



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

03 MAY 2026

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

Mass Times

- Sat 2** **St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Memorial**
09:30 Antonio Beirão Monteiro RIP
12:00 Confirmation Reconciliation Service
17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
People of the Parish
- Sun 3** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
10:00 Gerard Devaney RIP, Anniversary
- Mon 4** **The English Martyrs, Feast**
NO MASS
- Tues 5** **Feria**
Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse
09:30 Fr Niall Thornton RIP
(Archdiocese of Southwark)
- Weds 6** **Feria**
09:30 André Marianen RIP
18:00 Grupo de Oración en Español (Spanish Rosary & Devotions)
- Thurs 7** **Feria**
10:30 Requiem Mass Brian Augustine Walsh RIP
- Fri 8** **Feria**
09:30 Antonio Beirão Monteiro RIP
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Sat 9** **Feria**
09:30 Holy Souls
17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
Holy Souls
- Sun 10** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
10:00 People of the Parish
12:00 Confirmation Mass



Jesus Appears to the Disciples, Duccio di Buoninsegna (1260-1318)

'I am the way, and the truth and the life', Jesus explains to Thomas. 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,' Jesus explains to Philip. Knowing Jesus and loving him is the path that leads to the fullness of life with God the Father.

At its heart, Christianity is simple. We can come to know Jesus by living with him, as we live with other relationships. We encounter Jesus in the scriptures. We live with him by gathering to worship with our fellow Christians, above all in the Mass. Here, the risen Lord gives himself to those who believe in him. We live with Jesus by being members of his Body, His Church, that great communion of faith that will continue until the Lord comes again in glory, at the end of time. **Mgr Matthew**

Sunday Readings: Year A
Weekday Readings: Year 2

Confessions:
Saturday 10.00-10.45

Baptisms & Marriages:
Please speak to Fr Jude after Mass

SECOND COLLECTION

2 – 3 MAY – ORGAN FUND

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

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

9 – 10 MAY – SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FUND

It is a great privilege to accompany the children and families of our parish as they prepare to receive the Sacraments. This year, we were delighted to welcome seven adults into the Church at the Easter Vigil. In the coming weeks, five of our young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 10 May, and 20 children will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Sunday 21 June.

This collection helps us to continue offering these important programmes and to provide meaningful experiences along the way, including special days such as the Confirmation retreat. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026



Next Class: Session 8: Sat 2 May

Session 9: Sat 9 May

Next Parents Meeting: Fri 15 May at 7pm

Key Dates: Sun 21 June 12pm: FHC Mass



CONFIRMATION 2025-2026

Sat 2 May: Reconciliation Service

Sun 3 May: Session 14: Confirmation Mass Practice

Sun 10 May: Confirmation Mass

Pray for our five candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 10th May



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

5 May 2026

On this National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse, we focus on victims and survivors of domestic abuse. In the UK, one in four women and one in seven men have been subjected to domestic abuse during their lifetime. In every parish there are victims and survivors of domestic abuse. We pray for all those who are living in fear in their own homes, subjected to physical psychological or spiritual harm from the very people who are meant to protect and love them.

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSHINGHAM

Saturday 27 June 2026

Archbishop John will lead the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to the National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham on the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Programme: Private prayer in the Slipper Chapel (10.30am);

Adoration and Confessions in the Basilica (11am);

Mass with Archbishop John (12pm);

Lunch in the gardens;

Procession to the Abbey Grounds for Benediction (2.15pm); Departure (4.30pm).

Please email the Parish Office if you are interested in attending.



ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL UPCOMING EVENTS LAMBETH ROAD, SE1 6HR

Encounter Pentecost - Sat 23 May 2026

Join the Southwark Archdiocese Catholic Charismatic team for a day of worship, prayer, and fellowship at St George's Cathedral to celebrate Pentecost. The day, open to all, concludes with the Vigil Mass of Pentecost. Full programme at encounterpentecost.com/programme

CELEBRATE YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The popular annual Marriage Mass will take place at St George's Cathedral on July 11 at 3pm. Couples celebrating special anniversaries this year - their first, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later anniversary - are invited to apply for places. You will then receive a personal invitation to the Mass from Archbishop John Wilson and have an opportunity to renew your marriage vows. Apply to: mflsw@rcaos.org.uk



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	£476
Parish Dona	£281
Standing Orders	£568
Priest Training Fund Collection	£344
Priest Training Fund Dona	£157

THANK YOU

2 - 3 May

Welcome & Coffee: C. Miranda, P. Figueiredo

Readers: SAT: First Holy Communion children

SUN: A. Burnett, T. Greetham

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Flowers: V. Barkho

9 - 10 May

Welcome and Coffee: E. Falcone, A. Oliva

Readers: SAT: M. Slade, L. Slade

SUN: L. Brown, L. Northeast

Flowers: C. Nartey

MAINTENANCE TEAM: Meet 11am-1pm, 2nd Saturday of the Month. **Next meet: 09 MAY**

DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

9 May | 1am, Maintenance team

10 May | 12pm, Confirmation Mass

29 May | 11.30am, Film Club, Parish Hall

13 Jun | 1am, Maintenance team