



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 SEPTEMBER 2026

"He changed his mind and went. The tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you."

Mass Times

Sat 26	The Blessed Virgin Mary 09:30 Dan Murphy RIP 12:00 Baptisms Elina Fernando, Rafael Hörbye 17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday People of the Parish
Sun 27	Twenty-sixth Sunday 10:00 Noreen McNamarra RIP 12:30 Baptisms Lola & Molly Bellon
Mon 28	Feria NO MASS
Tues 29	Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels Feast 09:30 Holy Souls
Weds 30	Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church Memorial 09:30 Holy Souls
Thurs 01	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church Memorial Feast 09:30 Holy Souls
Fri 02	The Holy Guardian Angels Memorial NO MASS
Sat 03	The Blessed Virgin Mary 09:30 Holy Souls 17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday Antonio Beirão Monteiro RIP
Sun 04	Twenty-seventh Sunday 10:00 People of the Parish

Confessions:

Saturday 10.00-10.45

Baptisms & Marriages:

Please speak to Fr Jude after Mass

Sunday Readings: Year A

Weekday Readings: Year 2



Today, the Gospel invites us to be more like the first son because after his open refusal, he repents of his sin and goes to work for his father. It is better late than never. The first son saw the need to make a radical U-turn due to the negative effect and experience of sin. He allowed his conscience to minister to him in the silence of his heart. He yields to father's instructions by changing direction and acting on what is expected of him. He realized that it is never too late to change. What we do is more important than what we say we will do. Our actions always speak louder than our words. God is less interested in empty promises than in hearts that are willing to change and lives that put faith into action. Today we are challenged to put our faith into action as we pray and relate to Migrants and Refugees in a dignified and respectful ways.

As Christians, we are reminded that Jesus himself experienced displacement and insecurity. The Holy Family fled to Egypt to escape danger. In welcoming migrants and refugees, therefore, we have an opportunity to welcome Christ himself. This resonates with the Message of Pope Leo XIV on this 112th anniversary theme: "Even just one of these children,". The cry of displaced children rises to God today, and the title draws our attention to the minors directly involved in the experience of migration and flight, to the care owed to them, and to the Lord's promise that "whoever receives one such child in my name receives Me" (Mk 9:37).

As the 'Church Pilgrims', we are all 'Migrants' in a unique and respective ways. Migration is not simply about numbers, borders or statistics. Behind every journey is a human story: a mother seeking safety for her children, a family fleeing war or persecution, a young person searching for opportunity, or someone longing for a place where they can live in peace and dignity. On this special day, may our prayer lead us to action: to welcome the stranger, to stand alongside those who are vulnerable, and to work for a world where every person can live in safety, peace and dignity.

Fr Jude Ogbuanu

SECOND COLLECTION

26 – 27 SEPTEMBER – BUILDING FUND

The Building Fund covers ongoing organ repair costs along with other building-related repairs and expenses. Thank you for continuing your financial support of the parish.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

03 – 04 OCTOBER – CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Michael Gormley will give an appeal on behalf of CAFOD this Harvest Fast Day. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your donation can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. CAFOD envelopes are available at the back of the church.



The Flock

Week 3: How does God love us?

Friday 2nd October 6:15-8:15pm
An evening of food, fun and faith

Scan the QR code for consent forms and to join the parents WhatsApp



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

DATE CHANGE: FIRST MEETING: 11:30am, Sun 4 Oct. Please meet at the priest's house.

Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is open to adults who are not baptized, adults who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and who now wish to become members of the Catholic Church, or baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. If you are interested to know more please introduce yourself to Fr Jude after mass or email wandsworthwesthill@RCAOS.org.uk



The Requiem Mass for
Thomas Keaney RIP
will take place here on
Tuesday 13 October at 11am.
Followed by committal at Putney Vale at 1pm.
Please keep Tommy & his family in your prayers at this time.



LITTLE PILGRIMS PLAY & PRAY

Our group for parents and toddlers (0-4 yrs) **Meets every Monday during school term time** (except bank holidays) 10:00-11:30 in the parish hall.

PARISH NOTICE

Mgr Matthew is presently taking some time for rest and recuperation, and will consequently be away from the Parish for a while. During this time, **Fr Jude will celebrate the Parish Masses and act as Parochial Administrator**, and will oversee the pastoral and day-to-day needs of the Parish. We ask you to keep Mgr Matthew in your prayers.

SCHOOL APPLCATION FORMS

Please see Fr Jude after mass If you require a Certificate of Catholic Practice.

Holy Hour for the Sick — Thursday 10:45-11:45AM at St. George's Hospital Chapel (followed by 12:00PM Mass). Join us in praying for the sick, hospital staff, and deceased. We are seeking volunteers for a regular prayer group. Contact: stgeorgesprayergroup@gmail.com

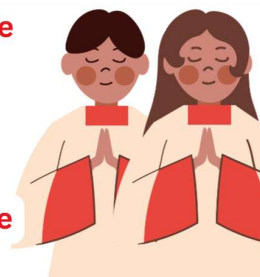
ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

for new and existing servers



2 training sessions: • Saturday 17 October 1 - 3pm • Saturday 24 October
Including a Pizza lunch

We invite all children who have made their First Holy Communion to consider becoming an Altar Server.
Please register your child's interest & attendance using the QR code.



Parish Bible Study Group

First Sunday of the month
11:30am (after Mass and coffee)
Becket House (glass doors on Santos Rd)

To be added to the mailing list or for any enquires:
WandsworthWestHillBibleStudy@yahoo.com

Next meeting:
SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER
Topic:
LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES
(REV. 2-3)
PART 2

HELP NEEDED!

We are seeking volunteers for the following parish ministries:

- Children's Liturgy: Help set up the hall before Sunday Mass. Contact the Parish Office.
- Eucharistic Ministers: Training and commissioning provided. Speak to Fr Jude after Mass.
- Sacristans: Help set up for Saturday and Sunday Masses. Speak to Fr Jude after Mass.

St John Bosco College Open Events
Open evening is taking place on **Thursday 1st October** from 5.00pm – 7.00pm and Our Open mornings will take place on Thursday 8th and 15th October between 9:00 and 11:00am.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	£518
Parish Dona	£285
Standing Orders	£568
Home Mission Collection	£131
Home Mission Dona	£44



R O T A S	26 – 27 September
	Welcome & Coffee: E. Falcon, A. Oliva
	Readers: SAT: M. Slade, L. Slade
	SUN: L. Brown, L. Northeast
	Flowers: A. Oliva
	3 – 4 October
W E L C O M E	Welcome & Coffee: L. Northeast, M. Ascensao
	Readers: SAT: S. Doney, S. Palmer
	SUN: Y. Osei-Kuffour Ekert, L. Ekert
	Flowers: C. Nartey

MAINTENANCE TEAM: Meet 11am-1pm, 2nd Saturday of the Month. **Next meet: 10 OCTOBER**

DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

28 Sep – 2 Oct 9am & 11am Ursuline Open Day
30 Sep 6:30pm Victims of Abuse Service, St George's, SE1 7HY
1 Oct 10:30am, Knit & Natter (Craft) Session
2 Oct 6:30-8:15pm, Youth Group, Parish Hall
4 Oct 7pm, RCIA First Meeting and Church Tour
8 Oct 10:30am, Knit & Natter (Craft) Session