



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Parish Office: Tues 9:20am-3pm,

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**1 MARCH 2026**

*"His face shone like the sun"*

## Mass Times

<b>Sat 28</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>10:00 NO MASS</b> <b>12:30 Baptism Luis Cammardella</b> <b>17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sun 01</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> <b>10:00</b> Lucinda Martins Pereira RIP <b>15:00 Parish Bible Study Group</b> <b>16:30 Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Mon 02</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>09:30 NO MASS</b>
<b>Tues 03</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>09:30 NO MASS</b>
<b>Weds 04</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>09:30</b> Ricardo Navarro <b>18:00 Grupo de Oración en Español</b> <b>(Spanish Rosary &amp; Devotions)</b>
<b>Thurs 05</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>09:30 NO MASS</b>
<b>Fri 06</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>09:30 NO MASS</b>
<b>Sat 07</b>	<b>First Vespers and Mass of Sunday</b> <b>17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sun 08</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> <b>10:00</b> Brian & Eileen Sliman <b>16:30 Stations of the Cross</b>

### **Confessions:**

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange.

### **Baptisms & Marriages:**

Please contact the Parish Office

**Sunday Readings:** Year A  
**Weekday Readings:** Year 2



*The Transfiguration of Christ, Giovanni Bellini  
(circa 1430-1516)*

### **GENERAL UPDATE**

During Mgr Matthew's absence, Fr Jim Teeling has been the regular priest providing cover for the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses, and we are very grateful to him. Fr Jim is due to have some holiday from 2 March, so his last Sunday with us will be 1 March. He will return to St Thomas's to celebrate the Easter Ceremonies starting with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, 2 April.

While Fr Jim is away, Fr Martin Edwards and Fr Peter Littleton will provide cover for some weekday and Sunday Masses, with regular weekday Masses commencing Tuesday to Friday from 17 March. We will also have cover from Fr Chris Connor and Fr Addison Okpoh. The Diocese will continue to provide cover until Mgr Matthew is well enough to return. Any updates will continue to be shared via the newsletter.

Meanwhile, we continue to keep Mgr Matthew in our thoughts and prayers as he continues his recovery in hospital.

If you would like a message or card to be passed on to him, please contact the Parish Office and we will be happy to arrange this.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

### 28 FEB – 01 MARCH – CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

CAFOD Lent Fast Day falls on Friday 27 February. On 28 Feb & 1 March we welcome our parishioner Michael Gormley who will speak to us about this year's CAFOD appeal. Fellow parishioner Steve Palmer will be at the back of the church after Mass distributing envelopes and available for any questions you might have. Please give generously.

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

#### 07 – 08 MARCH – ORGAN FUND

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

### LITTLE PILGRIMS PLAY & PRAY - MEETING CANCELLED MONDAY 2 MARCH



**NEXT MEETING: Monday 9 March**  
Parents & toddlers (0-4 years). **Meets every Monday during school term time** (except bank holidays) 10:00-11:30 in the parish hall.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

**Next Class: Session 3 - Sat 28 Feb**  
**Session 4 - Sat 07 Mar**

**Next Parents Meeting: Fri 17 April at 7pm** in the Parish Hall.

**Key Dates:** Sat 21 Mar: 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Service  
Sun 21 June 12pm: FHC Mass.

### CONFIRMATION 2025-2026

**Next Session:** Sun 1 Mar after the 10:00 Mass.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS 2025-2026

**Next meeting:** Wed 4 March, 19:00 in the priest's house.

*Please pray for our 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 and their sponsors with Archbishop John Wilson at the Rite of Election at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

### NEW PARISH WELCOME PACK & UPDATED REGISTRATION FORMS

Thank you to all who have completed our new parish registration form. 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.



**Are you a church keyholder?** For insurance purposes, we have been asked to account for all church keys. Please get in touch with the Parish Office if you hold any keys to St Thomas à Becket Church. Thank you.

## 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.



## Parish Bible Study Group



**First Sunday of the month 3.00-4.25pm NB Earlier start time this month**

Becket House (glass doors on Santos Rd)

[WandsworthWestHillBibleStudy@yahoo.com](mailto:WandsworthWestHillBibleStudy@yahoo.com)

Followed by

The Stations of the Cross

**Next meeting: SUNDAY 1 MARCH**

**Topic: THREE REMARKABLE WOMEN FROM THE GOSPELS**  
JOHN 4:5-42  
JOHN 7:53-8:11  
LUKE 8:43-48

The St Valentine's Day **Cake Sale**  
Raised over **£270!**  
THANK YOU to our volunteers and generous supporters who make this possible.

### MASS INTENTIONS – OFFICE CLOSURE NOTICE

If you would like to request a Mass intention for any date up to and including Sunday 19 April, please ensure your request is submitted by Friday 13 March. Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Friday 20 March and will reopen on Tuesday 14 April. Thank you for your understanding.

RECENT COLLECTIONS	15/02	22/02
Parish Collection	£290	£395
Parish Dona	£153	£275
Standing Orders	£601	£601
Clergy Support Fund Coll.	£126	
Clergy Support Fund Dona	£98	
Organ Fund Coll.		£110
Organ Fund Dona		£66

THANK YOU

### 28 Feb - 01 March

**Welcome & Coffee:** F. Azevedo, M. Figueiredo

**Readers: SAT:** E. Mends, M. Slade

**SUN:** L. Brown, L. Northeast

### 07 - 08 March

**Welcome & Coffee:** C. Miranda, P. Figueiredo

**Readers: SAT:** E. Falcone, S. & R. Jay

**SUN:** L. Brown, C. Khabthong

**MAINTENANCE TEAM:** Meet 11am-1pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month. **Next meet: 14 MAR**

### DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

**28 Feb & 1 Mar** CAFOD Lent Fast Day guest speaker

**1 Mar** 3pm, Parish Bible Study Group

**1 Mar** 4:30pm, Stations of the Cross