



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

17 MARCH 2024

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest

Mass Times

Sat	16 Feria 09:30 Rose Flynn RIP 17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday Philomena & George Kehoe RIP
Sun	17 Fifth Sunday of Lent 10:00 People of the Parish 16:30 Stations of the Cross
Mon	18 Feria 09:30 Despina Azzo Barkho RIP
Tues	19 St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity 9:30 St Joseph's Primary School Mass Robert McColluch RIP
Weds	20 Feria 09:30 Mullally-Clarke Family
Thurs	21 Feria 09:30 Holy Souls
Fri	22 Feria 09:30 Welfare of John Branch Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	23 Feria 09:30 People of the Parish 17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday Hughie Murray RIP
Sun	24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 10:00 Fernanda Militao RIP 16:30 Stations of the Cross

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-10.45

Baptisms & Marriages:

Please contact the Parish Priest



As Holy Week approaches, let us open our hearts and minds to the overwhelming love of God revealed to us in his Son, and sealed for us absolutely and forever in the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. What love God has shown for each and every one of us, a love so great that he has given his only Son: given for you, given for me. We can only truly come to Christ with profound humility, with a deep love for him who has restored us to life, who has overcome the power of sin and death. It is in that love for the Lord that on Easter Day we will rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, with hearts and minds made new. **Mgr Matthew**

Steps of Pain, Steps of Hope: Reflections on the Way of the Cross, By Mgr Matthew Dickens

This new edition of Mgr Matthew's Stations of the Cross is available for purchase at £5 per copy (Cash or Dona/Card payment). Illustrated with the stations in St Thomas' church. All proceeds to parish funds. With a foreword to the first edition by the late Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor.

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Year 2

SECOND COLLECTION POOR PARISHES

16 - 17 March – This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION ORGAN FUND

23 - 24 March – For the previous restoration and maintenance of our Willis Pipe Organ.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPEAL 16-17 MARCH

On 16-17 March Nick Falcone, our parish finance officer, will give a report on the parish finances with our annual financial appeal.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next children's class Saturday 23 March at 16:00 in the hall.



CONFIRMATION Candidates' next meeting Sunday 17th March in the priest's house following the 10:00 Mass.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) 2023 – 2024

Next meeting Wednesday 20 March at 19:00 in the priest's house.



KEEPING LENT 2024

The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated every Sunday during Lent at 16:30. Do consider making this beautiful and ancient devotion part of your observance of Lent. If you are able to, please consider coming to Mass during the week as well as on Sundays. Mass is celebrated every day at 09:30. If you are working, you may find a local Catholic church which celebrates a lunchtime Mass.

GOING TO CONFESSION IN LENT

If you have not been to confession for a while, Lent is the ideal opportunity to get back into the practice of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to know the healing power of God's loving forgiveness. Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 10:00 to 10:45 or by arrangement with Mgr Matthew. There is a simple guide to going to confession on the table at the back of the church. There will be a parish Lent Reconciliation Service, with several priests to hear confessions, on Monday 25 March at 19:00.

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Wandsworth Food Bank MOST WANTED LIST!



Easter Eggs!	Honey	Instant Mash Potato
Size 5 Nappies	Peanut Butter	Tinned Potatoes
Size 6 Nappies	Chocolate Bars	Tinned Sweetcorn
Shampoo	Sweet Biscuits	Savoury Biscuits
Baby Wipes	Tinned Custard	Chocolate Spread

WANDSWORTH PRISON CRISIS: WHY SHOULD WE CARE? Public meeting at 7.00 on 10th April 2024 at St Anne's Church, Wandsworth SW18 2RS organised by the Wandsworth Prison Improvement Campaign. They are looking for support from those that live locally and are interested in the conditions within the prison. Please see the poster at the back of the church for more information.

The Mother's Day Cake Sale raised £228! A big thank you to the organisers, cake bakers and to all who bought cakes on the day!



St Thomas a Becket is on Facebook! Scan the QR Code with your phone camera to visit our new page and keep up to date with our latest news.

Did you know Baby Sensory classes are held in the church hall every Wednesday during term time?

Designed for all stages of baby's first year, the timetable includes classes throughout the day focusing on early development through to active play for older babies. Right now, there is a **special '3 for 2' offer** for our parish. When you select the 3-week trial offer, simply enter the discount code "Welcome12" at checkout to enjoy one of those weeks for free. To book, visit <https://tinyurl.com/27rwbtm7>



Mary's Meals needs volunteers! For administrative tasks and/or making phone calls. Can be homebased, or in their office Notting Hill/Holland Park (Thurs only). Mary's Meals provide 2.4m children with a meal a day in their place of education in some of the poorest countries around the world. For more, contact gerrard.mcmahon@marysmeals.org

It costs just £19.15 to feed a child with Mary's Meals for a whole school year.



RITE OF ELECTION

2024 Our candidates and their sponsors meet Archbishop John at the Rite of Election at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. Please pray for Chris, Aisling and

Denis as they prepare to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil and to become full members of the Catholic Church.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	£551
Parish Dona	£216
Standing Orders	£560

Organ Fund Collection	£189
Organ Fund Dona	£15

Thank You

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Welcome and Coffee: E. Falcone, A. Oliva
N/W L. Northeast, M. Ascensao
Readers: SAT: M. Slade, L. Slade
N/W S. Doney, S. Palmer
SUN: A. Stacey, C. Webb
N/W T. & L. Brown, R. Brine
Flowers: A. Oliva **N/W** L. Northeast



THE CHURCH MAINTENANCE TEAM: Meet on the 2nd Saturday of the Month. **NEXT MEETING 11am-1pm Saturday, 13th April. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME AND HELP!**

DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

30 Mar	12pm-2pm, RHN Easter Egg Hunt
10 Apr	7pm, Wandsworth Prison Crisis meeting @ St Anne's Church, SW18 2RS
12-14 Apr	Beginning Experience grief resolution w/ end
18 Apr	7pm, English Reformation Talk, St Boniface