

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Patrick McCreesh;

Margarida Gomes
(*Mother of Sue Boulton*)
Margarida's funeral will take place on
15th June at 11am at St Thomas'.

Anniversaries:

Mary Coughlan, Sister Valeria Morris,
Rory Roberts, Stanley Negus, Colm
O'Herlihy, Wayne Stratford, John Walsh,
Aldo Iervolino, Marion Peachey, Jack
Poulter, Eileen Punter, Patrick Redican,
Grace Taylor, Marie Casper, Bernard
Halliday, Liam McGowan, Patrick Black,
Martin Dempsey, Bridget Dewey, Sonia
Malone, Margaret McCreesh, Mary
Poynter, Bernard Woolerton, Paula
McCormack, Sister Marie Mulhearn,
Edward (Ted) Unstead, Veronica
Andrews, Roy Ketteridge, Patrick
(Monty) McGuinness, Maximillian
Ptasznik.

Companion of the sacred Heart

The Companions of the Sacred Hearts
of Jesus and Mary will be meeting at
Chigwell Convent at 2.00 pm on
Monday 5th June 2023.

Parish Council

The Parish Council will next meet on
12 June 2023.

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 next
weekend for the sick clergy.



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Served by the Franciscans

The Most Holy Trinity (A) 4th June 2023

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

Where do we begin to understand God, who is totally beyond our human capacity to grasp? Let us come humbly before our God to hear what might be revealed to us today.

First Reading Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

Moses bows before the Lord, acknowledging the guilt of the people.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

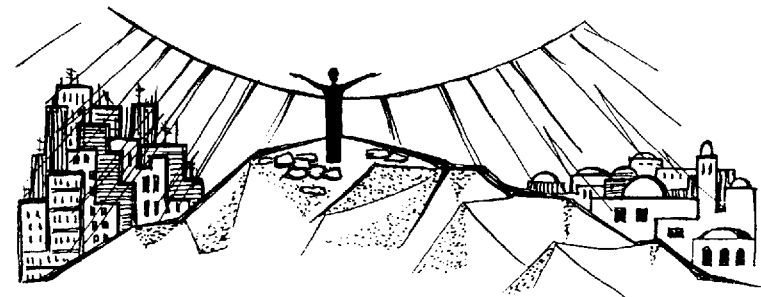
Paul encourages us to be happy as we live in love and peace with God and each other.

Gospel John 3:16-18

God's love for the world is such that God's only Son was sent into the world so that through him the world might be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

To you glory and praise for evermore.



Confirmation

At 7.30 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings this week our young candidates will receive the sacrament. Their preparation has been long and challenging for the candidates and for the large number of adults who have volunteered to be their catechists. The teen years are years for searching and questioning. The peer pressure of a secular society and the airwaves weigh heavily against the commitment of faith. Cynics say that nowadays young people simply give up after confirmation. Maybe some will. Many will not. For the generosity and encouragement of the catechists has been a powerful encouragement this year in the individual and collective search for beauty and goodness. The result will only appear in future years. We know the Holy Spirit is active. Very often we fail to see him at working in ways we do not recognise.

The Journey of faith finished this year's weekly meetings with the confirmation of four of their number last Sunday. This has been a particularly successful year, rich in sharing, laughter and a build-up of real family spirit. A real warm sharing soon began to show itself early on. Everyone contributed. It was a sense of belonging to a close-knit family. Once more it was the accompaniment of you members of the parish each week that produced this result. So have a good rest now. In September the next contingent of both Journeys will start for the next cohort. Faith is largely caught, not taught. Please persevere.



Catholic newspaper

Of old there were several appearing in print weekly. Gradually they disappeared, though some have been available on-line. Now *The Universe* is resuming publication in print. You may have seen a couple of issues at the back of the church in the past 2 weeks. We need to be informed of what is happening in our church, locally and nationally and the *Universe* provides some help. Views of whether we should provide will be welcomed.



Celebration of marriage

In his encyclical *The Joy of Love* Pope Francis instructed us that we should provide help to those approaching marriage so that they are fully aware of all the advantages and resources our catholic practice provides. Not all know or appreciate what we do regularly offer in SToC. But the Pope also instructed that we continue this support particularly in the months and years just after marriage, but throughout. Accordingly Bishop Alan invites all to a celebration mass and reception each year. Just to celebrate your marriage and family, to be affirmed in what you are doing and to know you are not alone. The invitation is for July 15th. I have invitation cards if you would like to take part at Brentwood this year. We were represented at last year's annual mass and I hear good reports of it.

Secular Franciscan Order

The Secular Franciscan Order is meeting at the church (Assisi Room) on June 11th at 2:30pm, this is open to anyone to attend and sit in and find out more.

Mass Intentions



Sunday 4th June

8.30 Ray Konrath RIP
10 Helen Holland nee Holmes RIP
11.30 People of the parish

Monday 5th June

Josephine & George Hendo wedding anniversary
Holy Souls

Tuesday 6th June

Holly Bethell RIP 11 years old
McLoughlin family

Wednesday 7th June

C.W.L
7.30pm Bertha Grabenhofer RIP

Thursday 8th June

Sean McGarry RIP
7.30pm Peter Wohlmutth RIP

Friday 9th June

Sonia Malone anniversary
Deceased of SHJM

Saturday 10th June

10am Peter Braley RIP
6 pm Stubbings family thanks

Sunday 11th June

8.30 Ray Konrath
10 Maureen Kivineen RIP
11.30 John Buckley RIP

Church Cleaning Thursday 8th June at 9.00am

Jackie John Mary Charter,
Srimathie Crusz, Margaret Parkinson

Parish/School Summer Fete Saturday, 24th June

The organisers would also like to make the raffle fun and exciting, so please do let us know if there is anything your business or yourself can donate as a raffle prize. Another big help for the event would be if any business would like to sponsor any aspect of the event, with lots of promotion guaranteed, so if you are interested in sponsoring and promoting your business please do get in touch with the Parish Office.

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.

The Raphaël Pilgrimage to Lourdes

You are invited to join our Pilgrimage to Lourdes (18th-25th August). The base price is £740. Applications from assisted pilgrims and those able to help are welcome. Contact Paul Affleck: 020 8504 9138/ 07952 818241

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