



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)**

**9 January 2022**

*While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened*

### Mass Times

<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
<b>Mon 10th</b>	<b>Feria</b>	09:30 Holy Souls
<b>Tues 11th</b>	<b>Feria</b>	09:30 Helen Mc Donnell RIP
<b>Weds 12th</b>	<b>Feria</b>	09:30 Monica Hayes
<b>Thurs 13th</b>	<b>Feria</b>	09:30 Maureen Mullally-Clarke Primary St Joseph's School to attend mass
<b>Fri 14th</b>	<b>Feria</b>	09:30 Jacques & Julie Lou Kuen Wing
<b>Sat 15th</b>	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	09:30 Northeast Family 17.30 Vigil Mass of Sunday People of the Parish
<b>Sun 16th</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	10:00 Beth Smith & Family 15:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings to a close the Christmas season and marks the beginning of his public ministry. Jesus has come to us in human flesh by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary. The Son of God has become one with us in all things but sin. The sign of Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan is not only that he is the Son, the Beloved of the Father, but also that the Son has identified himself completely with the condition of mankind. We are redeemed because God, in Jesus, has become a human being who lived our life without sin, and who offered himself on the Cross as the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

**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 **Weekday Readings:** Year 1

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

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

**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**



The Christmas Raffle will now be taken on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of January** after the Mass, please have your tickets ready and good luck!!

## 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

## Peace Actions for January 2022

- Make this year's Christian Unity Week (18th-25th January) an opportunity to start exploring initiatives on Christian websites other than our own.
- Take time to learn about someone else's religion on 'World Religion Day' (17th January)
- Mark Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January.



## Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for January 2022

You don't need to be much of an expert to know that a lack of inter-religious understanding leads to a lack of empathy. At worst, a lack of empathy can lead to religious discrimination, and at its very worst, discrimination can even lead to persecution. It is true that the basis of most world religions has values such as love and kindness and peace by which to live our lives. So if living by a universally agreed set of values is central to all beliefs, how do we find it so difficult to get along? How is it that our brothers and sisters across the globe are persecuted for what they believe in? How is it that we shun those of other beliefs in our own communities? This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention **"...for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family."**

## 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.

## 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:** R.&S Jackson Cousin **N/W** E&N Falcone **SUN:** A. Burnett, T. Greetham **N/W** L. Brown, L. Northeast.

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

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