



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

11 JANUARY 2025

"When Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming to rest on him"

Mass Times

Sat 10	Feria of Christmas Time 09:30 People of the Parish 17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday Holy Souls
Sun 11	The Baptism of the Lord Feast 10:00 Holy Souls
Mon 12	Feria 09:30 Kinn McIntosh RIP
Tues 13	Feria 09:30 Intentions of Alfred & Cristobel Rodrigues
Weds 14	Feria 09:30 Intentions of Monica Hayes
Thurs 15	Feria 09:30 Intentions of Colleen & Andy Lockyer St Joseph's Primary School start of term Mass
Fri 16	Feria 09:30 Antonio Beirão Monteiro RIP Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 17	St Anthony, Abbot Memorial 09:30 Intentions of Tom & Margaret Mullally 17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday People of the Parish
Sun 18	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Peace Day. Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity 10:00 Anthony Bianchi RIP

Confessions:
Saturday 10.00-10.45

Baptisms & Marriages:
Please see Mgr Matthew after Mass



The Baptism of Christ, Andrea del Verrocchio and Leonardo da Vinci (1472-1475)

Jesus fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah. In Jesus, God has made a new covenant with his people, a covenant that frees his people from sin and death by the resurrection of his Son, the Beloved. This is why Jesus was born among us, why he lived with Mary and Joseph and learned the carpenter's trade. This is why he was baptised in the river Jordan, why he proclaimed the Kingdom of God, healing the sick and forgiving the sins of those who came to him in the brokenness of their lives. All this is the salvation of the human race, it is our salvation.

Mgr Matthew

Sunday Readings: Year A
Weekday Readings: Year 2

SECOND COLLECTIONS

10 – 11 JANUARY – ORGAN FUND

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

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

17 -18 JANUARY - PEACE SUNDAY

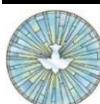
Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, relies on support to continue the work of peace making. Based on the gospel and inspired by faith, their vision is of a world where people can live in peace and without fear of violence in all its forms. They work to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.



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: Sun, 11 Jan after 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 14 Jan, 19:00 in the priest's house.



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 1st Session | Sun 21 Jun 12pm First Holy Communion Mass.

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.

ADVENT Cake Sale £465 RAISED

Thank you so much for supporting our cake sale, which raised a fantastic amount for our church! A special mention goes to two local retailers who generously donated cakes. **Honey Cake**, a long-standing supporter of our cake sales, and **7th Heaven**, a new local business who kindly donated cupcakes and macarons. Please do show your support for these wonderful businesses.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2026 – 17-18 January

The Society for the protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal. This year's appeal postcards allow supporters to join the fightback campaign against the current threats in Parliament to expand abortion and allow assisted suicide. Appeal cards can be found at the back of the church.

FUNDRAISING 2025

A Special Thank You

TO OUR FUNDRAISING SALE

ORGANISERS & CONTRIBUTORS
AND FOR YOUR TIME, EFFORT &
DONATIONS, AND TO ALL THAT
SUPPORT OUR CAKE, PLANT &
CRAFT SALES.



ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH
RAISED OVER £3400 IN 2025.

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS

Just before Christmas it was announced that the Holy Father has appointed Bishop Richard Moth as Archbishop of Westminster, to succeed Cardinal Vincent Nichols who is retiring. Bishop Richard, who is Bishop of Arundel & Brighton Diocese, is a priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark. As Archbishop of Westminster, Bishop Richard will be the national and international spokesman for the Catholic Church of England and Wales.

It has also been announced that Canon Gerard Bradley, Episcopal Vicar for the South West Area of the Archdiocese of Southwark, is to be ordained Bishop and serve as Auxiliary in the Archdiocese of Southwark. The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Gerard Bradley will take place at 12.30pm in St George's Cathedral on Monday 2nd February.

Please keep both Bishop Richard and Canon Gerard in your prayers as they prepare for their new appointments. **Mgr Matthew**



CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

The Church Unity Octave begins on Sunday 18 January till Sunday 25 January. Please pray for the reconciliation of all Christians. A Votive Mass for the Unity of Christians will be offered on Monday 19 January at 09:30.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

	21/12	28/12	04/01
Parish Collection	£333	£287	£311
Parish Dona	£225	£500	£200
Standing Orders	£601	£601	£601
Organ Fund Coll.	£160	£45	£83
Organ Fund Dona	£9	£44	£21

10 - 11 January

Welcome & Coffee: C. Miranda, P. Figueiredo

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

SUN: L. Brown, C. Khabthong

Flowers: R. Majiyabe

17 - 18 January

Welcome and Coffee: E. Falcone, A. Oliva

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

SUN: A. Burnett, T Greetham

Flowers: A. Oliva

CHURCH MAINTENANCE TEAM: Meet 11am-1pm, 2nd Saturday of the Month. **Next meeting:** 14 FEB

DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

18 Jan First Holy Communion Registrations Close

30 Jan 10.30am, Film Club, Parish Hall

7 Feb 10am - 4pm, Confirmation Retreat, Kairos Centre

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