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St. Thomas Beckett.

29th December – 5th January 2025



Feast of Saint Thomas Beckett – 29 December

This year, we celebrate the feast of Saint Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, on the Sunday following Christmas. Along with St Stephen on the 26th and the Holy Innocents (28th), it is one of the three Masses of Martyrs, celebrated in red, following the birth of Our Saviour.

The presence of so many martyrs during the Octave of the Nativity recalls the prophecy of Simeon: “Behold this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted” (St Luke 2:34).

Unlike the Easter and Pentecost octaves, which exclude the celebration of the saints, the liturgy of this time weaves together the contemplation of the Divine Child in Bethlehem with the feasts of some of his greatest followers—a reminder that the works of the saints are so many precious gifts offered to the Infant King. Please join us on Tuesday, New Year’s Eve for an extended time of adoration, from 9pm to Midnight, concluding with the singing of the *Te Deum* and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The *Te Deum* is a solemn hymn of thanksgiving, offered for all the benefits God has bestowed upon us in the previous year. A plenary indulgence may be received under the usual conditions.

Likewise, the church offers a plenary indulgence to those who attend the singing of the *Veni Creator Spiritus* (Hymn to the Holy Ghost) on New Year’s Day.

NEW YEAR SOCIAL!

Celebrate “Little Christmas” together with a shared table, hot drinks, bar, music and more!



When?	Next Sunday 5 th January after 10.30am Mass
Where?	New Brighton Cricket Club, Rake Lane, Wallasey. CH45 5DE. Car parking available outside the club house.
Who?	All who come to the Dome and your families.
Cost?	Free, though donations are welcome as are donations of a plate of finger food for a shared table. Please let Liz Bird know if you can help or what you intend to bring. 07427667393
Organiser	Clare Tucker 0151 639 19 99 / 0771 471 02 75. Any help and/or musical/entertainment talent most welcome!

DONATIONS FOR THE SUNDAY 10:30AM TEAS: December’s collection will be for buying books for little ones to use while in church. Donations of good Catholic children’s books in good condition would be very welcome. *Thank you.*

Announcements

✠ **Daily Mass translations on our website:** www.icksp.org.uk/newbrighton/liturgical-calendar-2023

✠ **Choir Practices:** on **Monday at 7.15pm.**

Gregorian Chant Rehearsals: Every 2 weeks. **Next Practice:** 13th January

Polyphonic Choir Rehearsals: Every 2 weeks. Please contact Clare Tucker: tuckerobertson@gmail.com or 0151 639 19 99 / 0771 471 02 75. **Next Practice:**

✠ **Piety Shop:** Mass Booklets available: £5 each. Mass cards, rosary beads, books, gifts, all at very reasonable prices. All profits go to Ss. Peter & Paul. Also support Wirral Foodbank and Ss PPP 200 Club at the piety shop.

✠ **Last Sunday Collection:** £752.54 - **Boxes:** £143.01 - **Bank transfers:** £425.00 **Heating - £ Shop £210.38- Total:** £ 1,530.93 **Thank you very much for your continued generosity!**

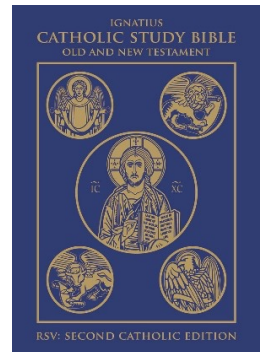
✠ **If you wish to donate via bank transfer, please use the following:**

Sort Code: 40-45-14 - Account number: 01805061 - For the credit of ICKSP / SSPPP

✠ **Church Cleaning.** Can you spare an hour every Saturday morning to help clean our beautiful church? The Cleaning Team meets from 11-12 every Saturday morning after Mass. Coffee and biscuits afterwards! Please contact Joyce at [07887580547](tel:07887580547) if you would like to join us. *Thank you to all who generously give their time to the upkeep of the church.*

✠ **Second Collection.** This will be taken for the heating of the church. Thank you for keeping our Dome comfortable!

✠ **New! The Canon's Reading List:** Many of you have asked about the Bible which was recently recommended from the pulpit. It is called the **Ignatius Catholic Study Bible**. The New Testament is currently in print and the full Bible will be released on 22nd December. The text is the RSV Catholic edition, which is an accurate modern translation. The particular utility of this Bible is found in the copious notes by Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch. Unlike much "Catholic" biblical scholarship, it is faithful to the magisterium, and draws abundantly upon the Church Fathers, classical theology and the best of more recent research and biblical archaeology.



Forthcoming events

✠ **Preparation to first Confession and first Holy Communion (age 7+):** Please contact Canon Post. Lesson on Saturday, 11th January following the 10am Mass.

✠ **First steps in Faith (age 5-6):** Please contact Canon Montjean. Bring your pencil crayons! Lesson on **Saturday, 11th January** following the 10am Mass.

