



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Parish Office: Mon 10am-11am, Tues 9am-3pm,  
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**30 MARCH 2025**

*“Your brother was dead, and is alive”*

## Mass Times

- Sat 29 Feria**  
**09:30** Tony Greetham RIP  
**12:30** **Baptism Otilie Marguerite Elsie Corr**  
**16:00** **First Holy Communion Reconciliation Service**  
**17:30** **Vigil Mass of Sunday**  
 People of the Parish
- Sun 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**Laetare Sunday**  
**Mothering Sunday**  
**10:00** Maggie Danby RIP  
**16:30** **Stations of the Cross**
- Mon 31 Feria**  
**09:30** Deceased members of the Cherin & Boyle families & friends
- Tues 1 Feria**  
**09:30** Crisanta Alfiler, Thanksgiving
- Weds 2 Feria**  
**09:30** Madleen Narsi RIP
- Thurs 3 Feria**  
**St Joseph’s Primary School end of term Mass**  
**09:30** Catherine McKenna RIP
- Fri 4 Feria**  
**09:30** Anne & Patrick Boyle RIP  
**Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
- 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**



*The Return of the Prodigal Son, Pompeo Batoni (1708–1787)*

The Parable of the Prodigal Son is surely one of the most beautiful and deeply moving of all Jesus’ parables. It is the story of the sinner returning to God, of finding the immensity of the Father’s love. Although we call this the Parable of the Prodigal Son, we might well call it the Parable of the Prodigal Father: the love of God being poured out to us without end, without limit. All of us can see something of ourselves in the younger son, for we have all travelled far away from the Lord. Lent is our time to recognise our own foolishness and sinfulness, to turn back from the past and return to the Lord for his forgiveness in the present. We do this above all in confession, the sacrament of the Lord’s forgiving love. When we confess our sins with true contrition, we are welcomed home by God our Father, who, like the father in the parable, awaits our return. The arms of God the Father are wide open, his embrace is tender and merciful. **Mgr Matthew**

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

**Confessions:** Saturday 10.15-10.45  
**Baptisms & Marriages:**  
Please contact the Parish Priest

## SECOND COLLECTION

29 – 30 MAR – ORGAN FUND

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

## NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

5 – 6 APR – ORGAN FUND

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



Next meeting Wednesday 2 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.*



Our candidates & their sponsors with Archbishop John at the Rite of Election at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.



## 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

## JUBILEE CELEBRATION 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](http://rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025) or see poster at the back of the church.

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL APPEAL 29-30 MARCH

This weekend Nick Falcone, our parish finance officer, will give a report on the financial situation of our parish. We need to raise our income to ensure our financial security. Please consider how you can support the parish by increasing your regular giving, taking out a standing order and/or gift-aid. Members of the parish finance committee will be available after Mass. My sincere thanks to you all for your generosity. Mgr Matthew

## 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.



## Memorial Book

The Memorial Book is back on display in the church. If anyone would like to see their entry, please email the parish office to make an appointment.

## Join our new Fitness Group!

Every Saturday after the morning Mass  
10:30 - 11:30 in the Parish Hall

Starting: Saturday  
29 March 2025

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



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## MOTHER'S DAY Cake Sale!

After Mass, Sunday 30th March  
In the Narthex

CAKES NEEDED! PLEASE BRING CAKES TO CHURCH BEFORE THE 10AM MASS.

All proceeds go to the church! Thank you for your generosity!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

## 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 30 March)  
Becket House, adjoining the church on Santos Road  
Facilitated by James Dugdale; all are welcome!



No sign-up or pre-reading needed.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection **£418**  
Parish Dona **£506**  
Standing Orders **£601**  
Poor Parishes Collection **£222**  
Poor Parishes Dona **£211**

THANK YOU

### 29 - 30 March

**WELCOME & COFFEE:** F. Azevedo, M. Figueiredo  
**Readers: SAT:** R. & S. Jackson Cousin  
**SUN:** A. Stacey, C. Webb

**Flowers:** A. Robbins

### 5 - 6 April

**WELCOME & COFFEE:** C. Miranda, P. Figueiredo  
**Readers: SAT:** E. Falcone, S. & R. Jay  
**SUN:** L. Brown, L. Northeast

**CHURCH MAINTENANCE TEAM:** Meet 11am-1pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month.  
Next meeting: **12 APRIL. JOIN US!**

## DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

**30 Mar** 3:30pm, Lent Bible Reading, Becket House  
**30 Mar** Mother's Day Cake Sale after Mass in the Narthex  
**3 Apr** 10am, Knit & Natter, Parish Hall  
**5 Apr** 10:30am Fitness Group in the Parish Hall  
**6 Apr** 3:30pm, Lent Bible Reading, Becket House