



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Parish Office: Mon 10am-11am, Tues 9am-3pm,

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**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**24 AUGUST 2025**

*"People will come from east and west, and recline at table in the kingdom of God."*

## Mass Times

<b>Sat 23</b>	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial</b> <b>09:30</b> People of the Parish <b>17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday</b> Julius Mugerwa RIP
<b>Sun 24</b>	<b>Twenty-first Sunday</b> <b>10:00</b> Catherine McKenna RIP
<b>Mon 25</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>09:30</b> Holy Souls
<b>Tues 26</b>	<b>Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest Memorial</b> <b>09:30</b> Jane Snowden RIP
<b>Weds 27</b>	<b>St Monica Memorial</b> <b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thurs 28</b>	<b>St Augustine, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church Memorial</b> <b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Fri 29</b>	<b>The Passion of St John the Baptist Memorial</b> <b>09:30</b> Pauline Fitzgerald RIP <b>Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Sat 30</b>	<b>Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line &amp; Margaret Ward, Martyrs Memorial</b> <b>09:30</b> People of the Parish <b>17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday</b> Julius Mugerwa RIP
<b>Sun 31</b>	<b>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>10:00</b> Sue Potter RIP

**Confessions:** Saturday 10.15-10.45

**Baptisms & Marriages:**  
Please contact the Parish Priest



*The Narrow Path and the Wide Path, Charlotte Reihlen (idea) and Paul Beckmann (execution), 1866*

Through the scriptures and the life of the Church, we have the means of salvation won for us by Jesus Christ. In this sense the Church is the fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah in our first reading. It is Jesus who completes the faith of Israel and who opens the religion of God's chosen people to the world. In Christ, God comes, in the words of Isaiah, to 'gather all nations and tongues.' But there are words of challenge also in the gospel. 'Strive to enter through the narrow door', Jesus says. So on the one hand the Church throws wide the doors of salvation to all mankind, and on the other each one of us must seek to live by the gospel we profess. If we sincerely try to do this, while humbly acknowledging the many times we fail, we need have no fear of the Lord saying to us 'I do not know where you come from.' **Mgr Matthew**

**Sunday Readings:** Year C  
**Weekday Readings:** Year 1

## SECOND COLLECTION

**23 – 24 AUGUST – ORGAN FUND**

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

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RCIA  
A Journey In Faith

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 17**

**SEPTEMBER AT 19:00 IN THE PRIEST'S HOUSE**

Our RCIA (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 email Mgr Matthew on the parish email.



**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:

[dugdajam@gmail.com](mailto:dugdajam@gmail.com)

**Next meeting:  
SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER**  
**Topic:  
CALLING OF THE  
DISCIPLES & TWELVE  
APOSTLES  
LUKE 5:1-6:16**



You may recall the **'Footprints of Hope'** project at the Shrine of Saint Jude, Faversham, where you had the opportunity to have a name engraved on a brick in their special shrine of hope. There is a last opportunity to lay a brick. £30 per brick. **All bricks need**

**to be ordered by Friday 29 August 2025.** Donate @ [www.stjudeshrine.org.uk/footprints](http://www.stjudeshrine.org.uk/footprints) or 01795539214.



### WIMBLEDON COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

**YEAR 7 2026 Open Evening: Thursday 25 Sep, 5pm – 8pm (Last tour 7pm).** Ticketed talks by the headteacher available throughout the evening.

[www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/openevents](http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/openevents)

**Open Mornings: Mon 29 Sep – Wed 1 Oct, 9am.**

**For current Y6 students, parent/carers only (academic year 2025-26); by appointment only.**



### GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST WEEKEND

**Fri 10– Sun 12 October '25  
The Friars, Aylesford**

For anyone who has experienced bereavement, whether recently or some time ago. We grieve, remember, hope and give thanks for our loved ones in the light of the Resurrection of Jesus. Cost: £260 Single/ £230 Shared. See poster at the back of the church for more information or contact [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk) / 01622 717 272

**Baby Sensory**  
Precious Early Learning for Babies

Baby Sensory Wandsworth are offering a **15% discount on a 3-class trial**, for our parishioners.

**Baby Sensory offer Award-Winning Classes for Babies from Birth to 13 Months. Wonderful, expert-led sessions** designed to support your baby's development in their precious first year. Each class is filled with music, sensory play, bonding time, and joyful moments for parents/caregivers and their little ones. *Support your baby's learning and curiosity. Make new friends in a warm, welcoming community. Enjoy unforgettable, playful experiences together.* Classes run every **Wednesday** from 10:10 AM until 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Contact Alexandra, to claim the exclusive offer: +44 7466481945 | [richmond@babysensory.co.uk](mailto:richmond@babysensory.co.uk)

**Archdiocese of Southwark Service of Hope & Healing**, for those who have been harmed by abuse. The service will be led by Archbishop John Wilson 6:30pm, 24 September 2025, St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY. Everyone is welcome.



### THE ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE (ARCHCERT)

This two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond if for those who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. Commencing 18 October 2025. £800, payable over 2 years. Registration must be completed in advance. Non-refundable registration fee of £50. See <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

### ARCHDIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

This day is for all the catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process. Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR When: Saturday 20 September 2025, 10am finishing with Mass at 4pm, Attendance Fee: £10 <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/day-for-catechists-2025>

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

	03/08	10/08	17/08
Parish Collection	£296	£229	£367
Parish Dona	£284	£242	£205
Standing Orders	£601	£601	£601
Organ Fund Coll.	£145	£89	£120
Organ Fund Dona	£39	£19	£39

THANK YOU

### 23 - 24 August

**Readers: SAT:** E. Falcone, S. & R. Jay  
**SUN:** L. Brown, C. Khabthong

### 30 - 31 August

**Readers: SAT:** M. Slade, L. Slade  
**SUN:** A. Burnett, T. Greetham

**CHURCH MAINTENANCE TEAM:** Meet 11am-1pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month.  
Next meeting: **13 SEPTEMBER. JOIN US!**

### DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

**7 Sep** 3:30pm Parish Bible Study Group  
**17 Sep** 7pm, RCIA Meeting, Priest's House  
**20 Sep** 10am, Archdiocesan Day for Catechists, SE1 6HR  
**24 Sep** 6:30pm, Serv. of Hope & Healing, St Georges, SE1 7HY  
**24 Sep** 6-8:30pm, Ursuline Open Evening (Ticketed)  
**25 Sep** 5-8pm, Wimbledon College Open Eve. (Ticketed)  
**26 Sep** 11:30am, Film Club, Parish Hall