



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29 SEPTEMBER 2024

Anyone who is not against us is for us

Mass Times

- Sat 28** **The Blessed Virgin Mary**
09:30 People of the Parish
17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
Jane Snowden RIP
- Sun 29** **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 In Thanksgiving (Mgr Matthew's
30th Anniversary of Ordination)
Bishop Moger Celebrating
- Mon 30** **St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**
Memorial
09:30 Freda Johnson RIP
- Tues 1** **St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church Memorial**
09:30 In Thanksgiving
Mgr Matthew 30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood
- Weds 2** **The Holy Guardian Angels Memorial**
09:30 Fr Kevin Delaney RIP (Diocese of Portsmouth)
- Thurs 3** **Feria**
09:30 Catherine Morgan RIP
- Fri 4** **St Francis of Assisi Memorial**
09:30 Mary Hayes RIP
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day
- Sat 5** **The Blessed Virgin Mary**
09:30 People of the Parish
17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
Vincenzina & Giuseppe Vanedola RIP
- Sun 6** **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 William (Bill) Gallagher RIP Anniversary

Confessions: Saturday 10.15-10.45

Baptisms & Marriages:

Please contact the Parish Priest

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Year 2



The Seven Deadly Sins and the Four Last Things
by Hieronymus Bosch (disputed) c. 1500

Today's gospel asks us to see where the corrosiveness of sin eats away at our discipleship of Christ: the fault lines in our lives of faith. Not just the sins that come to mind so easily, but the more subtle workings of Satan: the presumption that we are better than other people; our exclusion of others simply because they are different from ourselves. If we really open ourselves to Jesus Christ we will experience the transforming power of his love. If we really say – and pray – 'God, help me in my weakness, pull me up from the mire of my own foolishness and stand me on my feet again' – God will do it. We have, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the absolute reality of the forgiveness of God and we receive the strength of the Holy Spirit to renew our lives of faith.

Do not doubt the power of God to heal, to forgive, to strengthen you in your discipleship of Jesus Christ. Give him all that is broken in your life, and he will give you the strength to overcome it. **Mgr Matthew**

WELCOME BISHOP PHILIP

A warm welcome to Bishop Philip Moger, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Southwark, who joins us today to celebrate the 30th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood which falls on 1st October. Bishop Moger has been appointed Bishop of Plymouth and will assume his new office in November. We assure him of our prayers as he prepares for his new appointment. **Mgr Matthew**

SECOND COLLECTION

28-29 SEP – ORGAN FUND

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

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

5-6 OCT – CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Thank you for welcoming Phoebe Worthington to update you on the work of CAFOD and thank you for your kind donations and prayers. CAFOD would love for you to join their volunteer team and you are warmly invited to contact the local CAFOD centre on southwark@cafod.org.uk. If you have any questions or want to know more about volunteering, please do chat to Phoebe after Mass.



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.

An opportunity for mums and dads with toddlers to share parenting experience, to pray together and for children to play. Mums and dads expecting a baby are also very welcome. Parents and children welcome to attend the 09:30 Mass before the group meets.



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

Are you an adult who is not a Catholic but would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, with the possibility of becoming a Catholic? Or an adult baptised Catholic who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Our RCIA programme will begin in October, looking to the reception of the sacraments at Easter 2025. Please contact Mgr Matthew on the parish email if you are interested. **Course begins Wednesday 16 October 2024.**

FOR THE BEREAVED

Grief In Loss: Hope In Christ is a weekend for those who have been bereaved. This weekend, from October 4-6, will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. The residential cost is £260 for a single, £230 each for a shared room. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you – 01622 717 272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk



Jane Snowden's funeral will take place at 2pm on Tuesday 8 October



at Holy Trinity Church, Beaumont Road, SW19 6SP (corner of West Hill & Beaumont Road).

Tea and cake will be served after the service. Please let Steve know if you plan to attend by email (crispinjud@icloud.com) as this will help with catering arrangements. No flowers please but donations in lieu can be made to the Motor Neurone Association at mndassociation.org.

"I very much see this a celebration of a life well lived and a reward well earned." Steve

Please feel free to dress as you wish.



Congratulations to Mgr Matthew on his 30th Anniversary of Ordination.

ORDAINED 1 OCTOBER 1994

PARISH QUIZ AND GAMES EVENING!

Last year we had a very successful & light-hearted quiz and games evening and are pleased to announce a date for this year:

Saturday 26th October at 7:00pm

An Autumn highlight for your diary!

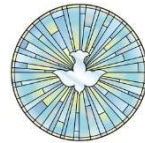


Day for Parish Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

On the new translation of the Lectionary, soon to be brought into use. Sat 19th October, 11am – 4pm Sacred Heart Parish Wimbledon. Their parish Mass is at 10am for those who want it. Please bring a packed lunch; tea and coffee provided. Register directly through your parish office or via wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk

ST PHILOMENA'S VACANCY

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls is seeking to appoint an Acting Catholic Social Justice Co-Ordinator (Non-Teaching Position) required for November 2024 until October 2025 (maternity cover). For further information, please email recruitment@stphils.org.uk



CONFIRMATION 2024-2025

Registration forms for the confirmation programme 2024 - 2025 are available on the table at the back of the church. For young people in school year 8 and above.

Registrations close Sunday 3 November 2024

Parents & candidates' meeting Sat 9 November 15:00

First confirmation class Sun 10 November 11:00

Confirmation Retreat Day Sat 18 January

Confirmation Mass Sat 22 March 12:00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	£424
Parish Dona	£246
Standing Orders	£593
Organ Fund Collection	£146
Organ Fund Dona	£29



28 – 29 September

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

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

SUN: Y. Osei-Kuffour, L. Ekert

T Flowers: A. Oliva

5 – 6 October

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

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

SUN: A. Stacey, C. Webb

Flowers: L. Northeast

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

Next meeting: **12th October**. JOIN US!

DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

30 Sep – 4 Oct Y7 Ursuline Open Morning (Booking req.)

9 Oct 5pm, Y12 Ursuline Open Evening (Booking req.)

19 Oct 11am-4pm, Day for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion @ Sacred Heart Wimbledon