



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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HOLY WEEK

13 APRIL 2025

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"

Mass Times

Sat	12	Feria 09:30 Fr Bernard Heaphy RIP (Archdiocese of Southwark) 17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday Noel & Carmel Murray RIP
Sun	13	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 10:00 People of the Parish 12:30 Baptism Rhett Humphreys 16:30 Stations of the Cross
Mon	14	Monday of Holy Week 09:30 Francis Dickens RIP 19:00 Lent Reconciliation Service
Tues	15	Tuesday of Holy Week 09:30 Holy Souls
Weds	16	Wednesday of Holy Week 09:00 Soledad, Wellbeing NB EARLIER TIME OF MASS 11:30 Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark
Thurs	17	Maundy Thursday NO MORNING MASS 18:00 Servers' practice 19:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper with watching of the Blessed Sacrament until 22:00 Caitlin Paterson RIP
Fri	18	FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY) 10:00 Stations of the Cross 11:00-12:00 Confessions 12:00 Servers' practice 15:00 Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord Confessions follow Solemn Liturgy 19:00 Prayer round the Cross
Sat	19	HOLY SATURDAY 10:00-11:00 Confessions 12:00 Servers' practice 20:00 Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Jim Palmer RIP
Sun	20	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 10:00 People of the Parish



Fresco from the Roman Catholic Church of Bethphage

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord begins Holy Week, the most sacred time of the year for Christian people. We remember today the triumphal entry of the Lord into Jerusalem, which quickly turns to rejection and the suffering of the Cross. Then, on the three great days of Holy Week (the Triduum) we mark the central mysteries of our faith. On Holy Thursday we will be drawn into the mystery of the Eucharist, established by the Lord at the Last Supper the evening before his suffering and death. On Good Friday, through the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord, we enter the pain and desolation of the Cross, remembering that the Lord offered himself in sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins and the sins of the whole world. Mass is not celebrated anywhere in the world on Good Friday. And then, on Saturday night, we reach the climax of our Christian liturgy as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. This is the great truth of our faith which we proclaim to the world that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, overcoming the power of sin and death and reconciling mankind with God. This year nine adults will receive the Easter sacraments and become full members of the Catholic Church, including four who will be baptized. The Easter Vigil will be a profoundly moving and beautiful liturgy. Please do all you can to attend all three liturgies of the Sacred Triduum, entering fully into the mysteries of our faith and, finally, celebrating with joy the Resurrection of the Lord.

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

12 – 13 APR – ORGAN FUND

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

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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. **Next meeting 28 April.**



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

Next meeting Wednesday 16 April, 19:00 in the Presbytery.

Please pray for the nine adult candidates of our parish who will receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil and will become full members of the Catholic Church.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Next children's class: Sat 26 April 16:00 in the hall (no class during Easter School Hols).

Next Parents & carers' meeting: Fri 2 May 19:00
First Holy Communion Mass: Sun 6 July 2025 12:00



Lent Bible Reading

Join us as we read and reflect on the Holy Week narrative from St Luke's Gospel.

Reflections will be guided by the writings of Pope Benedict XVI.



3.30pm every Sunday of Lent (next on 13 April)

Becket House, adjoining the church on Santos Road

Facilitated by James Dugdale; all are welcome!

No sign-up or pre-reading needed.

Keeping Lent

The season of Lent is a blessed time for us to return to Christ, to confess our sins and to renew our life of faith. Every Sunday afternoon in Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 16:30.

Mgr Matthew's 'Steps of Pain, Steps of Hope', his meditations on the Stations of the Cross, is available for purchase at £5 per copy, all money goes to parish funds. The book is beautifully illustrated with pictures of the Stations in St Thomas' church.



EASTER OFFERING

The offerings at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday masses are your personal gift to Mgr Matthew. Thank you for your generosity.



KEEPING HOLY WEEK 2025

Please refer to the Holy Week Services leaflet for details of all the liturgies during Holy Week, including times of confession. If you have not been to confession for a while, this 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. 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 14 April at 19:00.

EASTER Cake Sale
Sunday, 20 April
after Mass in the Narthex

All proceeds to church funds.

Please bring cakes to church before the 10am Mass

We need lots of baked donations to make the sale a success!

NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you have recently moved to the parish or started attending Mass here, please complete a New Parishioner Registration Form. You can find forms at the back of the church or on our website. Thank you.

Join our new Fitness Group!

Every Saturday after morning Mass

10:30 - 11:30 in the Parish Hall

- 60 mins of standing exercises
- All levels of fitness welcome



JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

DAY AT THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD 7 JUNE 2025

Led by Archbishop John Wilson, a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun - activities for children & adults. This is the pinnacle event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars (2-6 June). Free event. You can find out more at rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025 or see poster at the back of the church.

DESIGNATED SHRINES AND CHURCHES

We are encouraged to make a pilgrimage at some stage during this year. By visiting one or more of these locations before 28 December 2025, it is possible to obtain a plenary indulgence. Please scan the QR code for a list of designated shrines and churches in the diocese.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	£473
Parish Dona	£176
Standing Orders	£601
CAFOD Myanmar Disaster Collection	£270
CAFOD Myanmar Disaster Dona	£992

THANK YOU

12 - 13 April

R Welcome and Coffee: E. Falcone, A. Oliva
O Readers: **SAT:** S. Doney, S. Palmer, M. Slade
T **SUN:** L. Brown, R. Jay, J. Dugdale

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Flowers: L. Northeast

CHURCH MAINTENANCE TEAM: Meet 11am-1pm on the 2nd Saturday of the Month.
Next meeting: **10 MAY. JOIN US!**

DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

13 Apr 3:30pm, Lent Bible Reading, Becket House
20 Apr Easter Cake Sale in the Narthex
25 Apr 11:30am, Film Club, Parish Hall