



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**22 MARCH 2026**

*"I am the resurrection and the life."*

## Mass Times

- Sat 21** **First Vespers and Mass of Sunday**  
**16:00 FHC First Reconciliation Service**  
**17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday**  
George & Philomena Kehoe RIP
- Sun 22** **Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**10:00** Falcone Family, Thanksgiving  
**12:00 Baptism Artemis Kaskaras**  
**16:30 Stations of the Cross**
- Mon 23** **Feria**  
**09:30 NO MASS**
- Tues 24** **Feria**  
**09:30** Tai O'Donnell RIP
- Weds 25** **The Annunciation of the Lord Solemnity**  
**09:30** Rose Flynn RIP  
**18:00 Grupo de Oración en Español (Spanish Rosary & Devotions)**
- Thurs 26** **Feria**  
**09:30** Elizabeth Valentine RIP
- Fri 27** **Feria**  
**09:30** Antonio Beirão Monteiro RIP
- Sat 28** **First Vespers and Mass of Sunday**  
**17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday**  
People of the Parish
- Sun 29** **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
**10:00** William Petrus RIP  
**16:30 Stations of the Cross**

### **Confessions:**

Please speak to the Priest to arrange.

### **Baptisms & Marriages:**

Please email Parish Office. Your request will be attended to when the Parish Office reopens on Tuesday 14 April.



*The Resurrection of Lazarus, Léon Bonnat (1833–1922)*

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

### **OFFICE CLOSURE NOTICE**

Please note that the Parish Office is currently closed and will reopen on Tuesday 14 April. Thank you for your understanding.

### **GENERAL UPDATE**

This week, Canon Martin Edwards and Fr Peter Littleton will kindly provide cover for our Sunday Masses.

On **Tuesday 24 March**, we will welcome **Fr Jude Ogbuana**, who will be joining us as our acting Parish Priest while Mgr Matthew continues his recovery. Fr Jude joins us from Nigeria and has a 25-year connection with the Diocese, having previously served in Lewisham and New Malden. Please make him feel very welcome.

With a temporary priest now in place, Fr Jim Teeling will no longer be celebrating the Easter Ceremonies. We are deeply grateful to Fr Jim for his generous help and support to our parish.

Meanwhile, we continue to keep Mgr Matthew very much in our thoughts and prayers. He has now been discharged from hospital and is continuing his recovery in a care home.

If you would like to send a message or card to Mgr Matthew, please contact the Parish Office and we will be happy to arrange for this to be passed on to him.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

### 22 – 22 MARCH – POOR PARISHES

This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

#### 28 – 29 MARCH – ORGAN FUND

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



#### LITTLE PILGRIMS PLAY & PRAY

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



#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

**Next Class:** Easter Break 28 Mar-12 Apr

**Session 6:** Sat 18 Apr

**Session 7:** Sat 25 Apr

**Next Parents Meeting:** Fri 15 May at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

**Key Dates:** Sat 21 Mar: 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Service  
Sun 21 June 12pm: FHC Mass



#### CONFIRMATION 2025-2026

Meet in the priest's house after 10:00 Mass

**Next Session: 11:** Sun 22 March

*Break for Easter 28 Mar – 12 Apr*

**12:** Sun 19 April

**Key Dates:** Sat 2 May: Reconciliation Service  
Sun 10 May: Confirmation Mass



#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS 2025-2026

**Next meeting:** Wed 25 March, 19:00 in the priest's house.

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



Our candidates and their sponsors with Archbishop John Wilson at the Rite of Election at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

### 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.

Its time for our  
Easter Fundraiser

# Craft & Cake Sale

After Mass  
5<sup>th</sup> April **Easter Sunday**  
In the Narthex

We need your donations! Please bring cakes & other baked goods to church before the 10am Mass.

Our Craft Group has been hard at work creating handmade knitted and crocheted items for our Easter fundraiser.

Interested in joining the **craft group**?

We meet every Thursday, 10am



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

Thank you to all who have completed our new parish registration form. 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.

## FILM CLUB

JOIN US FOR  
"DOWNTON ABBEY:  
A NEW ERA"

MARCH 27, 2026  
11:30AM  
PARISH HALL



#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	£393
Parish Dona	£353
Standing Orders	£601
Organ Fund Collection	£138
Organ Fund Dona	£14



R O T A S	<b>21 - 22 March</b>
	<b>Welcome &amp; Coffee:</b> L. Northeast, M. Ascensao
	<b>Readers: SAT:</b> S. Doney, S. Palmer
	<b>SUN:</b> L. Brown, C. Khabthong
	<b>28 - 29 March</b>
	<b>Welcome &amp; Coffee:</b> F. Azevedo, M. Figueiredo
	<b>Readers: SAT:</b> E. Mends, C. Fiallos
	<b>SUN:</b> A. Burnett, T. Greetham

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

#### DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

**20 Mar – 13 Apr** Parish Office Closure  
**21 Mar** 4pm, FHC 1st Reconciliation Service  
**22 Mar** 4:30pm, Stations of the Cross  
**27 Mar** 11.30am, Film Club, Parish Hall  
**5 Apr** Easter Fundraising Craft & Cake Sale