



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Parish Office: Mon 10am-11am, Tues 9am-3pm,  
Thurs 9am-3pm, Fri 9am-2pm



**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**20 JULY 2025**

*"Ask, and it will be given to you"*

## Mass Times

- Sat 19 The Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial**  
**09:30** Robert Isaac, Birthday  
**12:30 Baptism Finnegan Luka Dacumos**  
**17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday**  
People of the Parish
- Sun 20 Sixteenth Sunday**  
**10:00** Lucinda Martins Pereira RIP  
**Missionary Society of St Paul Appeal**
- Mon 21 Feria**  
**09:30** Chantal Lau Kuen Wing RIP & Welfare of Jacques Lau Kuen Wing
- Tues 22 St Mary Magdalene Feast**  
**09:30** Martina Dacumos RIP, Anniversary
- Weds 23 St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe Feast**  
**09:30** de Freyne Family RIP
- Thurs 24 Feria**  
**09:30** George Barkho, Birthday  
**St Joseph's Primary School End of Year Mass**
- Fri 25 St James, Apostle Feast**  
**09:30** Deborah-Jayne Marie Herdon RIP  
**Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
- Sat 26 Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial**  
**09:30** People of the Parish  
**12:30 Baptism Samuel Richard Cox**  
**17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday**  
James & Katherine O'Neill
- Sun 27 Seventeenth Sunday**  
**10:00** Lucinda Martins Pereira RIP



*Christ in the House of Martha and Mary, Johannes Vermeer (1632-1675)*

The account of Martha and Mary in the gospel is really about priorities. Jesus is not criticising Martha being an attentive host. Her hospitality is in the long tradition of Abraham, who welcomes unknown visitors so generously. Rather, Jesus is saying to Martha 'put down the dishes for a moment and come and join Mary and me. Let's spend time together and be fed in our spirits as well as in our bodies.' Like a garden, our spiritual lives need to be cared for. Our inner lives need to be tended and watered. This is why we all need to take time aside and, like Mary the sister of Martha, to sit at the Lord's feet and listen to him speaking deep in our hearts. If we make prayer a regular, daily practice we will come to know the riches of the spiritual life. Then, like Martha, we can return to the duties we must perform, whatever they may be. But we will return to them refreshed and nourished by the Lord himself. **Mgr Matthew**

**Sunday Readings:** Year C  
**Weekday Readings:** Year 1

**Confessions:** Saturday 10.15-10.45  
**Baptisms & Marriages:**  
Please contact the Parish Priest

## SECOND COLLECTION

**19 – 20 JULY – MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL APPEAL**



Fr. Finbarr Felix MSP from the **Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP)** will be making the mission appeal at all Masses next weekend. The MSP is a global religious congregation dedicated to spreading the Good News and supporting the work of the Church. There will be a **second collection** to support their mission and the training of their seminarians. You can also give by **direct debit or cheque**—please contact the Parish Office or scan the **QR code** for details. Thank you for your support.

## NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

**26 – 27 JULY – ORGAN FUND**

For the previous restoration and maintenance of our Willis Pipe Organ.



**First Sunday of the month  
3.30-5.00pm**

**Becket House (glass doors on Santos Rd)**

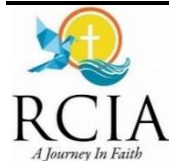
To be added to the mailing list or for any enquires:

[dugdalejam@gmail.com](mailto:dugdalejam@gmail.com)

**Next meeting:  
SUNDAY 3 AUGUST**

**Topic:**

**JESUS' EARLY  
PUBLIC MINISTRY,  
LUKE 4**



## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 23 JULY  
AT 19:00 IN THE PRIEST'S HOUSE**

Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is open to adults who are not baptized, adults who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and who now wish to become members of the Catholic Church, or baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. If you are interested to know more please email Mgr Matthew on the parish email.

## URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL – MAIN SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENTS – 2026 ENTRY

**YEAR 7 2026**

Open Evening: Wed 24 September 2025, 6.00 – 8.30pm. Various time slots. For Y5 & 6 students and parent/carers (academic year 2025-26).

Open Mornings: Mon 29 September – Fri 3 October 9.00am OR 11.00am. For Y6 students and parent/carers (academic year 2025-26). Sign up:

<https://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events-2/>

*Bookings close 18<sup>th</sup> September. Limited availability, ticketed entry only.*

**YEAR 12 (SIXTH FORM)**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 4.30 – 7pm

For Y11 students and parent/carers (Y11 in the academic year 2025-26). Sign up:

<https://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/sixth-form/admissions/open-events/>

*Bookings open from early September. Limited availability, ticketed entry only.*



## STAINED GLASS GREETING CARDS ON SALE NOW!

Share the beauty of our church's stunning stained glass with friends and family! Professionally photographed by Louise Irving-Whalley, these high-quality A5 and DL greeting cards are printed on premium 350gsm stock and blank inside for any occasion.



Packs of 6 – £10

Individual cards – £2

Available at the back of the church (cash or Dona Machine), or order online for collection.

All proceeds support our church—thank you for your support!

**London Catholic Social Group** have a number of upcoming events for Catholic adults over 30 -

- Saturday 26th July, day trip to Waddesdon Manor
- Sunday 3rd August, picnic in Regent's Park

Contact Brendan via WhatsApp 07425549408, Facebook – 'London Catholic Social Group' or [londonswcatholicalsocial@gmail.com](mailto:londonswcatholicalsocial@gmail.com)

## THE ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE (ARCHCERT)

This two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond is for those who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. Commencing 18 October 2025. £800, payable over 2 years. Registration must be completed in advance. Non-refundable registration fee of £50. See <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert> for further details.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	<b>£360</b>
Parish Dona	<b>£457</b>
Standing Orders	<b>£578</b>
Stella Maris Collection	<b>£260</b>
Organ Fund Dona	<b>£186</b>



## 19 - 20 July

**Welcome & Coffee:** F. Azevedo, M. Figueiredo

**Readers: SAT:** R. & S. Jackson Cousin

**SUN:** L. Brown, C. Khabthong

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**Flowers:** C. Nartey

## 26 - 27 July

**Welcome & Coffee:** C. Miranda, P. Figueiredo

**Readers: SAT:** E. Falcone, S. & R. Jay

**SUN:** A. Burnett, T. Greetham

**Flowers:** A. Oliva

**CHURCH MAINTENANCE TEAM:** Meet 11am-1pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month.

Next meeting: **9 AUGUST. JOIN US!**

## DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

**23 Jul** 7pm, RCIA Meeting, Priest's House

**3 Aug** 3:30pm Parish Bible Study Group

**6-9 Aug** Summertime 2025, Altar Servers Trip

**25 Sep** 6-8:30pm Ursuline Open Evening (Ticketed)

**26 Sep** 11:30am, Film Club, Parish Hall

**29 Sep – 3 Oct** Ursuline Open Mornings (Ticketed)