

Lately dead: Ines Valcke

Anniversaries:

Ellen Juffs, Rosalind Green, Ronald Allum, Jacobus Cullenden, Mary Forsythe, Maureen Holford, Patricia Koenan, Joseph Bognar, Richard Borg, Thomas Gilligan, Elizabeth Orme, Donald Dourado, Moira Bisset, Monica Bright, Fred Khan, Elaine Schreyeck, Mario Zeppa, Thomas Grey, Mary Dionysius, Birdie Godfrey, Joseph Osborne, Helena Proseinski, Edward Wright

CAFOD

Join CAFOD to find out about our work in Ukraine and the 2026 Lent Fast Day appeal. Josie O'Reilly will talk about the Lent Appeal. **Saturday 14 February 2026 at the Becket Centre, St Thomas of Canterbury Church.** Refreshments from 10.45am, finishing around 1pm. All Welcome

Children's liturgy

Thank you to all of the children who have joined us during 10 a.m. mass each Sunday. The liturgy runs during term time only. It will not run on the following February half term dates: 15/2 and 22/2. We will return on Sunday 1st March.

SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass: 6pm Saturday;
8.30am; 10am & 11.30am Sunday
(The 11.30am Mass is recorded)

Join us for tea/coffee after Sunday Mass in the Becket Centre

10am Chigwell Convent

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am St Thomas'
9.30am Chigwell Convent except on Saturday's when mass takes place at 10am

CONFESIONS

Saturdays 10.30 to 11am
and
5.15 to 5.45 pm

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

Vacancy St Athony's

The Governors of this friendly Catholic school are looking to appoint a Mid-day Assistant to work with the children during the lunch-time break. The position is for 1 ½ hours per day during term time only.

Please visit our website for further information <https://www.stantonscatholicps.co.uk/vacancies/>

Maths tutor

I am a former Trinity student offering online GCSE Maths tutoring. I have three years experience and am currently studying for a Maths degree. Please get in touch if interested! +44793609027 - Carmela



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
8TH FEBRUARY 2026

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As we spend time together as members of the same community, we remind ourselves of the importance of a compassionate approach – to each other, to our neighbours, and to our global family. Today, we remember especially all those who are victims of trafficking. They are treated as goods to be traded, rather than as people with dignity.

First Reading Isaiah 58:7-10

Isaiah reminds us of the importance of compassion. He tells us how important it is not to look away from other people when they are hungry or homeless, but to share whatever we have with them.

Responsorial Psalm

A light rises in the darkness for the upright

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

St Paul says that he doesn't rely on clever words or great knowledge to persuade people. He speaks instead of his love of Jesus Christ. Even though he experiences anxiety and fear, Paul puts his trust in God.



FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR INDULGENCE

It is with joy that we announce the promulgation of the Decree establishing a special Jubilee Year in commemoration of the Eighth Centenary of the passage of St. Francis of Assisi.

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has arranged that, from the 10th January, 2026 to the 10th January, 2027, this Year of St. Francis will be celebrated, during which all the Christian faithful are invited to follow the example of the Saint of Assisi, becoming models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace.

The Apostolic Penitentiary grants the plenary indulgence under the usual conditions to those who participate devoutly in this extraordinary jubilee, which represents an ideal continuation of the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025.

This Jubilee Year is addressed especially to members of the Franciscan Families of the First, Second and Third Regular and Secular Orders, as well as to Institutes of Consecrated Life, Societies of Apostolic Life and Associations that observe the Rule of St. Francis or are inspired by its spirituality. However, the grace of this special year is also extended to all the faithful without distinction who, with their spirits removed from sin, visit in the form of a pilgrimage any Franciscan conventional church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis in any part of the world.

The elderly, the sick and those who for serious reasons cannot leave home will also be able to obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining the Jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains or sufferings to God.

