



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Parish Office: Mon 10am-11am, Tues 9am-3pm,  
Thurs 9am-3pm, Fri 9am-2pm



**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**2 MARCH 2025**

*“Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks”*

## Mass Times

- Sat 1 St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales Feast**  
09:30 Intentions of Anne Knight  
17:30 **Vigil Mass of Sunday**  
Chung Family, Thanksgiving
- Sun 2 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for the Unemployed**  
10:00 Welfare of Francine Read
- Mon 3 Feria**  
09:30 People of the Parish
- Tues 4 Feria**  
09:30 Deceased members of the Barcelona family & friends
- Weds 5 Ash Wednesday**  
09:30 Anthony Joseph Colaço RIP  
**St Joseph's Primary School Mass**  
19:00 Gina Mantio RIP
- Thurs 6 Feria**  
09:30 Frederick Leslie Palmer RIP
- Fri 7 Feria**  
09:30 Holy Souls  
**Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Women's World Day of Prayer**
- Sat 8 Feria**  
**NO 09:30 MASS OR CONFESSIONS**  
12:30 Rite of Election, St George's Cathedral  
17:30 **Vigil Mass of Sunday**  
People of the Parish
- Sun 9 First Sunday of Lent**  
10:00 Jane Elizabeth Snowden RIP  
12:30 **Baptism Louis Sebastian Fitchett**  
16:30 **Stations of the Cross**

**Confessions:** Saturday 10.15-10.45

**Baptisms & Marriages:**

Please contact the Parish Priest



*Plate of Peaches, Gustave Caillebotte (1848 - 1894), Paris, c. 1882*

The human person is a complex mixture of good and bad. We all have the potential, by God's grace, to yield fruit that is good: the fruit of compassion, of healing, of forgiveness. But we can also grow the fruits of evil: of envy, hatred and discord. The fruit that God ask us to bear is the fruit that will nourish the world. This fruit enables us to live in peace with one another, to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless poor. The good fruit of compassion nurtures our relationships and enables us to be honest with one another, even when this may require us to say 'sorry' to those we love. If we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit we will, in time, grow in understanding of ourselves and of others. We will bear the good fruit of the gospel. **Mgr Matthew**

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

## **SECOND COLLECTION**

**1 - 2 MAR - ORGAN FUND**

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

## NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

8 – 8 MAR – ORGAN FUND

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### CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

CAFOD Lent Fast Day falls on Friday 14 March. On 8-9 March we welcome Fergus Conmee who speak to us about this year's CAFOD appeal.

### 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

Next Confirmation class meets Sunday 2 March after the 10:00 Mass (11am).

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



There will be no RCIA meeting this Wednesday 5 March. Next meeting 12 March, 19:00.

*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 1 March 16:00 in the Parish Hall.

Next Parents & carers' meeting: Fri 14 Mar 19:00  
First Holy Communion Mass: Sun 6 July 2025 12:00

### JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD 7 JUNE 2025

**UPDATE! 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 Friday 21 March.**

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.

### JOIN OUR NEW KNIT & NATTER GROUP!

Learn how to knit and help us make garments for babies and children in need.

Meeting every Thursday after Mass 10am in the Parish Hall

Just turn up or contact the parish office for more information.



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**NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS!**

- Hot water bottles with covers
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned peas
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned lentils
- 500ml Cooking oil
- Crisps (multi-pack)
- Honey
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Cuppa Soup
- Tin openers
- Hot chocolate
- UHT Non-Dairy Milk
- Loo roll (4-pack)
- Sanitary towels (reg)
- Nappies size 4

COLLECTION BOXES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH,  
UNDER THE NEWSLETTER TABLE  
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

## OUR HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Ideal for clubs, societies, children's birthday parties, community classes and more.

- 40 seated / 60 standing
- Tables & Chairs
- WiFi
- TV & Speakers
- Kitchen
- Disabled access and toilet
- Baby changing facilities

Regular or single bookings welcome.

Contact the Parish Office for Pricing and Availability

## ASH WEDNESDAY

5th March

Mass with the imposition of ashes will be celebrated at 09:30 and at 19:00.

### 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.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	£391
Parish Dona	£185
Standing Orders	£601
Clergy Support Fund Collection	£250
Clergy Support Fund Dona	£157

**THANK YOU**

<b>1 - 2 March</b>
<b>R</b> Welcome & Coffee: F. Azevedo, M. Figueiredo
<b>O</b> Readers: <b>SAT:</b> R. & S. Jackson Cousin
<b>T</b> <b>SUN:</b> L. Brown & L. Northeast
<b>8 - 9 March</b>
<b>A</b> Welcome & Coffee: C. Miranda, P. Figueiredo
<b>S</b> Readers: <b>SAT:</b> E. Falcone, S. & R. Jay
<b>SUN:</b> A. Burnett & T. Greetham

**CHURCH MAINTENANCE TEAM:** Meet 11am-1pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month.  
Next meeting: **8 MARCH. JOIN US!**

### DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

**5 Mar** Ash Wednesday  
**8 Mar** 11am-1pm, Church Maintenance Team  
**13 Mar** 10am, Knit & Natter, Parish Hall  
**14 Mar** CAFOD Family Fast Day  
**20 Mar** 10am, Knit & Natter, Parish Hall