✠ **Catechism Class from scratch:** For anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith or considering reception into the church/baptism. If you cannot make this for whatever reason, please contact Canon Montjean for individual tuition. **Next class, 24th January, 7:15pm.**

✠ **Liturgical practices for servers:** Canon Post will be organising practices for serving at the altar. At **10:45am following the Saturday Mass**, there will be a general practice for MCs, thurifers and acolytes on **18th January**. Another practice will be held at the same time on **Saturday, 1st February** to prepare the ceremonies of Candlemas.

✠ **Craft Group:** Knitting, crochet, patchwork, tapestry. Beginners welcome. Contact: Dorothy McCarthy 0776 775 2671. No meeting in January. **Next meeting Saturday 1st Feb at 11:00am.**

✠ **New Year Social!** New Brighton Cricket Club, Sunday 5th January after 10.30am Mass. Celebrate "Little Christmas" together with a shared table, hot drinks, bar, music and more! **FREE AND ALL WELCOME!** Calling helpers and talent!

✠ **Society for the Protection of Unborn Children – YOUTH CONFERENCE.** Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd February 2025 Barnfield Park Training & Conference Centre, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 0NL. **£90** Early Bird Ticket Until 31st December 2024. (£140 after the 31st) Accommodation and Meals Included: <https://spuc.org.uk/youthconference/>

✠ **For Life Matters and helplines:** see <https://lifecharity.org.uk/>; for prolife helpline <https://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk> and for abortion recovery see <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

Ordo	Mass	Mass intentions		Devotions	Confessions
		Canon Montjean	Canon Post		
Offer a Mass for your intentions using the Mass Offering envelope (narthex). Write name (living or deceased) or intention. Enclose donation. Place envelope in collection box or give to a Canon. The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: 13 th February.				Confessions can also be arranged privately by texting a Canon (see front page)	
Sunday 29 th December St. Thomas Beckett <i>Red</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Joe Fenerty RIP	8.30 Tony Cusack RIP 10.30 Mary and Michael Doyle RIP	5.30pm Vespers 6pm Rosary and Benediction Compline	9.30am–10.15am
Mon 30 th December 6 th Day in the Octave of the Nativity <i>White</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	Msgr Wach	Ronnie Cleator RIP	5.30 Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.40pm–6.10pm
Tues 31 st December 7 th Day in the Octave of the Nativity <i>White</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	Jane Keating	ICKSP intentions	9pm Exposition 11.45pm Benediction & Te Deum	
Wed 1 st January The Octave Day of the Nativity of Our Lord <i>White</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	Sarah Stevenson	Msgr Wach	No Adoration Singing of <i>Veni Creator Spiritus</i> for the New Year	
Thurs 2 nd January Votive Mass of Our Lord the High Priest <i>White</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	Marie Furlong	Dominic Bignell	(No 1 st Thursday adoration) 5.30 Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.40pm–6.10pm
Fri 3 rd January Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus <i>White</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	Marie Furlong	Don and Rose McLaren	5.30 Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.40pm–6.10pm
Saturday 4 th January Saturday of Our Lady <i>White</i>	10am Low Mass	Marie Furlong	Joanne, Cormac and Connor	9.00 Adoration & Benediction 6.30pm Vespers 7pm Compline	9am–9.40am
Sunday 5 th January Most Holy Name of Jesus <i>White</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Marie Furlong	8:30 Saoirse McGowan 10:30 Highfield Family RIP	5.30pm Blessing of Epiphany Water 6pm Rosary and Benediction	9.30am–10.15am
Note on Mass Intentions: Due to the number of Mass intentions given and a change in availability of free slots, Canon Post celebrated the following intentions during his second Mass throughout Christmas week: 26 th Veronica Cleator RIP, 27 th Jane Keating, 28 th Godchildren. Blessing of Epiphany Water: One of the most solemn blessings of the year, will take place on Epiphany Eve, Sunday, 5 th January.				Try an examination based on either the 10 Commandments, 7 Capital Sins or Faith, Hope and Charity: https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/examination-of-conscience/children : https://www.ncregister.com/info/confession-guide-for-children	

Prayers for the sick: Anne, Patricia, Joan, Vera, Lesley, Chris, Andrew, Madeleine, Sarah, John, Kathleen, Olivia, Lynne, Angela, Helen, Stuart, Jacqueline, Lindsey, Edward, Tracy, Mary, Vitali, Peter Joseph, Janet.

