



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Parish Office: Mon. 10am - 2pm, Wed. 2pm - 5pm, Fri. 10am - 5pm



Trinity Sunday

30th May 2021

Mass & Service Times

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*

31st Mon - The Visitation, Feast

9.30 Mass (Una Rooney R.I.P.)

1st Tue - St. Justin Martyr, Memoria

9.30 Mass (Louis Christophe R.I.P.)

2nd Wed - Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Memoria

9.30 Mass (Martha Hernandez Florez, Wellbeing)

10.00 Exposition, Rosary & Benediction*

3rd Thu - Una Rooney R.I.P.

9.30 Requiem Mass

4th Fri - Votive Mass of Our Lady of Sorrows

9.30 - Mass (Nicholas Lewis R.I.P.)

10.00 Exposition, Rosary & Benediction*

5th Sat - St. Boniface, Memoria

17.30 Vigil Mass (Luzviminda Oxida R.I.P.)

6th Sun - Corpus Christi

10.00 Mass (People of the Parish)

12.00 First Holy Communion Mass

**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

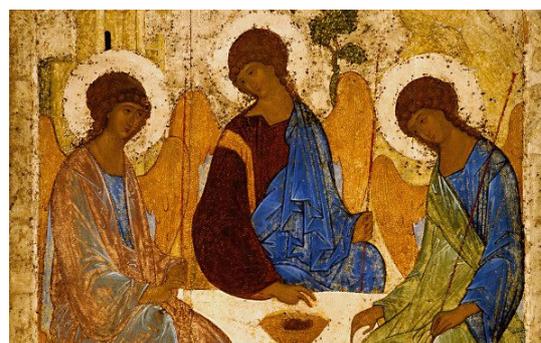
This Week's Liturgy Group: Mark

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Luke

Baptisms & Marriages:

Please contact the Priest

**Please wear a face mask
while in Church**



Icon of the Holy Trinity, Andrei Rublev

You know that in space you can move in three ways – to left or right, backwards or forwards, up or down. Every direction is either one of these three or a compromise between them. They are called the three Dimensions. Now notice this. If you are using only one dimension, you could draw only a straight line. If you are using two, you could draw a figure: say, a square. And a square is made up of four straight lines. Now a step further. If you have three dimensions, you can then build what we call a solid body: say, a cube – a thing like a dice or a lump of sugar. And a cube is made up of six squares.

Do you see the point? A world of one dimension would be a straight line. In a two-dimensional world, you still get straight lines, but many lines make one figure. In a three-dimensional world, you still get figures but many figures make one solid body. In other words, as you advance to more real and more complicated levels, you do not leave behind you the things you found on the simpler levels: you still have them, but combined in new ways – in ways you could not imagine if you knew only the simpler levels.

Now the Christian account of God involves just the same principle. The human level is a simple and rather empty level. On the human level one person is one being, and any two persons are two separate beings – just as, in two dimensions (say on a flat sheet of paper) one square is one figure, and any two squares are two separate figures. On the Divine level you still find personalities; but up there you find them combined in new ways which we, who do not live on that level, cannot imagine. In God's dimension, so to speak, you find a being who is three Persons while remaining one Being, just as a cube is six squares while remaining one cube. Of course we cannot fully conceive a Being like that: just as, if we were so made that we perceived only two dimensions in space we could never properly imagine a cube. But we can get a sort of faint notion of it. And when we do, we are then, for the first time in our lives, getting some positive idea, however faint, of something super-personal – something more than a person. It is something we could never have guessed, and yet, once we have been told, one almost feels one ought to have been able to guess it because it fits in so well with all the things we know already.

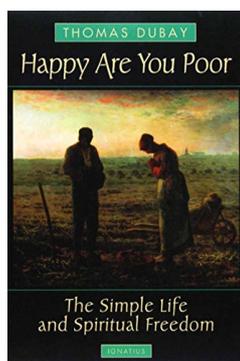
From Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis.

Let it be understood that those who are not found living as He taught are not Christian- even though they profess with the lips the teaching of Christ.

St. Justin Martyr

Book Recommendation of the Week

Happy Are You Poor: The Simple Life and Spiritual Freedom, by Thomas Dubay



In all honesty, this is perhaps one of the most important and challenging works of Christian spirituality you will ever read. In *Happy Are You Poor*, Dubay presents, clearly and without exaggeration, the teachings of the New Testament with regard to money and lifestyle. In doing so, he challenges Christians - particularly western Christians - to ask themselves the searching

questions about their use of material wealth and their relationship with the poor.

However, this is no shrill work of Christian socialism. Dubay's key concern is the spiritual life, and through the lives of the saints - all the saints - he demonstrates convincingly the need for interior, and to some extent exterior, poverty in order to reach the deeper parts of the life of prayer. This is where the Christian is called to find his treasure and his joy.

Placed in the hands of a serious Christian, this book will leave them never the same again!

ISBN: 0898709210

Ignatius Press (1st October 2002)

A Christian who gives his life for God is not afraid to die.

St. Charles Lwanga

Rosary Relay Rally

On Sunday 30th May 2021 we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, and the *Rosary Stronghold* organisers, based at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, will host a National Rosary Relay Rally for Faith, Life and Peace across the Dioceses of the British Isles.

The Archdiocese of Southwark's special allocated hour of prayer will take place between 3 pm - 4 pm and we are encouraged to pray for our family intentions as well as for the peace of Nations and the conversion to Christ of all peoples.

Forthcoming Dates

First Communion.....6th June, 12pm
New Parish Priest arrives.....5th-6th June

New Parish Priest

Next weekend 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. Fr. Peter will remain here until the the First Holy Communion Mass on the 6th June.

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 ecclesiastical culture and tradition into our tales. Come along and discover something new and different.

Price: £5 per walk

<https://www.catholichistorywalks.com>

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

St. Boniface

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 funeral numbers 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.

Last week's collection: £440.19

Second Collection: £29.33

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

Stewards: SAT: D. Abuchi, R.C. Jackson, S. Palmer **N/W** E&N Falcone, S. Kone. **SUN:** C. Quirke, D. Lyons, J. Murray, J. Brine **N/W** H&B Dallman, V. Crewe, J. Neligan

Readers: SAT: R.C. & S.C. Jackson, M. Slade **N/W** E&N Falcone, E De Souza. **SUN:** A. Burnett, T. Greetham, A.K. Blanes **N/W** G. Donaldson, L. Brown, L. Northeast.

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

Maintenance Team: Sat 12th June 2021