



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6 APRIL 2025

“Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her”

Mass Times

Sat	5	Feria 09:30 People of the Parish 17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday Hughie Murray RIP
Sun	6	Fifth Sunday of Lent 10:00 Anne Thornton RIP 12:30 Baptism Isabella Forman Medina e Vasconcelos 16:30 Stations of the Cross
Mon	7	Feria 09:30 Fr Terence McClean-Wilson RIP (Diocese of Arundel & Brighton)
Tues	8	Feria 09:30 Canon Oliver Heaney RIP (Diocese of Arundel & Brighton)
Weds	9	Feria 09:30 Michael Reynolds RIP
Thurs	10	Feria 09:30 Matt Buckley RIP
Fri	11	Feria 09:30 Elizabeth Alice Smith RIP Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Hour dedicated to the sanctity of human life
Sat	12	Feria 09:30 Fr Bernard Heaphy RIP (Archdiocese of Southwark) 17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday Noel & Carmel Murray RIP
Sun	13	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 10:00 People of the Parish 16:30 Stations of the Cross

Confessions: Saturday 10.15-10.45

Baptisms & Marriages:

Please contact the Parish Priest



Christ and the Adulteress, Pieter Bruegel the Younger (1564-1638)

There can be times when we need to be challenged, though this should always be in a spirit of compassion. In the account of the woman taken in adultery Jesus says: 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.' There is both compassion *and* challenge here. In some sense we are all like the woman taken in adultery. Not literally, perhaps, but certainly metaphorically. We are all people who know what is right, yet at times we do what we know to be wrong. When we do this, we are all a woman, or man, taken in adultery. We need also, then, to be the woman or man who acknowledges our sin before God and asks his forgiveness. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the risen Lord is truly present to us. In this Sacrament we, like the woman in the gospel, can hear the Lord saying to us 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'

Mgr Matthew

Sunday Readings: Year C
Weekday Readings: Year 1

SECOND COLLECTION
5 – 6 APR – ORGAN FUND

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

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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. **Next meeting 28 April.**



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) 2024 – 2025

Next meeting Wednesday 9 April, 19:00 in the Presbytery.

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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Next children's class: Sat 26 April 16:00 in the hall (no class during Easter School Hols).

Next Parents & carers' meeting: Fri 2 May 19:00

First Holy Communion Mass: Sun 6 July 2025 12:00



Lent Bible Reading



Join us as we read and reflect on the Holy Week narrative from St Luke's Gospel.

Reflections will be guided by the writings of Pope Benedict XVI.

3.30pm every Sunday of Lent (next on 6 April)

Becket House, adjoining the church on Santos Road

Facilitated by James Dugdale; all are welcome!

No sign-up or pre-reading needed.

2025 ANNUAL FINANCIAL APPEAL



Last week, Nick Falcone presented our latest financial update. You can find all the materials, as well as ways to support the parish on our website or via the QR code. *Thank you for your generosity.*

HOLY HOUR FOR THE SANCTITY OF ALL HUMAN LIFE

Our Holy Hour on Friday 11 April will be dedicated to the sanctity of all human life, especially those who are at risk of assisted suicide.

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.



NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you have recently moved to the parish or started attending Mass here, please complete a New Parishioner Registration Form. You can find forms at the back of the church or on our website. Thank you.



KEEPING HOLY WEEK 2025

Please refer to the Holy Week Services leaflet for details of all the liturgies during Holy Week, including times of confession. If you have not been to confession for a while,

this is the ideal opportunity to get back into the practice of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to know the healing power of God's loving forgiveness. There is a simple guide to going to confession on the table at the back of the church. There will be a parish Lent Reconciliation Service, with several priests to hear confessions, on Monday 14 April at 19:00.

Join our new Fitness Group!

Every Saturday after morning Mass

10:30 - 11:30

in the Parish Hall



- 60 mins of standing exercises
- All levels of fitness welcome

THE MOTHER'S DAY CAKE SALE RAISED £287!

Thank you!

A huge thank-you to the organisers and to everyone who supported our fundraising event. Your generosity is appreciated! We hope all the mothers had a wonderful day.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

DAY AT THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD 7 JUNE 2025

Led by Archbishop John Wilson, a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun - activities for children & adults. This is the pinnacle event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars (2-6 June). Free event. You can find out more at rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025 or see poster at the back of the church.

DESIGNATED SHRINES AND CHURCHES

We are encouraged to make a pilgrimage at some stage during this year. By visiting one or more of these locations before 28

December 2025, it is possible to obtain a plenary indulgence. Please scan the QR code for a list of designated shrines and churches in the diocese.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	£433
Parish Dona	£335
Standing Orders	£601
Poor Parishes Collection	£109
Organ Fund Dona	£49

THANK YOU

5 - 6 April

R **Welcome & Coffee:** C. Miranda, P. Figueiredo
O **Readers: SAT:** E. Falcone, S. & R. Jay
T **SUN:** L. Brown, L. Northeast

12 - 13 April

A **Welcome and Coffee:** E. Falcone, A. Oliva
S **Readers: SAT:** M. Slade, L. Slade
SUN: A. Burnett & T. Greetham

CHURCH MAINTENANCE TEAM: Meet 11am-1pm on the 2nd Saturday of the Month.

Next meeting: **12 APRIL. JOIN US!**

DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

12 Apr 10:30am Fitness Group in the Parish Hall
13 Apr 3:30pm, Lent Bible Reading, Becket House
20 Apr Easter Cake Sale in the Narthex
25 Apr 11:30am, Film Club, Parish Hall