In this time of celebration that culminates eight hundred years of Franciscan memory, we cordially invite all the faithful to take an active part in this exceptional Jubilee. May the shining example of St. Francis, who knew how to make himself poor and humble in order to be true alter Christus on earth, inspire our hearts to live with authentic Christian charity towards our neighbour and with sincere longings for concord and peace among peoples.

Following in the footsteps of the Poverello of Assisi, let us transform the hope that made us pilgrims during the Holy Year into fervour and zeal of effective charity. May this Year of St Francis be for each one of us a providential occasion for sanctification and evangelical witness in the contemporary world, for the glory of God and the good of the whole Church.

Conditions for receiving the Indulgence (for oneself or for the deceased)

- Sacramental confession to be in God's grace (in the eight days before or after);
- Participation in Mass and Eucharistic Communion;
- To visit in the form of a pilgrimage any Franciscan conventional church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world, where one renews one's profession of faith, through the recitation of the Creed, to reaffirm one's Christian identity;
- The recitation of the Lord's Prayer, to reaffirm the dignity of children of God, received in Baptism;
- To pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, to reaffirm belonging to the Church, whose foundation and visible centre of unity is the Roman Pontiff;

Baptism Congratulations

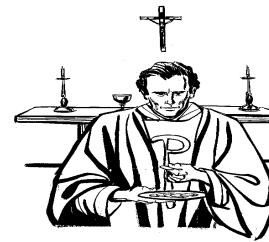
To the following children who were baptised at St Thomas in **January**; Louie Bobby; Michael Moore; Raya Amelia Leila Jina; Rafi Skibinski; Marlo Skibinski; Lochlan Hudson Chere Schneldmiller

Baptism Course

For first time parents will take place on 11th & 18th March. Applications forms are on the website.

Racial Justice

Last week's second collection raised £477.00 Thank you for your kind generosity.



The full list of Mass Intentions for the 9th -15th February will be published on Monday 9th February

Johanna Roedl's funeral is on Friday 27 February 2026 at 14.45 (live streaming won't be possible) followed by cremation Requiem mass at: Mount St Bernard Abbey, Oaks Road Coalville, Leicester LE67 5UL

Donations for the Homeless

The parish Young Vinnies group will be visiting the SVP homeless shelter in Southend in February and March and have been asked for donations of good quality coats joggers, hoodies, hats, gloves and new socks. If you have any you would like to donate please leave with the parish office between the **7th February - 23rd March** for collection

Lenten Lunches

Lunches will be available every Friday in Lent, starting on February 20th. Homemade soup, French bread and tea/ coffee will be served between 12.15 and 1.30 in the Becket Centre, all for just £5. Please do come and join us. The money that we raise goes to Mary's Meals, a charity that feeds schoolchildren in some of the poorest countries in the world.

St Vincent De Paul Society

Are you in urgent need – financial or other? Call us on 07547 491067 and leave a message. We will call you back

Church Cleaning Saturday, 14th February at 10.30am

Kathleen Mahoney, Bernie Siggins, Riannon Blackwell

BCCS Afternoon Tea

The Brentwood Catholic Children Society is delighted to kick off the year with an invitation to Afternoon Tea. Hosted in the opulent surroundings of the Roslin Beach Hotel in Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 17th February 2026 (13:30-15:30). Tickets are £35 per person - to book your place search www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/ or contact Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk.

Cake Sale on Sunday 15th February

Loyola Cantorum Boys Choir Group have been invited to sing at Brentwood Catholic Youth Group Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July and are fundraising to help towards the cost of this trip. The pilgrimage brings enormous joy to all who attend and the boys singing at Mass at the grotto, the basilica and during the torch light and adoration processions makes each service very special. Any support would be greatly appreciated so please come and grab a lovely pre Lent treat after 10am & 11:30am masses.

Second Collection Sunday, 8th February

There will be a second collection on Sunday, 8th February in support of **Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund**

Keep Fit

Every Monday from 8.15am - 9.15am. £5 per class. FREE on Monday 9th February. Come along and join us in the newly refurbished Henrietta Suite.