

# St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church

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Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	6pm 6.30pm	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation Pro Populo
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	9am 11am	Anna Calabrese Wellbeing of Molly Sayers
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	Stations of the Cross at the Sacred Heart Chapel
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	12 noon 7pm	Priest's Intention Parish Preparation for Easter in the Becket Centre: Michelangelo
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	11.30am 12 noon	Adoration and Reconciliation Priest's Intention
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	6pm 6.30pm	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation Roeland Raymakers RIP
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	9am 11am	Pro Populo Michael Breslin

Thank you for your Lenten **Almsgiving**. As you know, this is one of the three pillars of Lent, along with Prayer and Fasting. Last weekend's emergency appeal for the famine in East Africa, Nigeria and Yemen raised £674. Thank you.

Please **pray** for all those on our sick list: Bernadette Hunter, Patrick McCarroll, June Smither, Elsie Humphries, Henry Tomelin, Ann Hull, Kevin Downes, Pat Urwin, Madeline Lewis, Michael Lyons, and John Tyler.

**Fasting** It is interesting that this is the one "pillar" that some of us can be exempted from on age and medical grounds! Those of us who are exempted need to find some other way of creating a space where Christ can enter.

Next week is Palm Sunday. In Rome, Pope Francis will be blessing both palms and olive branches. I would like to invite the children to bring in greenery from their gardens for the 9am Mass next week. The 9am Mass will start in the Becket Centre on Palm Sunday.

The children's liturgy group are now on their Easter break and will return on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. There will be family Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 10.30am to which all the children are warmly invited. Today the First Holy Communion candidates will make their First Reconciliation. Please remember the children in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith: Angel, Antony, Danni, Divna, Esme, George, Maria and Max.

Please take a sheet from the back of the church detailing the times of our Easter services.

Last week's collection came to £529.32. Thank you. This weekend there will be a second collection for Easter flowers.

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