

MASSES THIS WEEK, 3rd October – 10th October 2021

All masses can now be attended without booking but social distancing must be observed and all people must record their presence at the main entrance.

You can still join in all masses online. See website.

Masses in German are every Sunday at 11:30am.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year

Saturday 2nd October

6 pm Vigil Mass: *Dorothy Wilgar*

Sunday 3rd October

8.30 am Mass: *People of the Parish*

10 am Mass: *Margarethe & Otto Schukowski RIP*

Monday 4th October

Saint Francis of Assisi – Memorial

10:00 am Mass: *Richard and Mary Cave RIP*

Tuesday 5th October

10:00 am Mass: *Lord Howard de Walden RIP*

Wednesday 6th October

10.00 am Mass: *Holy Souls*

Thursday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary – Memorial

10.00 am Mass: *Welfare of the people of Lebanon*

Friday 8th October

10.00 am Mass: *Ronald Solomon (thanksgiving)*

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

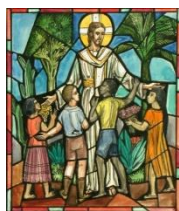
Saturday 9th October

6 pm Vigil Mass: *People of the Parish*

Sunday 10th October

8.30 am Mass: *Holy Souls*

10 am Mass: *Workers of the NHS*



Heavenly Father, we come before You to thank You for all You have done and continue to do in our lives and the lives of all married couples. May You continue to strengthen the bonds of marriage, and may You enhance the unity of husband with wife so that they may live always by your teaching. Amen.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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'This parish exists to create in every place and time the conditions for a personal encounter of individuals with Jesus Christ.'

3rd October 2021

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year

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Readings for the 27th Sunday are on page 140 in the Parish Mass Book.

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

God creates woman from Adam's rib.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 127

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

Christ was made perfect through suffering so that we might all be consecrated.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16 (shorter form Mark 10:2-12)

Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.



Food Bank – If you are in need of provisions call the Food Bank 020 8940 0274 or go to www.richmond.foodbank.org.uk



The month of October is dedicated to the Our Lady of the Rosary, which is commemorated with a memorial on the 7th of October. Please consider saying a regular rosary this month for the wellbeing of those who might be suffering at this time, as well as for the health and wellbeing of the Church and its clergy.

The church will be open for private prayer and confessions on Wednesdays from 4–6pm.

Mass Celebration at church - You do not need to book for the masses but Covid restrictions will still apply. Record your name and contact number on the paper in the foyer. Please bring a face mask & keep a social distance. You can still join online via Zoom. Click on the link that you can find on the website www.stthomasaquinasham.org or you can use your normal landline or handheld devices: Dial 020 34815240, Meeting ID 944217611 #Password 123456#

Church Offerings - Please continue to make your offering for the church directly to **Account name: RCAS St Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham**
Sort Code: 60-50-01, Account Number: 79122469, Ref.: Offer

Arranging a standing order at your bank makes things easier for everyone. This particularly applies if you are able to **GIFT AID** your donation. Please contact John Kane on 07920565330 if you have any questions. Envelope-donations can be handed in at the church. Ensure your donation is labelled with your name and number if you are able to gift aid.

Pray for those to be confirmed on October 10th – Eleni Barrett, Maia Hughes, Lara Kincaid, Grace Aoife Lanigan, Maggie Lanigan, Felix Landricombe, Leo Luczkiw, Jessica Michel, Nathaniel John Navarro, Jonathan Pfaff, Maya-Sophie Pfaff, Mia Van Proosdi, Miranda Reding, Isabel Wright and Maxwell Wright.

Pray for the sick and housebound: Michael Ayris, Pat Dawson, Michael Kelly, Oscar Nolan, Mary O Hara, Anne Pobjoy, Emmanuel Solomon, Thomas Sundstrom.

