



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**13 OCTOBER 2024**

*Go and sell everything you own and follow me*

## Mass Times

- Sat 12**    **The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**09:30** People of the Parish  
**12:30** **Baptism Owen Jennings**  
**17:30** **Vigil Mass of Sunday**  
 Fermina & Cesar Darrezzo RIP
- Sun 13**    **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Families**  
**10:00** James & Sandra Black 50th  
 Wedding Anniversary  
**12:30** **Baptism Emma Boccato**
- Mon 14**    **Feria**  
**09:30** Irene Vincent RIP
- Tues 15**    **St Teresa of Jesus [of Ávila], Virgin & Doctor of the Church Memorial**  
**09:30** Intentions of Monica Hayes
- Weds 16**    **Feria**  
**09:30** Intentions of Gerry Kehoe
- Thurs 17**    **St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr Memorial**  
**09:30** Stuart Sexton RIP
- Fri 18**    **St Luke, Evangelist Feast**  
**09:30** Intentions of James Dugdale  
**Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
- Sat 19**    **The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**09:30** Denis Chau Birthday  
**12:30** **Baptism Nicolás Hörbye Mascaraque**  
**17:30** **Vigil Mass of Sunday**  
 People of the Parish
- Sun 20**    **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**World Mission Day**  
**10:00** Private Intentions  
**12:30** **Baptism Leander Walker-Bell**



*Christ and the Rich Young Ruler, by Heinrich Hofmann (1824 - 1911)*

In challenging the rich man in the gospel to give up his wealth, Jesus is not issuing a blanket condemnation of the rich. "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the Kingdom of God!" Jesus says to his disciples. Hard, yes – but not impossible. God gives every human being, whether rich or poor, the capacity to hear the truth of his Word and to live by it, however difficult that may be. And yet in challenging this rich man to give up his wealth, Jesus is challenging us all. The real challenge is to lose our complacency, to realise that God calls us to live our lives of faith more deeply, more resolutely. Mediocrity should not be in our vocabulary of faith. Faith in Jesus must permeate our whole being. So it must direct how we spend our money; the values and lifestyle we adopt. Conspicuous consumption is not compatible with Christian life, Self-indulgence of any kind is not compatible with Christian life.

**Mgr Matthew**

**Sunday Readings:** Year B

**Weekday Readings:** Year 2

**Confessions:** Saturday 10.15-10.45

**Baptisms & Marriages:** Please contact the Parish Priest

## **SECOND COLLECTION**

**12-13 OCT - ORGAN FUND**

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

## NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

19-20 OCT - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. This collection goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young and poor.

Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. Local church directly helping local church.



### 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.**

QUIZ NIGHT

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7:00pm  
for a 7:30pm start**

£5 entry fee on the door. Includes a sandwich supper, and soft drinks. Please BYO alcohol.

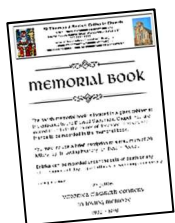
Please fill in the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. You can also indicate if you would like to be included a particular team.

An Autumn highlight for your diary!

**A message from Steve Palmer – Thank you to all those parishioners who attended Jane's funeral. It was lovely to see so many there. Special thanks to Angela and Leah who prepared the flowers.**

### MEMORIAL BOOK

We are now taking applications for entry into the parish memorial book. Located in the glass cabinet at the entrance to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, the Memorial Book records the names of deceased relatives and friends. A donation of £25 per named entry includes a mass offering for the deceased. This donation can be Gift Aided and all proceeds go to Parish Funds. Please see the back of the church for Memorial Book leaflets containing the application form or download from the parish website.

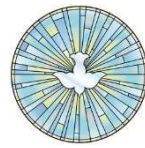


## ST THOMAS A BECKET YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

For those aged (roughly!) 18-35, we meet socially throughout the year. A great way to get to know other young adults in the parish. New members are always welcome. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in joining.

**Marymount International School** is hosting their Annual IBDP (Sixth Form) Open Evening on Monday, 14 October at 6pm. To register, please visit, [www.marymountlondon.com](http://www.marymountlondon.com)

**You Can Help Your Marriage** – Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue or stopped talking all together? **Retrouvaille** helps married couples through difficult times. **Register now** for next programme starting 8th - 10th Nov. Call 0788 7296983 or Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.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

**Flower Arrangers WANTED!**

Join our team of flower arrangers. You don't need any experience or skills, just enthusiasm!

Please see the sign up sheet at the back of the church for more information or email the parish office.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection

£373

Parish Dona

£203

Standing Orders

£593

CAFOD Collection

£391

CAFOD Dona

£272



### 12 - 13 October

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

**Readers: SAT:** R. & S. Jackson Cousin

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

**Flowers:** A. Robbins

### 19 - 20 October

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

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

**SUN:** A. Burnett & T. Greetham

**Flowers:** V. Barkho

**CHURCH MAINTENANCE TEAM:** Meet 11am-1pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month.

Next meeting: **9<sup>th</sup> November. JOIN US!**

### DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

**14 Oct** 6pm, Marymount 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening

**16 Oct** RCIA Course Begins

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