



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18 JANUARY 2025

*“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”*

### Mass Times

<b>Sat 17</b>	<b>St Anthony, Abbot Memorial</b> <b>09:30 NO MASS</b> <b>17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sun 18</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Peace Day. Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</b> <b>10:00</b> Anthony Bianchi RIP
<b>Mon 19</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>09:30</b> Jacques & Julie Lau Kuen King
<b>Tues 20</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>09:30 NO MASS</b>
<b>Weds 21</b>	<b>Saint Agnes, Virgin &amp; Martyr Memorial</b> <b>09:30 NO MASS</b>
<b>Thurs 22</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>09:30</b> Fr James Joseph Hay RIP (Archdiocese of Southwark)
<b>Fri 23</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>09:30 NO MASS</b> <b>Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Sat 24</b>	<b>St Francis de Sales, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church Memorial</b> <b>09:30 NO MASS</b> <b>17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sun 25</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God</b> <b>10:00</b> Antonio Beirão Monteiro RIP

**Confessions:**  
Saturday 4.15-5.00pm

**Baptisms & Marriages:**  
Please contact the Parish Office



*Saint John the Baptist Pointing Out Christ as the Lamb of God, Andrea del Verrocchio and Leonardo da Vinci (1472-1475)*

### **IMPORTANT PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT**

As some of you may be aware, Mgr Matthew suffered a stroke last Saturday. He is currently in hospital and is doing well, but he will need to take some time to recover. He is unable to accept visitors at this time. Mgr Matthew is very grateful for the many kind messages he has received and for your prayers; please continue to keep him in your prayers. Please be assured that any cards or messages received will be passed on to him.

Whilst Mgr Matthew takes time to recover, Father James Teeling will be assisting in the parish and celebrating the Sunday Masses as well as some weekday Masses. Please check the newsletter for dates and further information, and do make Father Jim feel very welcome.

**Sunday Readings: Year A**  
**Weekday Readings: Year 2**

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

### 17 -18 JANUARY – PEACE SUNDAY

Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, relies on support to continue the work of peace making. Based on the gospel and inspired by faith, their vision is of a world where people can live in peace and without fear of violence in all its forms. They work to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

### 24 – 25 JANUARY – ST GEORGES CATHEDRAL

For over 50 years, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, serving 175 parishes across London and South East England. It is home to a vibrant and diverse parish community and hosts important diocesan and national celebrations, concerts and charitable events. The Cathedral relies entirely on the generosity of parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese, receiving no Vatican or government funding. Your support helps keep the Cathedral open daily as a

place of prayer, peace and worship. Please donate via the QR code, at [www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral), or using the envelopes at the back of the church.



## WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2026 – 17-18 January

The Society for the protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal. This year's appeal postcards allow supporters to join the fightback campaign against the current threats in Parliament to expand abortion and allow assisted suicide. Appeal cards can be found at the back of the church.



## NEW PARISH WELCOME PACK & UPDATED REGISTRATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

We have updated our Parish Registration Form to ensure it complies with current privacy laws. All parishioners are invited to complete the new form so we can update our Parish Records.

We also have a brand-new Parish Welcome Pack for new and recently joined parishioners. Both the registration form and welcome pack are available in paper and electronic formats. You can find them at the back of the church or access them online on our website or by using the QR code.



## CONFIRMATION 2025-2026

Next Session: Sun, 18 Jan after 10:00 Mass. Retreat Day Saturday 7 February 10:00-16:00 at Kairos Retreat Centre SW15 4JA.



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS 2025 -2026

Next meeting: Wed 21 Jan, 19:00 in the priest's house.

## LITTLE PILGRIMS PLAY & PRAY



Our group for parents and toddlers (0-4 years) **Meets every Monday during school term time** (except bank holidays) 10:00-11:30 in the parish hall.

An opportunity for mums and dads with toddlers to share parenting experience, to pray together and for children to play.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

### REGISTRATIONS CLOSE TODAY, SUNDAY 18 JAN 2026

Registration forms for the First Holy

Communion programme are now available at the back of the church. For children in school year 3 or above and who are resident in the parish or regularly attend Mass here.

**Key dates:** Fri 23 Jan 7pm Parents & carers' info meeting | Sat 31 Jan 4pm Children's 1<sup>st</sup> Session | Sun 21 Jun 12pm First Holy Communion Mass.

## FILM CLUB

JOIN US FOR

### "MRS LOWRY & SON"

JANUARY 30, 2026

11:30AM

PARISH HALL



## EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS

It was announced that the Holy Father has appointed Bishop Richard Moth as Archbishop of Westminster, to succeed Cardinal Vincent Nichols who is retiring. Bishop Richard, who is Bishop of Arundel & Brighton Diocese, is a priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark. As Archbishop of Westminster, Bishop Richard will be the national and international spokesman for the Catholic Church of England and Wales.

Canon Gerard Bradley, Episcopal Vicar for the South West Area of the Archdiocese of Southwark, is to be ordained Bishop and serve as Auxiliary in the Archdiocese of Southwark. The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Gerard Bradley will take place at 12.30pm in St George's Cathedral on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Please keep both Bishop Richard and Canon Gerard in your prayers as they prepare for their new appointments. **Mgr Matthew**



## CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

The Church Unity Octave begins on Sunday 18 January till Sunday 25 January. Please pray for the reconciliation of all Christians.

*Collections will be reported next week. THANK YOU*

### 17 - 18 January

**Welcome and Coffee:** E. Falcone, A. Oliva  
**Readers:** SAT: M. Slade, L. Slade

SUN: A. Burnett, T Greetham

**Flowers:** A. Oliva

### 24 - 25 January

**Welcome & Coffee:** L. Northeast, M. Ascensao  
**Readers:** SAT: S. Doney, S. Palmer

SUN: L. Brown, L. Northeast

**Flowers:** L. Northeast

**MAINTENANCE TEAM:** Meet 11am-1pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month. **Next meet: 14 FEB**

## DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

18 Jan First Holy Communion Registrations Close

30 Jan 11.30am, Film Club, Parish Hall

2 Feb Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Gerard Bradley

7 Feb 10am - 4pm, Confirmation Retreat, Kairos Centre

14 Feb 11am, Maintenance Team

27 Feb 10.30am, Film Club, Parish Hall