



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

21 DECEMBER 2025

“Jesus was born of Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David”

Mass Times

Sat 20	Feria 09:30 Ann Monahan RIP 17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday People of the Parish
Sun 21	Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:00 Margaret Rose Dickens RIP
Mon 22	Feria 09:30 Anne Maude Palmer RIP
Tues 23	Feria 09:30 Antonio Beirão Monteiro RIP
Weds 24	Christmas Eve 18:00 Christmas Vigil Mass Irene Vincent RIP 21:30 Carols 22:00 Christmas Mass during the Night Holy Souls
Thurs 25	The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity 10:00 Mass during the Day Anne Thornton RIP
Fri 26	St Stephen, Deacon, the first Martyr Feast 09:30 Rev. Fr. Shaun Budden RIP (Diocese of Portsmouth) Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 27	St John, Apostle & Evangelist Feast 09:30 People of the Parish 17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday Rev. Fr. John Buckley RIP (Diocese of Portsmouth)
Sun 28	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 10:00 Jane Downey RIP

Confessions: Saturday 10.15-10.45

Baptisms & Marriages:
Please see Mgr Matthew after Mass

Sunday Readings: Year A
Weekday Readings: Year 2



The Dream of Saint Joseph, Philippe de Champaigne (1442-1443)

In his place of emotional turmoil Joseph is visited by the angel of the Lord in his dream. The angel tells him not to abandon Mary, but to believe that she remains a virgin and that her child is conceived through the Holy Spirit. What an extraordinary step of faith, of trust, God asks of Joseph. What love Joseph must have had for God and for Mary in order to risk believing that all of this is true. This is what lies behind the rather prosaic words of Matthew: 'when Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife.'

What God asks of Mary and Joseph he asks of each one of us: to believe, to trust, to hope, even when our emotions are in turmoil and we may find it very difficult to comprehend. This was the path of faith for Mary and Joseph, it is the path of faith for every Christian. And it will lead us, finally, to share in the salvation of God.

As on Christmas Day we celebrate the birth of Our Saviour, I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and peace and joy to your families. Thank you for all your devotion to the life of St Thomas A Becket parish over the year.

Mgr Matthew

SECOND COLLECTIONS

20 – 21 DECEMBER – ORGAN FUND

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

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

27 – 28 DECEMBER – ORGAN FUND

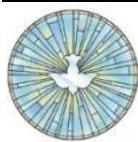
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NEW PARISH WELCOME PACK & UPDATED REGISTRATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

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, 11 Jan 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 1st 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.



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



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 20th & 10 am Mass Sunday 21st December
Please bring cakes to the back of the church before Mass



Christmas Offering



The collections on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are your personal offering to Mgr Matthew. Envelopes for the Christmas offering are available on the table at the back of the church. Donations can also be made using the Dona card reader.

Thank you for your generosity.

A LIST OF THE CHRISTMAS SERVICES IS AVAILABLE FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH & OUR WEBSITE.

Thank you to all who attended our Readings and Carols service and special thanks to our organist, wonderful choir and those who helped organise the refreshments.

Please note the Parish Office will be closed over the Christmas and New Year period, from Friday 19 December 2025 to Monday 5 January 2026 inclusive.

Archbishop John's Christmas Message



"The beautiful truth of Christmas is that because of God in Christ we are never lost. God chose to be near us, to stay close to us always, to draw us to himself, always. In his endless mercy, the Lord Jesus chose to love us, so we could know and believe that "God is love" (1 John 4:16). In turn, all the Lord Jesus asks of us is to not be afraid and to say yes to him, to draw close to him, to love him". You can view the full message at rcaos.org.uk/christmasmessage2025.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Travelling overnight by luxury coach from 9 to 14 February 2026. Leaving Slough and Ealing Broadway on 9 Feb 2026 and departing Lourdes on 13 February for a visit to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Rue de Bac, Paris on 14 February morning and arriving in London later on 14 February 2026. Full board, exciting festival devotional program, experience the Blessed Sacrament Procession of the Sick, the Candlelight Marian Rosary Procession and the International Mass on the Feast Day followed by Stations, Confessions and Adoration with Hour of Mercy. Travel, full board and program cost £590. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more info.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	£299
Parish Dona	£335
Standing Orders	£601
Organ Fund Collection	£134
Organ Fund Dona	£6

20 – 21 December

Welcome and Coffee: E. Falcone, A. Oliva

Readers: SAT: M. Slade, L. Slade

SUN: L. Brown, L. Northeast

Flowers: A. Oliva

27 - 28 December

Welcome & Coffee: L. Northeast, M. Ascensao

Readers: SAT: S. Doney, S. Palmer

SUN: Y. Osei-Kuffour Ekert, L. Ekert

Flowers: V. Barkho

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

DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

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

4 Jan 3:30pm, Bible Study Group, Becket House

18 Jan First Holy Communion Registrations Close

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