

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church

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Saturday 1st December	6pm 6.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Elizabeth "Sarah" Edwards RIP
Sunday 2nd December <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	9am 11am	Thanksgiving for 60 years of Marriage. Pro Populo
Tuesday 4th December	11am	Rosary Group at the Sacred Heart
Saturday 8th December	6pm 6.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Pro Populo
Sunday 9th December	9am 11am	John Maher RIP Angela Milligan RIP

Lyric Sounds (Mary Anthony's vocal group) will be performing in the church at 7.15pm on Saturday December 8th. A voluntary donation, on the night, will go to The Medaille Trust.

Amber will be baptised this Sunday.

The funeral of Thomas George Appleton will take place here on Thursday December 6th at 1230, followed by the committal at Deal Cemetery at 1400.

There are plans to create a memorial plaque for the two young parishioners killed by a WWII bomb on May 8th, 1942. Please do speak with Father Duncan if you have any information to share.

Archbishop Peter has prepared a Pastoral Letter for Advent 2018. This will be read at all Sunday Masses this weekend. The letter will also be available to download, via the Diocesan website.

Take some time to reflect this Advent

Advent is a very special season of the year and yet it can sometimes pass us by, because we're so busy preparing for Christmas. For the past couple of years, our diocesan Spirituality Commission has produced a series of short daily emails, to help us focus on the true meaning of Advent. To sign up, please visit www.southwarkdsc.org.uk. Also, a series of six imaginative contemplations, plus an introduction, will be available to listen to our download from the Jesuits' spirituality website Pathways to God, from this link: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/imagining-nativity>.

Last week's collection came to £431.01. The second collection for Catholic Youth Services totalled £104.21.

On Gaudete Sunday (December 16th) there will be a second collection for Christmas Flowers. Please message Claire Goodall on the Parish email if you would be able to join the flower rota in 2019.

As always, please do join us for tea, coffee and squash after the 9am and 11am Masses, in the Becket Centre.

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Lucy Rees

Parish Website: www.saintthomasdeal.co.uk (basic information, due to update)

Diocesan Website: www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

St Thomas' Church is a Parish of the RC Archdiocese of Southwark which is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Charity Number: 1173050

The new Parish Diary for 2019, is available at the back of the Church. However, please note that the old email address is in the diary (due to it being ordered in July!)

On Saturday December 15th at 3.00pm there will be an inauguration of the new memorial to commemorate the lives of those lost seeking sanctuary by crossing the Channel. If you would like more information, please look at www.seekingsanctuary.weebly.com.