



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY (C)**

**2 January 2022**

*The Word was made flesh and lived among us*

### Mass Times

<b>Sat 1st</b>	<b>Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Solemnity</b> 09:30 17.30 Vigil Mass of Sunday People of the Parish
<b>Sun 2nd</b>	<b>Second Sunday after the Nativity</b> 10:00 Mary Poynter Thanksgiving 15:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction
<b>Mon 3rd</b>	<b>The Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese of Southwark</b> 09:30 Holy Souls
<b>Tues 4th</b>	<b>Feria of Christmas Time</b> 09:30 Sister Colette Stafford RIP
<b>Weds 5th</b>	<b>Feria of Christmas Time</b> 09:30 Brendan Rossiter RIP
<b>Thurs 6th</b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity</b> 09:30 Deceased members of the Devlin Family
<b>Fri 7th</b>	<b>Feria of Christmas Time</b> 09:30 Alfred & Cristobel Rodrigues
<b>Sat 8th</b>	<b>Feria of Christmas Time</b> 09:30 Holy Souls 17.30 Vigil Mass of Sunday Tom & Margaret Mullally
<b>Sun 9th</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> 10:00 People of the Parish 15:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction



This week, on Thursday 6th January we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The essence of the mission of Christ, and therefore of the Church, is beautifully expressed in the symbolism of the Epiphany. Jesus' mission is to reconcile mankind with God through his life, death and resurrection. Shepherds and kings are equal before the Christ child: equal in the love he has for them, equal in their need of his redemption. The Epiphany is a vision of the Church: all peoples gathered together in worship of the Saviour of mankind, our man-made divisions broken down by faith, all of us redeemed through the saving death of the true King, God made man in Jesus Christ. **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/>**

### Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-10.45

**Sunday Readings:** Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 1

**This Week's Liturgy Group:** Matthew

**Next Week's Liturgy Group:** Mark

**Baptisms & Marriages:** Please contact the Parish Priest

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

**Please do everything you can to ensure the safety of the congregation.**

**Thank you.**



## 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**

### Coffee after Sunday 10:00am Mass

Regrettably with rising Covid-19 infections we are suspending coffee after the 10:00am Mass until further notice. My thanks to all the team who have provided refreshments over the last few months, and I hope we can resume before too long. *Mgr Matthew*

### THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

**will now be taken in the New Year**

### St Joseph's Catholic Primary & Nursery School Applications

A forward thinking, successful and joyful school based in Putney, where diversity is prized and everyone is valued.

**Reception Places:** The school is now taking applications for places in Reception for September 2022.

**Nursery Places:** Spaces available for January 2022 or when your child turns 3. Please contact the school office for more information and to book a school tour: tel. 02088741888 [www.stjosephs.wandsworth.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs.wandsworth.sch.uk) [info@stjosephs.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:info@stjosephs.wandsworth.sch.uk) the school office for more information and to book a school tour: tel. 02088741888

### 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.



RCIA  
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

# Thank you

Christmas at St Thomas à Becket is a very busy and lively time; it is a real celebration of the love of God made manifest in the birth of his Son, Jesus Christ. Our grateful thanks go to those who cleaned and decorated the Church so beautifully, to our singers, musicians and readers, to the Altar Servers and to all those who are involved in ensuring the good running of the parish in so many different ways.

A special thanks to those who helped with the very beautiful Carol Service and also at the special mass held on our patronal feast.

Thank you very much for your very generous Christmas offerings, cards and gifts.

**Mgr. Matthew Dickens**

### The Ultimate Relationship

At the back of the church you can find copies of The Ultimate Relationship, a booklet intended to help enquirers find answers to some of the fundamental questions of life.

Even if you are secure in your own Catholic faith, please consider taking a copy to give to a friend or family member who might be interested or benefit from one.

Please pray – and within your means, work! – for the success of these and related initiatives

### South London Refugee Association January collection

Please give the following items this month:

Men's toiletries, Lentils, Tinned beans/pulses.

Please place items in the SLRA collection box in the entrance porch to the church.

*If you would like to volunteer with drop-offs to SLRA please contact the parish office.*

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

### Rotas

**Readers: SAT:** M. Slade **N/W** R.&S Jackson  
**Cousin SUN:** T. Brown

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

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

**Maintenance Team:** 11am Sat 12<sup>th</sup> February

Happy New Year  
2022