, Rosary & Benediction*

27th Thu - Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest, Feast

9.30 Mass (Holy Souls)

28th Fri - Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit

9.30 - Mass (Holy Souls)
10.00 Exposition, Rosary & Benediction*

29th Sat - Virgin Mary, Saturday Memorial

17.30 Vigil Mass (Tom Ambrose Senior R.I.P.)

30th Sun - Trinity Sunday

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**



"Pentecost" by Jean Restout II

#731 On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance. (Cf. Acts 2:33-36)

#732 On that day, the Holy Trinity is fully revealed. Since that day, the Kingdom announced by Christ has been open to those who believe in him: in the humility of the flesh and in faith, they already share in the communion of the Holy Trinity. By his coming, which never ceases, the Holy Spirit causes the world to enter into the "last days," the time of the Church, the Kingdom already inherited though not yet consummated.

We have seen the true Light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith: we adore the indivisible Trinity, who has saved us.

(From the Byzantine liturgy, Pentecost Vespers, Troparion, repeated after communion)

#739 Because the Holy Spirit is the anointing of Christ, it is Christ who, as the head of the Body, pours out the Spirit among his members to nourish, heal, and organize them in their mutual functions, to give them life, send them to bear witness, and associate them to his self-offering to the Father and to his intercession for the whole world. Through the Church's sacraments, Christ communicates his Holy and sanctifying Spirit to the members of his Body.

#740-741 These "mighty works of God," offered to believers in the sacraments of the Church, bear their fruit in the new life in Christ, according to the Spirit. "The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Rom. 8.26) The Holy Spirit, the artisan of God's works, is the master of prayer.

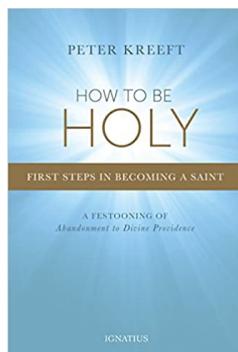
From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

I was no longer the centre of my life
and therefore I could see God in
everything.

The Venerable St. Bede

Book Recommendation of the Week

How to be Holy, by Peter Kreeft



"Life, in the end, has only one tragedy: not to have been a saint" (Leon Bloy). Everything in our faith, everything we as Catholics are called to do has one aim - to help us to become holy, the saints that we are each of us called to be.

However, many of us are nevertheless confused about what this means in practice. Is it really realistic for me, really to become a

saint? Well, in the sense of being someone who has come alive, so as to live for Jesus Christ, and Him alone, then yes.

If you are unsure about this, or, indeed, simply unsure where to start, then this is the book for you. Peter Kreeft cuts through all the misconceptions and misinformation, and gets to the heart of what holiness is all about, and shows that anyone, even you, really can be holy.

ISBN: 1621641023

Ignatius Press (29 April 2016)

The best way to prepare for death is to
spend every day of life as though it were
the last.

St. Philip Neri

Collection for Fr. Alex McAllister

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

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 camp is organized by priests of the Diocese, including Fr. Peter.

Forms will be sent out this week. Please email Fr. Peter a.s.a.p. if your child would like to attend.

Cost: £165

Date: 3rd-6th August

Further Details: Contact Fr. Peter

Forthcoming Dates

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

New Parish Priest

Last Weekend

Next weekend will be my last full weekend at St. Thomas Becket's. It has been a really wonderful three and a half months for me here, and I am so grateful for the warm welcome I have received during my time here, and somewhat overwhelmed by the amazing support I have received from so many different parishioners in ministering to this community.

Mgr. Dickens will arrive in the parish for the weekend of the 5th - 6th June, *Corpus Christi*; although you may see him around the parish during the week beforehand. I will remain here until the the FHC Mass on the 6th June.

Fr. Peter

The Church needs a perennial Pentecost. She
needs fire in her heart, words on her lips,
prophecy in her outlook

St. Paul VI

Catholic History Walks

An invitation to join for a series of walks covering Chelsea, City/Monument, Richmond, Islington and Westminster. The group delves into historical events, famous people, heroes and heroines, Kings and Queens, saints and sinners. It is the only historical walking group who weave ecclesiastic culture and tradition into our tales. Come along and discover something new and different.

Price: £5 per walk

<https://www.catholichistorywalks.com>

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.

Restrictions on funerals have been lifted, meaning that we can, in principle, accommodate as many mourners as the Church holds on a Sunday. To that end, parishioners should be able to attend, with pews allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Next week's Second Collection: Catholic Trust for England & Wales (CaTEW)

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

Reders: SAT: E. De Souza, M. Slade **N/W** R.C. &
S.C. Jackson, M. Slade **SUN:** G. Fayers, T. Brown

N/W A. Burnett, T. Greetham, A.K. Blanes

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

Maintenance Team: Sat 12th June 2021