



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23 FEBRUARY 2025

"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful"

Mass Times

- Sat 22 The Chair of St Peter the Apostle Feast**
09:30 People of the Parish
17:30 **Vigil Mass of Sunday**
Fr John Smethurst RIP (Diocese of Plymouth)
- Sun 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 Fr Bill Howell RIP (Archdiocese of Southwark)
- Mon 24 Feria**
09:30 Jack Williams, Wellbeing
- Tues 25 Feria**
NO 09:30 MASS
- Weds 26 Feria**
09:30 Deceased members of the Carpio family & friends
- Thurs 27 Feria**
09:30 Deceased members of the Christophe family
- Fri 28 Feria**
09:30 Agnes Mabira RIP
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 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 People of the Parish

Confessions: Saturday 10.15-10.45

Baptisms & Marriages:

Please contact the Parish Priest



Sermon on the Mount

How hard it can be to 'be merciful, even as your Father is merciful'! How hard it can be truly to forgive a person who has hurt us deeply. However hard forgiveness is, as Christians we must never close the door to it. Perhaps we have to say in our prayers 'Lord, I find it so hard to forgive this person for what they have done. I am not, at this moment, in a place of forgiveness. Give me the help of your grace so that I may come to that place where I can truly say 'I forgive.'

If we close our hearts and minds to the possibility of forgiveness, it will never happen. When we do this we only hurt ourselves. We become like the elder brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son: isolated, bitter, resentful.

If we do keep the door to forgiveness open, God's grace can help us learn to forgive. Time can bring greater understanding of others' weaknesses and greater awareness of our own. This can be the path to forgiveness.

Mgr Matthew

Sunday Readings: Year C
Weekday Readings: Year 1

SECOND COLLECTION

22 – 23 FEB – CLERGY SUPPORT FUND



The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation. You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible. Find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund by scanning the QR code, via telephone 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes at the back of Church. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

1 – 2 MAR – ORGAN FUND

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

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

No Confirmation class on Sunday 23 February. Next Confirmation class meets Sunday 2 March after the 10:00 Mass.



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

Next meeting Wednesday 26 February at 19:00 in the priest's house.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

No First Holy Communion class on Saturday 22 February, next class Saturday 1 March.

Next Parents & carers' meeting: Friday 14 Mar 19:00
Children's class 2: Sat 1 March 16:00
Sun 6 July 2025 12:00 First Holy Communion Mass.

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.

FILM CLUB

JOIN US FOR

"WHAT'S UP DOC"

FEBRUARY 28, 2025

11:30AM

PARISH HALL



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.



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

THANK-YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR...

Cake Sale!

Thank you to all who baked, donated, or bought cakes! And a special thanks to the organisers.

We raised over £300!

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NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS!

- Hot water bottles with covers
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned peas
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned lentils
- 500ml Cooking oil
- Honey
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Cuppa Soup
- Tin openers
- Crisps (multi-pack)
- 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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	£305
Parish Dona	£277
Standing Orders	£601
Organ Fund Collection	£61
Organ Fund Dona	£19

THANK YOU

22 - 23 February

R **Welcome & Coffee:** L. Northeast, M. Ascensao
O **Readers: SAT:** S. Doney, S. Palmer
T **SUN:** A. Stacey, C. Webb

Flowers: L. Northeast

1 - 2 March

A **Welcome & Coffee:** F. Azevedo, M. Figueiredo
S **Readers: SAT:** R. & S. Jackson Cousin
SUN: L. Brown & L. Northeast
Flowers: R. Majiyabe

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

DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

28 Feb | 11:30am, Film Club, Parish Hall
27 Feb | 10am, Knit & Natter, Parish Hall
8 Mar | 11am-1pm, Church Maintenance Team