

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Lately dead:** Peter Braley

In the 1950s Peter was a founder member of St Thomas of Canterbury Youth Club, the Montclair Players and the Junior SVP. His Requiem Mass will be offered at Our Lady Queen of Peace, The Avenue, Braintree CM7 HY on Thursday 15 June 2023 at 10.45.

*May he rest in peace*

## Anniversaries:

Rosemarie Lawrence, Sister Camellus Shanahan, Pdraig Gorman, Patricia Pearce, Patricia Bell, Sister Maurice Cleere, Yvonne Daly, Cuthbert McNult, Mary Woskett, Peter Hayes, John Smith -Pryor, Gerald Jones, Virgil Gillings, Winnifred Nethercott, Kathleen Bacon, Irmgard Bass, Eileen Beerli, Henry Gosling,

## Prayer for the parish

Lord we ask you to bless our parish. Help us to know you in a new and deeper way. Help us to listen sincerely to your word. Open our hearts to your grace, that we may be more faithful in following your way. Bless all the families in our parish especially families that are experiencing special difficulties. Bless the old, the lonely, the poor, the sick, the unemployed, those in sorrow, those in despair, those who have lost their way. May your love be upon us O Lord as we place our hope in you.

## Mass Timetable

*The masses on Saturday evening and Sunday at St Thomas' are live streamed*

## 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

## Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection this weekend for the sick clergy in the Diocese.



# ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Woodford Green

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Served by the Franciscans

## The Body and Blood of Christ (A) 11th June 2023

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

Today, on the feast of Corpus Christi, we celebrate God's great gift to us, the gift of eternal life. Jesus feeds us with bread from heaven, his body and his blood, to make us holy and raise us up on the last day.

### First Reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

Moses asks the people to remember how God saved them from slavery in Egypt and fed them in the desert with the bread-like manna.

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The bread we break in the Eucharist forms us into one body.

### Gospel John 6:51-58

The living bread that Jesus gives his faithful people is his flesh, and it bestows on us eternal life

### Responsorial Psalm

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!



## Feast of the Body and blood of Christ

Or: Corpus Christi. "Get real" Pope Francis keeps insisting. Jesus does. We do believe that Jesus is really present, is really our food when we receive him at mass. It is this belief and practice that defines us as Catholic and differing from many other Christians. Today is a day for thinking: How seriously do I take Jesus when I receive the host? In times past receiving communion was much less frequent. Mass was a time for awe: the greatness of God. Only a priest dared touch the host and chalice. Taking Holy Communion to the sick he would speak to no one, such was his reverence. It is totally good that now so many more receive, and so frequently. Jesus is food for our journey. Not a reward for being good, but nourishment giving energy, joy, enthusiasm to our faith. On a mum's birthday we tell her how much we appreciate all the love she gives in feeding and caring for us. So today we do for Jesus.

Now our practice at mass is casual. Have we gone too far in relaxing all the emphasis on the gap between little me and God? Too careless about how we receive communion? Chattering as we return to our seat? Failing to spend some quiet time before and after receiving him? The precious time for talking familiarly with Jesus is immediately after we return to our bench. We can pay a visit to the church to pray to him, really there. These are all good things for all of us to review today.

Today we conclude this year's series of special masses for the first communicants. Next week I hope to begin a review of how it went. I ask parents and families to tell me whether they felt the programme was good, and all their feelings about the day of their child's first communion. We have a lot to learn before we decide another programme.

## Summer weather

We have enjoyed much sun recently but unfortunately an East wind has kept us a bit too cool. So please pray for good weather for the outdoor events coming up. The joint Summer Fair, originally booked for June 17<sup>th</sup> has been delayed a week till June 24<sup>th</sup>. This has upset some participants who had kept the original date free and are not free on the 24th. Let's hope the delay means that the new date will bring better weather. Then on Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> we hope to have sun for our annual Mass in the garden with a picnic to follow. There will be only one mass that day and none in St Thomas church –trusting on the weather of course. So pray for sun!

## Joint Summer Fete 24th June

The organisers are in need of helpers for setting up and clearing up, please text on 07805296582 or email [friendsofstantonys@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstantonys@gmail.com) if you can offer some time.

They also need donations for raffle prizes



More importantly they hope that you will join them on the day between 12 & 4pm for this important Church/School community event



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday 11th June

8.30 Ray Konrath RIP  
10 Maureen Kivineen RIP  
11.30 John Buckley RIP

### Monday 12th June

Alice Plant

Chigwell Elizabeth Blanchfield RIP

### Tuesday 13th June

Peter Hayes anniversary  
Sullivan family RIP

### Wednesday 14th June

John G Smith-Pryor anniversary  
Konrath family

### Thursday 15th June

Tom Walsh RIP  
Trinity intentions

Funeral 11am Margarida Gomes

### Friday 16th June

Becky McVicar RIP  
Victoria Caston ill

### Saturday 17th June

10 Leslie Charles anniversary  
6 John Maguire

### Sunday 18th June

8.30 Patrick Murphy anniversary  
10 Martin McNicholas anniversary  
11.30 Barnes family thanks

**Church Cleaning**  
**Saturday 17 June at 10.30am**  
Rachel Woolf & Kathleen Mahoney

## Gift Aid annual statement 2022/2023

The annual statements have been sent to parishioners by email. If you require Gift Aid Statement and have not received one, please email [parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org). Please include your full name and address in the email.

## Parish Concert Saturday July 8th at 7.45 pm.

A Parish summer concert will be held in the church, with the return of the professional 'Lux Aeterna' orchestra and a superb choir of parish singers. Tickets must be purchased in advance. They are available from the Parish Shop and Office. The cost is £12 and £14 inclusive of Programme & interval refreshments. Children under 18 are free when accompanied by parents/carer. **To purchase tickets**, please put your details on an envelope, with your name, how many tickets, if any are for children and put the correct cash inside.

## Trinity Vacancies

- Careers Leader
- SEN TA
- Midday Supervisor

Please visit the school website for more information

## Across Jumbulance Quiz

Saturday 17th June Chingford parish hall 7.30pm for 8.00pm  
admission £5.00  
bring your own drinks and snacks