



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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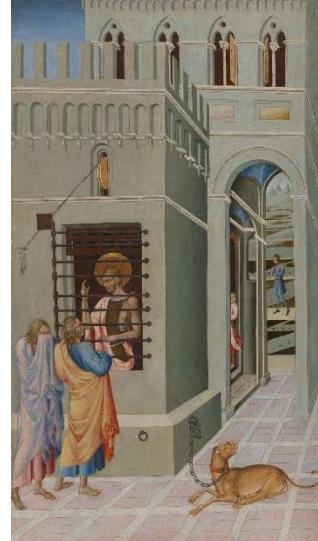
## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14 DECEMBER 2025

*"Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"*

### Mass Times

<b>Sat 13</b>	<b>St Lucy, Virgin &amp; Martyr Memorial</b> <b>09:30</b> Tine Humphrey RIP, Anniversary <b>17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday</b> Noel & Carnel Murray & the Murray & Byrne Family RIP
<b>Sun 14</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Gaudete Sunday</b> <b>10:00</b> People of the Parish <b>17:00 Service of Carols and Readings</b>
<b>Mon 15</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>09:30</b> James Hunston RIP
<b>Tues 16</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>09:30</b> Lorraine Fernandes, Birthday
<b>Weds 17</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>09:30</b> Maria & John Hayes RIP <b>18:00 Grupo De Oración En Español (Spanish Rosary &amp; Devotions)</b>
<b>Thurs 18</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>09:30</b> Antonio Beirão Monteiro RIP <b>St Joseph's Primary School end of year Mass</b> <b>19:00 Advent Reconciliation Service</b>
<b>Fri 19</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>09:30 NO MASS</b> <b>11:00 Requiem Mass Patrick O'Shea RIP</b>
<b>Sat 20</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>09:30</b> Ann Monahan RIP <b>17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sun 21</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> <b>10:00</b> Margaret Rose Dickens RIP
	<b>Confessions:</b> Saturday 10.15-10.45
	<b>Baptisms &amp; Marriages:</b> Please see Mgr Matthew after Mass



*Saint John the Baptist in Prison Visited by Two Disciples, Giovanni di Paolo (1455-60)*

The rose candle on the Advent wreath which we light today symbolizes the joy of 'Gaudete Sunday', the Third Sunday of Advent. 'Gaudete' is the Latin word meaning 'rejoice'. As our celebration of the Lord's nativity draws near, we open our hearts to the coming of the Lord in the flesh. We need also, in this time of Advent, to prepare ourselves for the Second Coming of Christ, when he will return to this world in all his glory and the whole universe will be made new. We can use the remaining weeks of Advent to cultivate, in our deepest selves, a sense of longing, of hoping, of desiring Christ's coming without knowing the day or the hour. Time, which is itself God's gift, is our chance to put ourselves at rights with God: to take up again the battle with whatever sins beset our lives; to make the firm commitment to set time aside for God in prayer, even in our busiest days; and to be courageous in our Catholic faith and proud that our religion continues to bring hope and joy to people's lives. **Mgr Matthew**

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

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

#### 13 – 14 DECEMBER – ORGAN FUND

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

#### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

#### 20 – 21 DECEMBER – ORGAN FUND



## 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: Sunday, 14 December following 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 7 Jan, 19:00 in the priest's house (no meeting over Christmas)



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 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.

### Registrations close: Sunday 18 Jan 2026

**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.

### MEMORIAL BOOK

Please return any Memorial Book Applications to the Parish Office by the end of December 2025.



### Pat O'Shea RIP

The Requiem Mass for Pat O'Shea will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 11:00. at St Thomas a Becket. Please keep Pat and his family in your prayers.



### Parish Bible Study Group



#### 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:

[WandsworthWestHillBibleStudy@yahoo.com](mailto:WandsworthWestHillBibleStudy@yahoo.com)

Next meeting:  
SUNDAY 4 JANUARY

Topic:  
SERMON ON THE MOUNT LUKE 6:17- 49

### 20 & 21 DEC ADVENT Cake Sale

After the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> & 10 am Mass Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Please bring cakes to the back of the church before Mass



### CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS FOR WANDSWORTH PRISON APPEAL

A thank you message from the RC Chaplain at HM Prison Wandsworth - "We are immensely grateful for the very generous donation of Christmas gift bags for the men at HMP Wandsworth. Christmas is a very difficult time for prisoners so these bags will mean a great deal to those who receive them. Thank you for helping us to bring the Light of Christ into HMP Wandsworth this Christmas."



### Service of Readings and Carols

Followed by mince pies and mulled wine

5 pm, Sunday  
14 December

Celebrate the joy of Christmas together

### Craft Sale Update

Thank you to everyone who supported our Craft Sale! We've already raised over £850, with a few more sales still coming in. A special thank you to our wonderful Knit and Natter group for creating such beautiful handmade items and offering them in support of our church. Your time, care, and creativity are truly appreciated.

### ST. THOMAS À BECKET YOUNG ADULTS' GROUP

Join us on Wednesday December 17th at 6:30pm for a visit to the Southbank Christmas Market!

If you would like to come, please join our WhatsApp group using the code below where we will share further details. Thank you!



### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	£424
Parish Dona	£405
Standing Orders	£601
Organ Fund Collection	£116
Organ Fund Dona	£34

THANK YOU

### 13 - 14 December

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

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

SUN: A. Burnett, T. Greetham

**Flowers:** A. Robbins

### 20 - 21 December

**Welcome and Coffee:** E. Falcone, A. Oliva

**Readers:** SAT: M. Slade, L. Slade

SUN: L. Brown, L. Northeast

**Flowers:** A. Oliva

**CHURCH MAINTENANCE TEAM:** Meet 11am-1pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month. **Next meeting: 10 JAN**

### DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

**14 Dec** 5pm, Service of Readings and Carols

**19 Dec** 11am, Pat O'Shea RIP Requiem Mass

**20/21 Dec** Christmas Cake Sale after Mass in the Narthex