

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Lately dead:

◇ William Hill

May he rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Ana Maria Dias, Alexander Bedell, Anna-Maria Brinckenhoff, Domina Copindale, Joseph Dalli, George Mace, Veronica Seecharan, Frederick Glock, Richard Bachman, George Dadswell, Thomas Diamond, Adelina Gill, Carmen Cilia, Anne-Marie Rodgers Duffee, Henry Taylor, Lorna Barrientos, Christopher Nestor, Chu Chin Ooi, Sarah Saunders, Sarah Wilkie Saunders, Mary Wilkinson, Patricia Biggs, James Cavanagh, Reece Doyley.

Donations to the Church by Gift Aid envelopes

If you kindly donate to the Church by the use of Gift Aid envelopes please note that new envelopes for the next financial year are available for collection at the back of Church. Thank you for your continued support which enables us to increase your payment with HMRC.

Baptisms Congratulations

To Hannah Keep who was baptised in March.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on 18th April for one day.

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30 to 11am
and
5.15 to 5.45 pm

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month

Baptism Course

The next course for first time parents will take place on **29th May & 5th June**. Applications forms can be obtained from the Parish Office.

St Vincent De Paul Society

Grateful thanks from St Thomas' Conference to parishioners for their generosity to the pre-Easter collection which raised over £1,100.

Retiring collection

There will be a retiring collection
next weekend
for the promotion of vocations



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Served by the Franciscans

Third Sunday of Easter (B) 14th April 2024

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

Today's Gospel shows us that Jesus sees our loveliness before he sees our brokenness. He can heal the cracks and flaws which we try to hide even from ourselves.

First reading

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

God glorified Jesus by raising him back to life.

Second reading

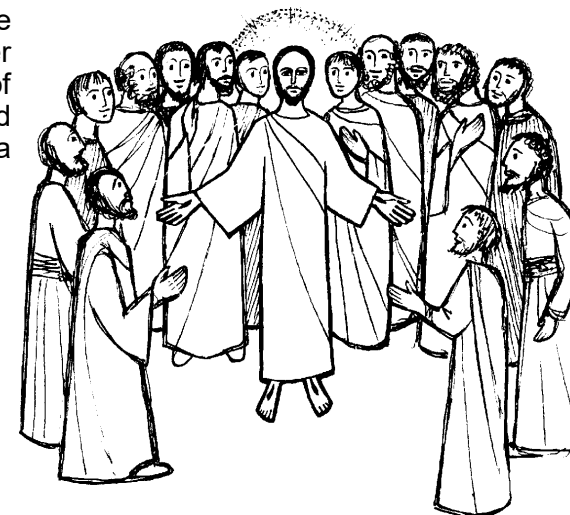
1 John 2:1-5

True love of Jesus means listening to him and obeying his word.

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears to the disciples hiding in the Upper Room and, instead of condemning their Good Friday cowardice, offers a greeting of peace.



Responsorial Psalm

Lift up the light of your face
on us, O Lord.

EASTER THANKS ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

The celebration of Holy Week and Easter was carried out in a very fitting fashion. Thanks to those who decorated the church. We don't see the work but very much appreciate the results. Thanks to the readers and to Michael Murphy who organises them and tells the celebrates who is designated for each service. Thanks also the music group and the choir who make it a celebration. The servers are getting more confident and their contribution is great. Thanks. The services of Holy Week were well attended but Easter morning was amazing; at both the 10 and 11.30 Masses we had over 500 people. Let's aim at that for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time!

**Pope Francis
sends his Easter greeting.**

***Dear brothers and sisters,
Happy Easter!***

Today throughout the world there resounds the message proclaimed two thousand years ago from Jerusalem: "Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has been raised!" (Mk 16:6).

The Church relives the amazement of the women who went to the tomb at dawn on the first day of the week. The tomb of Jesus had been sealed with a great stone. Today too, great stones, heavy stones, block the hopes of humanity: the stone of war, the stone of humanitarian crises, the stone of human rights violations, the stone of human trafficking, and other stones as well. Like the women disciples of Jesus, we ask one another: "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" (cf. Mk 16:3). This is the amazing discovery of that Easter morning: the stone, the immense stone, was rolled away. The astonishment of the women is our astonishment as well: the tomb of Jesus is open and it is empty! From this, everything.

Are you New to the Parish?

If so, Please come along and join the Parish Council and Ushers for some refreshments on **28th April** between 3 and 5pm in the Becket Centre



Lenten Lunches Thank you

There was exceptional support for Lenten Lunches this year, and a record amount of money - £3,067 - was raised. This has been sent to Mary's Meals, to feed schoolchildren in some of the world's poorest countries. Many thanks to all who participated in any way: the soup makers (all the soups are donated), the soup consumers and all the helpers. Your unstinting generosity, whether with your time or money, is much appreciated.

Church Parade

Church Parade will be taking place on **21st April at the 10am Mass**. This will be followed by a cake sale in the becket Centre

Reminder—Car Park

There will be restricted access to the car park during the week 22nd April. Please be considerate if using the car park.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 25th May 2024

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to go please enter your details on the sheet in the porch.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 14th April

8.30 Mrs Peg Flanagan RIP
10 Angela Meyler
11.30 Carl Knights RIP

Monday 15th April

Eileen Rennie RIP
Joseph Comely RIP

Tuesday 16th April

Anne & her children
Frank Ford RIP

Wednesday 17th April

C.W.L
Mary Keogh
Kathleen McCarthy RIP

Thursday 18th April

Eileen Collins intentions
Tanie Mitchell intentions

Friday 19th April

Chu Chin anniversary
Patrick Silva RIP

Saturday 20th April

10 Anet Isaac thanksgiving
6 John & Angela Carneiro

Sunday 21st April

8.30 Valerie Shearmur RIP
10 Isabelle recovery
11.30 John Vernon

Companions of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

will next meet on **15th April** at 2.00pm at Chigwell Convent

Church Cleaning
Saturday 20th April at 10.30am
Bernie Siggins, Rachel Woolf &
Kathleen Mahoney

World Day of Prayer for Vocations 20/21 April

Next weekend, 20/21 April, the Church considers and prays for Vocations and especially as baptised Catholics, to be a priest and religious, along with the call of marriage and the Catholic single life. Let us reflect and pray together on the specific call in the religious life and ordained ministry so vital and necessary for the present and future of our Church. We, in particular as Franciscans, pray for more young men and women, aged 18-40, to think about such a way of life, calling and service as a Franciscan friar, sister and lay Franciscan. **Why not make enquiries from a friar; via the website - friar.org; and/or emailing - vocations@friar.org**

Charity Spring Music & Dinner Evening on Saturday 27 April

The Epping Forest Catenian Circle is sponsoring a Spring Music and Dinner *All parishioners are very welcome to this social event with a classical guitarist and light music for all tastes. Tickets £35. Please text for tickets to Bernard Bourdillon (07867 908814) or Iain McLay (07806 998187).*

DIY Abortion up to Birth and Assisted Suicide Debate

These matters are coming up in Parliament in the next few weeks. Should they come into law they will change society's protection of life at its beginning and end. Please contact your MP to express your opposition. Here are the links you can use www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments and www.spuc.org.uk/livesworthliving.