



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

16 MARCH 2025

“As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered”

Mass Times

- Sat 15 Feria**
09:30 Despina Azzo RIP
12:00 Confirmation Candidates’ Reconciliation Service
17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
 People of the Parish
- Sun 16 Second Sunday of Lent**
10:00 Rose Flynn RIP
16:30 Stations of the Cross
- Mon 17 St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland Feast**
09:30 Elizabeth Anne Winnifred Worley RIP
- Tues 18 Feria**
09:30 Albert Isaac, Wellbeing
- Weds 19 St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church Solemnity**
St Joseph’s Primary School Mass
09:30 Marleen Dadisho RIP
- Thurs 20 Feria**
09:30 Catherine McKenna RIP
- Fri 21 Feria**
09:30 Josephine Torremade RIP
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Sat 22 Feria**
NO 09:30 MASS OR CONFESSIONS
12:00 Mass of Confirmation
17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
 George & Philomena Kehoe RIP
- Sun 23 Third Sunday of Lent**
10:00 People of the Parish
16:30 Stations of the Cross



Transfiguration of Christ, Giovanni Bellini (circa 1430–1516)

Jesus showed Peter, James and John the reality of his glory to strengthen them before the horror of the Passion unfolded. We hear the Transfiguration gospel today to strengthen us in this season of prayer, penance and works of mercy. In Lent we are called to transform our own lives by turning away from sin, asking forgiveness, doing good and denying ourselves so that we are reminded of the total self-sacrifice Jesus made for each one of us on the Cross. These things are not negative. They are the most effective way of drawing us closer to the mystery of God’s endless love, to be touched deeply by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is the means of our forgiveness and our salvation.

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

15 – 16 MAR – CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. CAFOD supports communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

22 – 23 MAR – POOR PARISHES

This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese.

LITTLE PILGRIMS PLAY & PRAY

Group for parents and toddlers (0–4 years) **meets every Monday during school term-time** (not bank holidays) 10-11:30am in the parish hall.

CONFIRMATION 2024-2025

Confirmations candidates' Reconciliation Service Saturday 15 March at 12:00 in the church.

Confirmation Mass practice Sunday 16 March at 11:00 in the church.

Confirmation Mass Saturday 22 March at 12:00.

Pray for our thirteen candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 22nd March



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

Next meeting Wednesday 19 March, 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 and 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 15 March 16:00 in the Parish Hall.

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

Next 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 or see poster at the back of the church.

A coach will be provided by the deanery. £20 return per person. Pickup location TBC, but will be near St Thomas' where a coach can safely stop for the group to board.

RSVP ESSENTIAL TO PARISH OFFICE BY THIS FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 2025

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.

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 (starting 16 March)

Becket House, adjoining the church on Santos Road

Facilitated by James Dugdale; all are welcome!

No sign-up or pre-reading needed.

HELP NEEDED!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO JOIN OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM

Occasionally we need assistance with catering for events at our church. Can you help?

- Shop for, collect and deliver food.
- Set up for receptions, fundraising events, meetings, etc.
- Serve food and drinks.
- Tidy up.

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	£499
Parish Dona	£385
Standing Orders	£601
Organ Fund Collection	£123
Organ Fund Dona	£49

THANK YOU

15 - 16 March

R Welcome and Coffee: E. Falcone, A. Oliva

O Readers: SAT: M. Slade, L. Slade

SUN: L. Brown, L. Northeast

22 - 23 March

A Welcome & Coffee: L. Northeast, M. Ascensao

S Readers: SAT: S. Doney, S. Palmer

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

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

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

DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

16 Mar 3:30pm, Lent Bible Reading, Becket House

20 Mar 10am, Knit & Natter, Parish Hall

21 Mar CAFOD Family Fast Day

22 Mar 12pm, Confirmation Mass