

**PRAY FOR THE
SICK**



Lately dead:

◇ **Margaret Russ**

May she rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Martha Tracey, Zofia Baranska, Philippe Camilleri, Patrick Grant, Hilda Hannigan, Madeleine Khai, Christine Thurston, Joseph Byrne, Annie Hill, Eric Leary, Ann Selfe, Hilda Stratford, Sister Coleman Brosnan, Dennis McCarthy, Brian Connell, Victor Palmer, Edith Playle, Cornelius Sullivan, Patricia Tugby, Louis Black, Maureen Graham

Mass Timetable
Facemasks MUST be worn
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 test & trace information by using the QR code

Almshouse Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen at the Almshouses situated along the High St in Ingatestone. The Almshouse is a one-bedroom property for single persons. Candidates must be over 50 years of age and in need. Preference may be given to Roman Catholics. To apply please contact Mike Falcone, Trustee, Ginge Petre Trust on 07935 959388"



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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) **23rd January 2022**

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

This Sunday has been designated by the Church as the Sunday of the Word of God. It is a day for us to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches.

First Reading Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

After their return to their homeland from exile, the people of Israel are moved to tears by the public reading of God's word.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

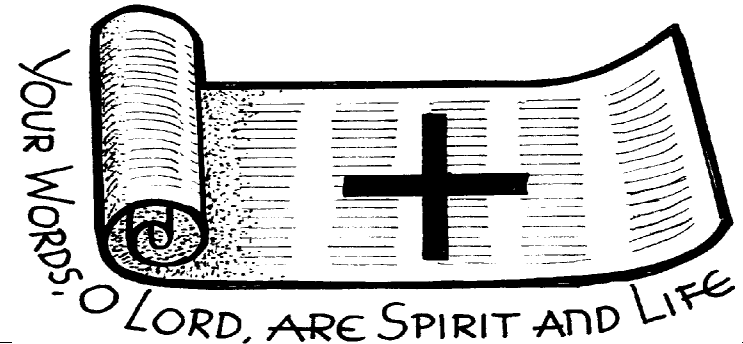
St Paul teaches that we together are Christ's body, made up of many different parts.

Gospel Luke 1:1-1-4; 4:14-21

The beginning of Luke's Gospel: Jesus proclaims God's word and sets out his mission statement

Responsorial Psalm

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.



Week of prayer for Christian Unity: 18th to 25th January

In Advent members of seven or eight local churches joined us in SToC in a sensible Advent service. Today we will meet again in St Mary's in South Woodford to pray and express our desire to share better our faith and Christian life. With these irregular meetings, and others less well-attended we continue to keep alive our effort to work better together. There was a surge of interest after the Vatican Council which has since slowed. We have learned much from the other Christian communities about how we Catholics should do and be. They give us an example of working in synod fashion. As numbers diminish our need to value what we share and what we respect in each other only increases.

Tactics & Strategy

Pope Francis says: "We need to find and express a new way of being church". This week we read the story of David and Goliath. David, weak and powerless defeated the mighty man of war. He prayed and trusted God. But he also used new tactics. The Pope is telling us that our present strategy and tactics "for being church" are not fit for purpose. Strict regulation, power and control are for secular dictators – the Goliaths – not for a caring family of families. You – the Lay People - like David, have both to pray and then find the way to direct your prayer to help solve the global problems. Certainly not by authoritarian exercise of power and control. You are doing it to some extent. Can we start some discussions? There are already two good starts, and the Journey of Faith is another.

Communion preparation

Nicky has sent out her lovely video to help you with Chapter 3 of *I Belong*. Soon she will send out the additional support for chapter 4. Together with the workbook itself you are well equipped to help your children come to know and love the Jesus who is giving himself to them and us. After the half-term holiday we will begin their first confessions. We will do it in the fashion that proved so successful last year. First a chat with you parent(s), possibly siblings and the candidate. Then the family leave your child with me or another of us priests, comfortable and without any of the old hesitations or fears. It will be an occasion for you too to think about using this valuable sacrament. Use it the new way and it will make sense.

Baptisms Congratulations



The following children were baptised in January
Florence Saleh &
Violet Edwards

We welcome them into our Church community

St Thomas' Parish Shop

We are pleased to announce that the Parish Shop in the lobby area will be open for business again this weekend. Please note that we now have the facilities to take card payments.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 23rd January

8.30 Maurice O'Sullivan RIP
10 Frances Reynolds RIP
11.30 Patrick Grant RIP
Jacqueline Da Prato RIP

Monday 24th January

Rita Sammit RIP
People of the parish

Funeral 10.45am Patrick Grant

Tuesday 25th January

Peter Stubbings
Sr Mary Ita intentions
Gerry Cowan recovery

Wednesday 26th January

Frances Finnegan ill
Frank Fitzpatrick RIP
Intentions of a cancer patient

Thursday 27th January

Jackie Donnelly RIP
Ranieri Giorgi RIP
Trinity intentions

Friday 28th January

Karen Richardson
Vera Stokes
Marie Sinnott

Saturday 29th January

10 am Sr Teresa Quinn
Mary O'Keefe ill
6 pm People of Ukraine

Sunday 30th January

8.30am Derek Beverley anniversary
10am People of the parish
11.30am Brian Beveridge RIP

Church Cleaning

Saturday 29th January at 10.30am

Deborah Butterworth, Rosie O'Connor &
Charmaine Turnell

Becket Centre Rooms for hire

The newly refurbished rooms upstairs in the Becket Centre are now available for hire. There are four rooms of different sizes which are ideal for meetings, craft classes, language classes or other small gatherings. Anyone, parishioners, or not can apply to use these facilities. Applications forms are available from the Parish Office or can be downloaded from our website.

15th Woodford Guides

are looking for volunteers to help on a weekly basis with the guiding unit. We meet in the Beckett Centre on Friday from 6.30pm to 8pm. We have a wonderful group of young people and it is a lot of fun. Please contact Jackie via the parish office for further details

Vacancies

Fortnightly cleaner (2hrs) required asap for elderly man with gentle dog in 3 bedroom home in Woodford Green
Reliable & Honest person please apply by contacting Nicola on 07802 534000

Trinity

* SEN Teaching assistant
* Senior Science Technician
Please visit the school website for more information.