St Thomas Becket Bishop and Martyr. Comm. of Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity

Through his loyalty and great abilities Thomas Becket, born in London from humble Norman parents, rose to become Archdeacon of Canterbury and later Lord Chancellor of England under King Henry II. In 1162 the king made sure that his trusted servant would become Archbishop of Canterbury. In this new role, however, Thomas fiercely protected the rights of the Church and the Holy See against the king's demands and was driven into exile in 1164. Soon after his return in 1170, he was murdered inside his Cathedral by knights believing to follow a command of the king. Soon numerous miracles began to happen at his tomb, which became the splendid centre of the newly-built Cathedral in Canterbury. Henry VIII, displaying special hatred against this saint who had dared defend the freedom of the Church against the king's wishes, destroyed his shrine and commanded that Thomas's name had to be removed from all liturgical books.

INTROIT

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a festival day in honour of the blessed martyr Thomas : at whose martyrdom the Angels rejoice, and give praise to the Son of God. Ps. 32:1: Rejoice in the Lord, ye just : praise becometh the upright. Glory.

COLLECT

O God, in defence of whose Church the glorious bishop Thomas fell by the swords of wicked men: grant, we beseech thee, that all who implore his assistance may obtain the salutary fruit of their petition. Through our Lord.

Grant, we beseech thee, almighty God, that the new birth, in the flesh, of thine only-begotten Son may set us free, whom the old bondage doth hold under the yoke of sin. Through the same Lord.

EPISTLE *Hebr. 5:1-6*

Brethren: Every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in the things that appertain to God, that he may offer up gifts and sacrifices for sins : who can have compassion on them that are ignorant and that err, because he himself also is compassed with infirmity; and therefore he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. Neither doth any man take the honour to himself, but he that is called by God, as Aaron was. So Christ also did not glorify himself, that he might be made a high priest; but he that said unto him: Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place: Thou art a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchisedech.

GRADUAL *Ecclus. 44:16, 20*

Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God. V There was not any found like to him, who kept the law of the Most High.

ALLELUIA *Jn. 10:14*

I am the good shepherd : and I know my sheep, and mine know me.

SEQUENCE

A solemn canticle echoes today on earth.

The throng of Angels rejoiceth over a martyr's palm.

What art thou doing, happy crowd? Rejoice with those above. The happy mind shall rejoice, the voice shall freely sing to Christ. The pious Canterbury celebrated the feasts of the Lord [Christmas]. But the knights proclaim loudly tyrannical commands. Savage laws and commands are uttered with boorish voice. The armed power profaneth places consecrated to Christ. So the feet of Thomas straightly stood in the steps of Christ, that they could not be turned away, He judged that it would be gain to die in obedience to his King, and offered his head to his murderer. (Thrice) Rejoice, O Thomas, whose victory even increaseth the joys for Christ's birth.

The glory of the martyr is shown through many signs, Thousands of sick people are healed through his intercession. The flower of pastors is butchered in the sanctuary, And neither the respect for the day nor for the place prevented this. O star of the sea, who rejoiced in having nursed the Son, Him we beg that we may follow as Thomas's companions, Made glorious through his prayer.

GOSPEL *Jn 10:11-16*

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees: I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But the hireling, and he that is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and flieth; and the wolf catcheth, and scattereth the sheep : and the hireling flieth, because he is a hireling, and he hath no care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know mine, and mine know me. As the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And other sheep I have, that are not of this fold : them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

OFFERTORY *Ps. 20:4-5, 3, 6*

Thou hast set on his head, O Lord, a crown of precious stones : *he asked life of thee, and thou hast given it to him, **alleluia. V Thou hast given him his heart's desire : and hast not withholden from him the will of his lips. *He asked. V His glory is great in thy salvation, and great beauty shalt thou lay upon him. **Alleluia.

SECRET

Sanctify, O Lord, the gifts dedicated to thee : and, being appeased by the same through the intercession of blessed Thomas, thy martyr and bishop, look upon us favourably. Through our Lord.

Sanctify, O Lord, the gifts we offer by the new birth of thine only-begotten Son, and cleanse us from the stains of our sins. Through the same Lord.

PREFACE

It is truly meet and just, right and salutary, that we should always, and in all places, give thanks to thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God. For by the mystery of the Word made Flesh, the light of thy glory hath shone anew upon the eyes of our mind : so that while we acknowledge him as God seen by men, we may be drawn by him to the love of things unseen. And therefore with the Angels and Archangels, with the Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing a hymn to thy glory, evermore saying...

Today, the COMMUNICANTES of the CANON begins as follows: *Communicating, and keeping that most holy day, on which the spotless virginity of the blessed Mary brought forth a Saviour to this world; and also venerating the memory, first of the same glorious Mary, ever a Virgin, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ ...*

COMMUNION *Jn 10:14*

I am the good shepherd : and I know my sheep, and mine know me.

POSTCOMMUNION

May this communion, O Lord, cleanse us from guilt; and, through the intercession of blessed Thomas, thy martyr and bishop, may it make us partakers of the heavenly remedy. Through our Lord. *Grant, we beseech thee, O almighty God, that, as the Saviour of the world, who was born this day, pro-cured for us divine sonship, he may also bestow on us immortality. Who liveth.*