

MASSES THIS WEEK, 9th – 16th January 2022

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. **German Masses every Sunday at 11:30am.**

Sunday 9th January **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD – Feast**

6.00 pm (on Saturday) Vigil Mass: *(free intention)*
8.30 am Mass: *(free intention)*
10.00 am Mass: *People of the Parish*

First week in Ordinary Time

Monday 10th January

10:00 am Mass: *Indrani Jaya*

Tuesday 11th January

10:00 am Mass: *Sr. Helena Jarrell*

Wednesday 12th January

St. Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot

10.00 am Mass: *Rodney Chambers RIP*

Thursday 13th January

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

10.00 am Mass: *Anna O'Callaghan*

Friday 14th January

10.00 am Mass: *John O'Callaghan*

Sunday 16th January

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Peace Sunday

6.00 pm (on Saturday) Vigil Mass: *Ronald Solomon (thanksgiving)*
8.30 am Mass: *David Sundstrom and departed family members*
10.00 am Mass: *People of the Parish*

Confessions: Saturday 5:30-5:50pm

Please note the Church will no longer be open on Wednesday afternoons for the time being.

**Food Bank – For provisions, call the Food Bank 020 8940 0274
or go to www.richmond.foodbank.org.uk**

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Ham Street, Ham, Richmond, TW10 7HT

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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.'*

9th January 2022

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Parish Priest	Fr Julian Shurgold 020 8948 8292 julianshurgold@rcaos.org.uk
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Readings are on page 118 in the Parish Mass Book: Year C – Volume 1



First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are!

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Jesus Christ saved us and renewed us with his Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Jesus is baptized by John.

Mass Celebration at church: You do not need to book for the masses but Covid restrictions still apply. Record your name and contact number on the paper in the foyer. Please bring a face mask & keep a social distance. The parish is available for online viewing 24/7, including all masses throughout the week via the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73F0OcNGK2c&ab_channel=HamParish.

Alternatively, search 'St Thomas Aquinas Ham' into **YouTube** to see the live video.

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 can **GIFT AID** your donation. Please contact John Kane 07920565330 with any questions. Envelope-donations can be handed in at the church. Ensure your donation is labelled with your name and number if you can gift aid.

100+ CLUB Contact Fergus Leahy 020 8546 7360; 07955045300 for details.

100 CLUB: DECEMBER 21st PRIZES: The winners were, **1st Prize £120** No. 14 James Poole: **2nd Prize £80** No. 57 Vickie Gottschalk: **3rd Prize £40** No. 127 Helen Jones

Tea and Coffee after 10am Sunday mass: Please feel free to join us!

CAFOD Christmas Gifts help those in poverty and are also sustainable. Visit <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk> for more.

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School welcomes applications from parents seeking a place for their child in Reception Class September 2022. Parents must complete the Common Application Form (CAF) with the Local Authority by 15th January 2022 and send in the Supplementary Information Form by the same time, with the original copy of your child's Baptism certificate. School office: 0208 940 3015. Please note also that The Section 48 Denominational Inspection report on St Elizabeth's RE Inspection (mark: 'outstanding') can be found on the school's website in the 'About Us' section under the heading 'Section 48 RE Inspection' via the following link:

<https://www.st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=Section+48+RE+Inspection&pid=15>

Carer Vacancy: Please contact: Fr Philip De Freitas at Our Lady and St Peter Church on 0208 788 9603 or email Philipdefreitas@rcaos.org.uk for more information.

GRIEF IN LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST: Have you been bereaved? This weekend being held at Aylesford Priory is for anyone who has lost a loved one through death; an opportunity to mourn and to share with and be supported by others. Date: **March 4-6**. Phone Elizabeth Partridge on 01303 670 880, email: enquiry@thefriars.org.uk

Kenneth Ellis (the father of Fr. Robert) thanks all parishioners for the many messages of condolence that he has received. He expresses his gratitude and he will keep our parish community in his prayers

New Year catechetical programmes: Fr Julian would like to hear from all current catechists as soon as possible and also any adult who would like to consider assisting the children and young people of the parish in their spiritual growth as members of the community.

Food-drop-off for Richmond Food-bank & Community Cafe will

be closed from 17th December – 12th January: We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations and visits to the café. Our team is looking forward to welcoming you again soon. In case you need help or would like to give help contact The Vineyard Community Center: The Vineyard, Richmond, TW10 6AQ. foodbank@vineyardcommunity.org, Tel: 07516 935 655 or 020 8940 0274. Donations are accepted Monday to Thursday 11am to 3pm. Please check for changed opening times over the Holidays. Thank You.

Marriage preparation 2022: official Southwark diocesan marriage preparation course. **Booking early recommended.** See poster in porch for details and dates.

Peace Sunday: *"The work of Pax Christi is based on the Gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice."*

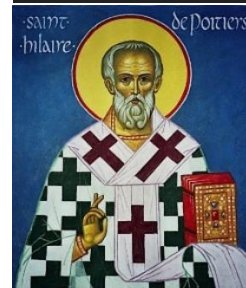
At the back of Church, there are envelopes and you are invited to offer a contribution if you wish and post it to the address shown on the envelope. Alternatively, you may donate online at www.paxchristi.org.uk.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

ST. AELRED OF RIEVAULX, ABBOT: St. Aelred (1109-67) was born at Hexham, Northumberland, and joined the Cistercian monastery of Rievaulx in Yorkshire. He served as abbot at both Revesby, Lincolnshire, and Rievaulx and became known as a preacher and writer – the 'Bernard of the North'. He delighted in friendship and wrote "he who dwells in friendship, dwells in God and God in him".



ST. HILARY, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH



St. Hilary (c.315-68) was raised as a pagan and married young. He converted to Christianity and, as Bishop of Poitiers, Gaul (now France), was a leading defender of the Church against the Arian heresy (which denied the Divinity of Christ). This led to his exile to Phrygia (now in Turkey) by the Emperor Constantius who preferred Arianism. His writings contributed to his being declared a Doctor of the Church in 1851.