Pray for those who have recently died - Susan Chorlton, Fidelma Cook, Maureen Farrell, Doris Jones, Gordon Pocock, Jude Solomon, Sisters Louisa and Matilmarie.

100+ CLUB Details about the club and the rules can be obtained from Fergus Leahy 020 8546 7360; 07955045300 (see noticeboard in porch for winners for September)

First Holy Communion application deadline is 21st November 2021 with Signing-On Mass on 28th November (First Advent). Forms are available in the porch of the church and will be downloadable from our Website shortly.

Loretto - Home Mission Base in Twickenham – In Salzburg, Vienna, Passau and now London, the Loretto community runs mission hubs called "HOME Mission Base" where young adults receive formation, are mentored, live in community and practice radical hospitality with a missionary disposition. Please check out their program for this term at <https://www.loretto.org.uk/home-missionbase>

Tea and Coffee after Sunday mass – There will be tea and coffee served in the hall **after the 10am Sunday Mass**. This Sunday we will be combining this with the Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise funds for this wonderful nursing organization.

October Feast 3rd of October – Despite the still difficult situation with COVID-19, our German friends are trying to organise the annual **October Feast** on the **3rd of October**. Seating spaces in the hall are limited in the unpredictable circumstance of inclement weather. Traditionally our English community is invited to join.

NEW! Community Café – Every Thursday from 10:30am - Noon

Our parish is starting a **Community Café** on Thursday mornings. To run and expand this well needed project for the community of Ham, we would like to invite our parishioners and friends to volunteer in various ways. A sign-up list is available in our church entrance: contact birgit.michel366@gmail.com, Tel 07486908002



HELP URGENTLY NEEDED IN THIS PARISH

Church Maintenance: There is much to be done on maintaining our building. Volunteers to help with this would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Fr Robert.

Church Cleaning: We are looking to draw up a new rota for the regular cleaning of the church. Commitment to clean for each team is once every 2 months - for this we need to form 4 teams. 3 people per team will be sufficient. Please contact Fran Payne at franpayne30@btinternet.com to learn more or to sign up to join a team.

Church Flowers: We are looking for someone to take charge of the Church flowers. Please contact Fr Robert for more details.

Church Database: Fran Payne has taken over the organization of the church office, but we urgently need someone to organise the Church Database. We hope that most of this work will be able to be done at home, but it is important that we comply with all the rules on Data Protection.




Harvest Sunday 3rd of October - Please bring decorations, flowers and food bank items to the masses on days before or on the day.

Some Definite Service: Towards a Missionary Archdiocese

Archbishop John Wilson invites you to watch our video, which outlines our upcoming plans to support you and your parishes: <https://youtu.be/v3BLIU3OaSM>. Also See <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds> for more ways to get involved. Finally, please consider becoming a Mentor in our Deanery to help us all to achieve the great goal to transform our church into an evangelizing and missionary Arch Diocese.

Autumn Afternoon of Renewal - Southwark Diocese: Saturday, 23rd OCTOBER 2021 2pm-5pm ONLINE. <https://mailchi.mp/38496e46bb93/your-southwark-sept-2021-newsletter-is-here?e=33e65d91a1> – this is an opportunity to network and to share, particularly the work of the **Agency of Evangelisation and Catechesis**.

Saint Francis of Assisi – Memorial 4th October

 St Francis of Assisi was born in the early 1180s to a wealthy merchant father (originally called Giovanni but later becoming Francesco). In youth, his wealthy background encouraged him to live indulgently. He would later fight a war and be imprisoned. In prison, he had a revelation, and in 1205 he returned to Assisi and began a life of voluntary poverty. He would later make a pilgrimage to Rome and on his return, he heard Christ tell him to ‘repair My house,’ encouraging Francis to restore churches. He founded the Franciscan movement, and also received the stigmata (holes in his hand exemplifying those in Christ after his crucifixion) in 1224. He was canonised in 1228, two years after his death, and his memorial is on the 4th of October (www.catholicnewsagency.com).