



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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



**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, CANDLEMAS**

**2 FEBRUARY 2025**

*"My eyes have seen your salvation"*

## Mass Times

- Sat 1 The Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial**  
**09:30** Deceased members of the Chau family & friends  
**17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday**  
Intentions of Maureen Mullally Clarke
- Sun 2 The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas Feast**  
**10:00** People of the Parish
- Mon 3 St Laurence of Canterbury, Bishop Memorial**  
**09:30** Holy Souls
- Tues 4 Feria**  
**09:30** Maurice Edward Neligan RIP
- Weds 5 St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr Memorial**  
**09:30** Fr Patrick (Paddy) Cannon RIP (Archdiocese of Southwark)
- Thurs 6 Ss Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs Memorial**  
**09:30** Angelo Insua-Cao RIP
- Fri 7 Feria**  
**09:30** Deceased members of the Monahan family & friends  
**Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
- Sat 8 The Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial**  
**NO 09:30 MASS OR CONFESSIONS**  
**17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday**  
Alfredo Vanotti RIP
- Sun 9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**10:00** Andrea Rodrigues & Modesto Rama RIP  
**12:30 Baptism Louis Sebastian Fitchett**



*Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, Fra Bartolomeo (1472-1517)*

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, or Candlemas, goes back at least to the fourth century. It has always been understood as the showing of Christ as the 'light of the nations'. St Luke expresses with extraordinary beauty that, through the witness of the aging Simeon and Anna, the Christ child is the fulfilment of the ancient prophecy of Malachi. It is Jesus whom the people of Israel seek, the Messiah who will suddenly enter his temple.

Jesus is the Saviour not only of the Israelite people, but of all mankind. His salvation floods the whole world with light and joy. This is our hope and our salvation and is held out to all peoples of the earth. And all this we symbolise simply by holding a lighted candle.

**Mgr Matthew**

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

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

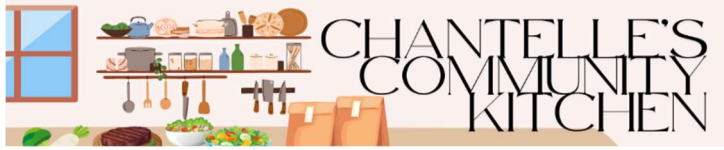
## SECOND COLLECTION

1 – 2 FEB – ORGAN FUND

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

## NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

8 – 9 FEB – CHANTELLE'S COMMUNITY KITCHEN



This Alton Estate based, community-led kitchen that provides free, freshly prepared, homemade meals to eat in or take away in Roehampton. Funded by grants and donations, they provide over 250 free meals a week as well as groceries and ingredients to help people cook at home themselves. CCK provide a space in which residents can find a sense of community, advice on benefits and cost-of-living support. Donations very appreciated, or please consider volunteering, no cooking experience req. There are a variety of roles to fill in the friendly kitchen on Mondays and Tuesdays.

## 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. Mums and dads expecting a baby are also very welcome. Parents and children welcome to attend the 09:30 Mass before the group meets.



## CONFIRMATION 2024-2025

Confirmation class meets Sunday 2 February after the 10:00 Mass.



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) 2024 – 2025

Next meeting Wednesday 5 February at 19:00 in the priest's house.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Registration forms for the First Holy Communion Mass are available at the back of the church.

## Closing date for registration Sunday 2 Feb 2025

Key dates: Friday 7 February 19:00 Parents & carers' information meeting.

Sat 8 February 16:00 Children's class 1

Sun 6 July 2025 12:00 First Holy Communion Mass.

## MARGARET DOHERTY RIP

The Requiem Mass for Margaret Doherty will be on Monday 10 February at 10.30 at St Thomas a Becket Church, followed by burial at Putney Vale Cemetery at 12.00. Margaret was an active member of St Thomas' from Jan 1959 with lots of friends in the parish from over the years. Please keep Margaret and her family in your prayers.



Join **Sing Swell** Community Kids Choir! Rehearsals starting 2 Feb through to the performance on 22 March 2025 (7pm, St Mary's Church, Putney). See poster at the back of the church for more details. All school ages welcome!

DONATE  
HERE

## Wandsworth Food Bank

Hot Water Bottles with cover

Tinned Sweetcorn, Hot chocolate  
peas, carrots, lentils UHT Non-Dairy Milk  
Tin openers Loo roll (4-pack please)  
Cuppa Soup Sanitary towels (regular)  
500ml Cooking oil Nappies size 4  
Crisps (Multi-pack pls) Shampoo  
Honey Conditioner

**THE COLLECTION BOXES ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH, UNDER THE NEWSLETTER TABLE**

**PLEASE RETURN ANY MISSIO BOXES ASAP AS THEY ARE DUE FOR COUNTING. THANK YOU.**



## ROOM WANTED

Professional single lady (aged 45 years, a parishioner) seeks a double or single room to rent.

References available. Please contact the parish office for more details.

## A Year of Hope: Introduction to the Jubilee Year

Visit [cafod.org.uk/jubilee](http://cafod.org.uk/jubilee) to discover how we can act in faith and love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year and respond to Pope Francis' call. Explore videos ft. Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the CBCEW, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and more.

**You are warmly invited to Archbishop John Wilson's new book launch, "The Romero Rosary"**, 6pm, Wed, 12 Feb, Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 7HY. Now available from [www.paulineuk.org](http://www.paulineuk.org), and containing introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero, the rosary, reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory) and the *NEW* Romero Mysteries (Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	£511
Parish Dona	£187
Standing Orders	£593
Organ Fund Collection	£123
Organ Fund Dona	£59

THANK YOU

## 1 - 2 February

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

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

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

**T Flowers:** C. Nartey

## 8 - 9 February

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

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

**SUN:** L. Brown, L. Northeast

**Flowers:** A. Oliva

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

Next meeting: **8<sup>th</sup> February. JOIN US!**

## DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

**2 Feb** First Holy Communion Registrations Close

**8-9 Feb** Chantelle's Community Kitchen appeal

**28-30 Mar** Walsingham Lenten Retreat