



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) GAUDETE SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021

What must we do?

Mass Times

Sat	11th	Feria	09:30 Mullally – Clarke Family 14:00 Wedding Joseph Gray and Chloe Archer 17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday John O'Hara RIP
Sun	12th	Third Sunday of Advent (C)	10:00 People of the Parish 12:00 Baptism 15:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction
Mon	13th	St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr, Memorial	09:30 Margaret Walsh RIP
Tues	14th	St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church, Memorial	09:30 Jerry & Nan O'Shea RIP
Weds	15th	Feria	09:30 Jim O'Connor RIP
Thurs	16th	Feria	St Joseph's Primary School to attend Mass 09:30 Holy Souls
Fri	17th	Feria	09:30 Maria & John Hayes RIP
Sat	18th	Feria	09:30 James P. Gallagher RIP 17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday People of the Parish
Sun	19th	Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)	10:00 Richard Doherty RIP 17:00 Service of readings and carols (nb no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-10.45

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

This Week's Liturgy Group: Mark
Next Week's Liturgy Group: Luke

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

Please wear a face mask while in Church

Advent Prayers: Week Three



Joy

Today is Gaudete Sunday. 'Gaudete' is Latin for 'rejoice'. Joy is the keynote for Gaudete Sunday: joy that our Saviour's coming draws close; joy that our liberation is at hand. The words of Isaiah say it all: 'Sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.' The joy of Christian faith is not naïve. It is not a view of the world that is divorced from the reality of sin and suffering which scars our lives and our world. We rejoice because God has entered the world absolutely in Jesus Christ. God's Son has taken upon himself the evil and suffering of mankind, and, by his resurrection from the dead, has triumphed over sin and death. As we await the coming of the Lord, we have every reason to proclaim, and to proclaim boldly, 'rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.' **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 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

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 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

Young Adult Advent Retreat

The FCJ Sisters are holding an Advent Retreat for young adults (people aged 18-35) on Saturday 18 December from 10.30am to 2.30pm at the FCJ Spirituality Centre in Somers Town. The day will include some input, a time of prayer and reflection and sharing with others on the theme of Advent. To book your place, email: bookings.fcjcentre@fcjhouse-somerstown.co.uk

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £492.48, Bankers Orders £384

Organ Fund £184.30

Rotas

Welcome and Coffee: C. Alfiler, E. Vanzan
N/W R. Martella, M. Hernandez

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 8th January

