

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



### Funeral at St Thomas of Canterbury:

- \* Michael Scully's funeral will take place on **8th November at 11am.**
- \* Michael Bullman's funeral will take place on **12th November at 12.30pm.**

### Anniversaries:

Sheila Davighi, Sister Liquori Sinnott, Cecil Ayles, Patricia Freeman, Guilielmuis Latore, Jeremiah Murphy, Mario Castelletti, Sister Kathleen Cronin, Susan Kemp, Palmira Pieroni, Mary James, Douglas Bacon, Honoria Mathieson, Maureen Noden, Michael O'Meara, Luca Marrai, Edward Pestell Brian Skelt, Bertha Aplonia Noranha, Christine Knock.

## Mass Timetable

*All our services are live streamed*

### SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass Sat. 6pm;  
8.30am; 10am & 11.30am  
(The 11.30am Mass is recorded)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

10am

### CONFESSIONS

By Appointment

### BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays  
of the month

Please wear a facemask, sanitise your hands, observe appropriate distancing

Don't forget to provide track & trace information by using the QR code

### Faith Talk

Faith Talk with Fr Austin will take place on Monday **6th December at 7pm.** The topic is "The Church and its future". The notes from the last meeting are available on our website.



# ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

7th November 2021

Please note the nearest Fire Exit to you whilst you are in the Church

Today's Gospel explores the theme of generosity. With gratitude, we remember all those who have made sacrifices for us. Above all, we come together in this Mass to celebrate the self-giving love of our Lord Jesus.

### First Reading 1 Kings 17:10-16

The starving prophet Elijah begs a poor widow for food and she shares her last meal with him.

### Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28

Jesus' offering of himself surpasses any sacrifice a Temple high priest might have made for the sins of his people.

### Gospel Mark 12:38-44

Jesus observes how some people take advantage of others. He watches a widow donate her last pennies to the lucrative Temple cult.

### Responsorial Psalm

**My soul, give praise to the Lord.**



## The Synod process

Pope Francis has Ordered? Invited? us to take part in it. Bishop Alan has launched its implementation in his Diocese and ordered? invited? us to play our part. There is a Diocesan Synod Team. I am required to provide this team with the name of a contact person from SToC. Will anyone volunteer?

### First reaction

Mine has been negative. From several people I pick up puzzlement, and I do not hear much enthusiasm for it. "*How many times have we gone round this circle?*" Better World Movement, Messengers... But this week a glimmer of light has come to me as I read the explanatory documents. What Pope Francis is asking is something quite different. He is not asking us to solve problems. He has no blueprint in hand. There are not even proposals to get us started. Will you help me to start a group? First of all to grasp what is afoot?

### Remember

Six years ago he asked us to talk honestly to each other about family and marriage. He asked us to speak out our honest beliefs and feelings. No trotting out the party line. We met together and in groups several times. We put up summaries on large notice boards. You then added a great number of *post-its* which were your comments, doubts, agreement and disagreements. It all went up to the eventual meeting of the bishops in Rome - though we did have to push a little to get our frank opinions through. The teaching of the church on marriage has developed as a result of the whole exercise. Not the basics. But our judgments have changed. I think also our understanding of how laws and regulations fit into real life.

## Stage one of Synodal process

Meet, speak to each other, listen. You have perhaps heard people say: "*If I were Pope for a day I would....*" Whimsey. Each of us has a whole list of things for demolition. Our church hereabouts is haemorrhaging fast. Get rid of clericalism, of the power and control, of outdated parts of canon law. Give women their proper place. But No! No! This synod is not at all to be like that. Just a hint from Chesterton. He wrote: "I woke up on Christmas Day to see at the end of my bed two stockings filled with a magnificent gift: a pair of feet". Clear? The first thing we have to do is to discover what the Synod is about, and our part in it. Enough till next week. But I hold my breath for a volunteer contact person to come forward.

### Church Parade

#### 10am Mass 14th November

Please note that the Guides and Scouts will be joining the 10am Mass. The Church is likely to be fuller than usual so you may want to consider attending another Mass that weekend.

There will be a retiring collection for the Guides after the 10am Mass

### Church heating

Now that the weather has turned wintry we can begin to appreciate the new heating. It is not yet completely tuned in, but the potential is clear. We will only get the full benefit when we are able to close the windows. At present covid threat compels us to keep them open. The Becket rooms are zoned for a very economical system to heat each section only at need.



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday 7th November

8.30 November Deceased List  
10 Philomena Brohi ill  
11.30 Dr Cajetan Emeka Ume anniversary

### Monday 8th November

10 Harry Mullen 90  
Deceased brethren  
11 Funeral Michael Scully

### Tuesday 9th November

Frances Finnegan sick  
Paddy & Barbara Cleerie ill

### Wednesday 10th November

Michael Walsh ill  
Dave Calder RIP  
Chigwell community

### Thursday 11th November

Ricky Tedder RIP  
Damian Kelly RIP  
Trinity intentions

### Friday 12th November

10 M McGiven thanks  
12.30 Funeral Michael Bullman

### Saturday 13th November

10am Honoria C Mathieson anniversary  
6pm Joyce Ryan RIP  
Eileen O'Malley anniversary

### Sunday 14th November

8.30 Deceased staff & pupils Card  
Wiseman  
10 November Deceased List  
11.30 Brendan Nolan RIP

### Mass each day for all named in the November List

## Church Cleaning Thursday 11 November at 9.00am

Sue Mansbridge, Jackie John, Maria-Clare Fawcett, Mary Charter & Louise Deans

### SVP Open Evening

The parish SVP conference is holding an Open Evening on Thursday **11th November at 7.00pm** upstairs in the Becket Centre. If you would like to find out more about what we do and how we work please do come along. All are welcome.

### It takes a special person to care for a special person

Gloria Samuel, Service Manager for Fostering and Children with Disabilities Services in Redbridge Council, previously fostered for 20 years. Gloria states "There are many different care packages offered to support the child and foster carers fully and the training involved is outstanding". If you are considering fostering and would like to know more, please email [fostering@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@redbridge.gov.uk) or call us on 020 8708 6068.

The **Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass** at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, will take place on Monday **22nd November 2021 at 11.30.am**.

### Trinity Vacancies

Teacher of French, Examinations Manager. Please visit the school's website for more details.