



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12 JANUARY 2025

When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened

Mass Times

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| Sat 11 | Feria of Christmas Time
09:30 Holy Souls
17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
Bernie McHugh RIP |
| Sun 12 | The Baptism of the Lord Feast
10:00 People of the Parish |
| Mon 13 | Feria
First Week in Ordinary Time
09:30 Deceased Members of the Mabira family & friends |
| Tues 14 | Feria
09:30 Marilyn Chau Birthday |
| Weds 15 | Feria
09:30 Mary McCarthy RIP |
| Thurs 16 | Feria
St Joseph's Primary School start of term Mass
09:30 Father Henry Tikku-Wenna RIP (Archdiocese of Southwark) |
| Fri 17 | St Anthony, Abbot Church Unity Octave Memorial
09:30 Deceased members of the Kehoe & Owens families
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Sat 18 | The Blessed Virgin Mary
NO 09:30 MASS OR CONFESSIONS
17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
People of the Parish |
| Sun 19 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Peace Day
10:00 Catherine McGinley RIP |

Confessions: Saturday 10.15-10.45

Baptisms & Marriages:
Please contact the Parish Priest



The Baptism of Christ, Joachim Patinir (circa 1480-1524)

If, on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we really embrace the truth that Jesus has identified himself completely with the human condition; and if we understand that our baptism truly unites us with the risen Christ, then we will want to live this life as Christ wants us to live it. If we are to live truly as baptised people, we will seek always to build his Kingdom of justice, of peace and reconciliation in this world.

The Christmas season comes to a close today, but the Baptism of the Lord calls us to be living signs of the risen Christ whose life we already share through the sacraments of his Church. Christ, who was born for us in a stable at Bethlehem, is now the risen and glorified Lord. He calls us, his baptised people, to be heralds of his Gospel in our world. He calls us to glorify the Lord by the way we live our lives.

Mgr Matthew

Sunday Readings: Year C
Weekday Readings: Year 1

SECOND COLLECTION

11 – 12 JAN – ORGAN FUND

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

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

18 – 19 JAN – ORGAN FUND

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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.



CONFIRMATION 2024-2025

Next meeting Sunday, 12 January following 10:00 Mass.

Retreat Day Saturday 18 January 10:00-16:00 at Kairos Retreat Centre SW15 4JA.

Confirmation class meets Sunday 19 January after the 10:00 Mass.



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

Next meeting Wednesday 15 January at 19:00 in the priest's house.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Registration forms for the First Holy Communion Mass are available at the back of the church.

Closing date for registration Sunday 2 Feb 2025

Key dates: Friday 7 February 19:00 Parents & carers' information meeting.

Sat 8 February 16:00 Children's class 1

Sun 6 July 2025 12:00 First Holy Communion Mass.



CAFOD – THE YEAR OF JUBILEE 'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'

This special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, invites us to return to a right relationship with God, one another, and all of creation. Scan the QR code for CAFOD's many resources and opportunities to get involved.

Introducing Jubilee - online session - 18 Jan 2025, 10:30am-12 noon. An introduction to the Jubilee Year with special guests. Hear how we're celebrating Jubilee as a global Church and how we can be tangible signs of hope, building a better world together throughout this holy year.

<https://tinyurl.com/yuayf2rv>

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD (SPUC)

The annual SPUC appeal will be held on 19-20 January. White flower stickers will be available as well as this year's appeal postcards calling on the government to adhere to the UN's convention on the Rights of the Child.

PLEASE RETURN ANY MISSIO BOXES ASAP AS THEY ARE DUE FOR COUNTING. THANK YOU.



CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

The Church Unity Octave begins on Friday 17 January. Please pray for the reconciliation of all Christians. A Votive Mass for the Unity of Christians will be offered on Monday 20 January at 09:30.



MARGARET DOHERTY RIP

The Requiem Mass for Margaret Doherty will be on Monday 10 February at 10.30 at St Thomas a

Becket Church, followed by burial at Putney Vale Cemetery at 12.00. Margaret was an active member of St Thomas' from January 1959 with lots of friends in the parish from over the years.

Please keep Margaret and her family in your prayers.



BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

This is a one-day marriage-enrichment course aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to try and make them better. There is no charge and no group sharing. Couples have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship. These BABM days start at 9.30am and finish by 4.30pm. Dates and venues for 2025 are: March 15, East Sheen; April 12, West Croydon; June 28, Kingston-upon-Thames; and September 13, Amigo Hall, Southwark. More details – T: 07983 524 727 or E: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk



CYMFed Flame 2025

CYMFed Flame is the largest Catholic Youth event in the UK (for those aged from school year 9 to university) and takes place on Saturday 15 March 2025. Flame features guest speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, and more! The Archdiocese has purchased a block booking at a price of £29 per ticket, payable by 31 January 2025.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	£455
Parish Dona	£210
Standing Orders	£593
Organ Fund Collection	£150
Organ Fund Dona	£68



11 - 12 January

R Welcome & Coffee: C. Miranda, P. Figueiredo
O Readers: SAT: E. Falcone, S. & R. Jay
SUN: Y. Osei-Kuffour Ekert & L. Ekert

T Flowers: A. Robbins

18 - 19 January

A Welcome and Coffee: E. Falcone, A. Oliva
S Readers: SAT: M. Slade, L. Slade
SUN: A. Stacey, C. Webb

Flowers: J. Maskalane

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

Next meeting: **8th February. JOIN US!**

DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

18 Jan 10:30am CAFOD online Jubilee session

18 Jan 10am Confirmation Retreat Day, Kairos SW15 4JA

19 Jan Pax Christi Peace Sunday

19 Jan SPUC White Flower Appeal

2 Feb First Holy Communion Registrations Close