

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

### Lately dead:

- ◇ Ian Howes
- ◇ Anne O'Mahoney
- ◇ Phillip Wright

*May they rest in peace*

### Anniversaries:

Monica Dias, John Burgess, Hannah Hayday, Derek Pyner, Anthony Caprice, James McDonnell, Bernadine Deberry, Leonard Archer, Patricia Coffey, Frederick Talbot, Giovanna Clifford, Bernadette Mace, John Morrill, Phyllis Friend, Brian Howes, Michael Ryan.

### Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Council will next meet on 9th October

### Palliative care Pilgrimage to Lourdes October 2023

ACROSS Jumbulance has a new group, "Across Paths", comprising specialist palliative medical and nursing practitioners to support patients with a terminal diagnosis to travel to Lourdes 5-14 October 2023. We have some available places for those with palliative care needs to travel and family members are also welcome to join the experience. Please contact Debbie if you would like more information on 07847714781.

## 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

Thank you for your donations of £272.29 to Evangelii Gaudium Day

There will be a retiring collection for SVP this weekend

Cafod Harvest Fast Day  
Takes place on 6th October. Envelopes will be available at the back of Church next weekend



# ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 24th September 2023

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

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect that the Lord, who came down from heaven for our sake and for our salvation, calls everyone to work in his vineyard and so enter the kingdom of heaven.

### First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

Isaiah preaches to the people, urging them to return to the Lord who is rich in forgiving.

### Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27

The apostle calls us to avoid anything in our everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel.

### Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Even at the eleventh hour the Lord calls people to work in his vineyard.

### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is close to all who call him



## Meeting in Preparation for re-starting Children's Liturgy.

Those who attend the 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays will remember a child coming up and taking a book from the priest and then going out for a children's liturgy. Lock down put an end to that arrangement but parents have been asking that it be revived. On Monday we had a meeting with Anne Farmer, who had arranged the sessions in the past, and with volunteers who want to make it happen again. There was enthusiasm among the volunteers and a little nervousness in wanting to get it started. The point was made strongly that the children would concentrate on the Gospel of the Sunday at their level of understanding. It was not a child minding service but education in the faith. We had about ten volunteers but we need more so that each volunteer is on duty only once a month. If you could join the volunteers, then tell the parish office. Unfortunately, DBS checks are not portable from one organisation to another so Nicky Crowther is getting on with the checks. There will be two groups; one for Reception and Year 1 children and the other for Year 2 children. We hope to start with the Year 2 group in Advent and the other group in the New Year. We hope this will help parents to carry out their responsibility for educating children in faith.

## Someone is looking after us

A sharp eyed parishioner recently got us a £7,500 rebate on our parish gas bill. He noticed that they had charged us at the rate of (not exact figures) .1 instead of .01 per thermal unit. It is a good idea to check your bills' calculation. Thanks very much.

## Parish Fabric Team

We are a small team who look after/ carry out the repairs and maintenance throughout the site that constantly require attention, and for bigger stuff we help identify and manage suitable contractors. If you have some DIY skills, OR experience of tendering and contract management, please contact the parish office - WE NEED YOU!!

## Certificates of Practice

Fr Michael will be available to sign certificates of Practice on the following days

- Wednesday 27th September  
3 to 4pm
- Friday 29th September  
7 to 8pm

## St Thomas Under 5s Parent & Baby Group

Please note that we will not be open on Wednesday 27th.

## International Food Evening

On Saturday 21st October @ 7:30pm we will be hosting an international food evening as a Parish fundraising event. We are in need of volunteers to make a dish for the event and if you would like to help or need further information, please email [michellespears@live.co.uk](mailto:michellespears@live.co.uk).

## St Thomas' Prayer Group

Will be held in the Becket Centre on Saturday mornings commencing on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 to 11.30am All welcome.



## Mass Intentions

**Sunday 24th September**  
8.30 Vincent Browne RIP  
10 John Arckless RIP  
11.30 Laurence Dillon RIP

**Monday 25th September**  
Intentions Martin & Breda Long  
Maria's parents 50 wedding  
Chigwell Mary Blanchfield anniversary

**Tuesday 26th September**  
Anthony Caprice anniversary  
David Fahy RIP

**Wednesday 27th September**  
Funeral 10 Rita Roberts  
James Moran  
Anthony McCormack RIP

**Thursday 28th September**  
Mary Lane RIP  
Maisie 001 RIP

**Friday 29th September**  
Maura Clarke  
Marie Boylan RIP

**Saturday 30th September**  
10 Brian Howes anniversary  
6 Phyllis Kelly RIP

**Sunday 1st October**  
8.30 George Davenport RI  
10 Izzy Tudisca RIP  
11.30 Ian Howes RIP

## Catholic Fellowship Service

Will take place at 3pm this Sunday at St Thomas, followed by refreshments in the Becket Centre

## Church Cleaning Saturday 30th September 10.30am

Rosie O'Connor & Charmaine Turrell

## Baptism Congratulations

To the following children who were baptised during September  
Maisie McMullen, Olivia Gotobed,  
Jack Edward, Maya Edwards,  
Fraser Kelly,  
Millicent Francis-McKenzie

## Assisi lunches

We are contemplating restarting the Assisi lunches in some form. If you have ever volunteered in the past and are willing and able to do so again please send your name and contact number into the parish office. If you haven't ever been involved and would like more information please send details in and we will arrange a meeting to move things forward.

## Franciscan life: Invitation

The Franciscan Community invite enquiries from single Catholic people aged 18-40 years pondering a possible vocation in the religious and/or priestly life, and Franciscan life; (website: [www.friar.org](http://www.friar.org)). If interested and need guidance, please talk to one of the Friars or contact *Br Dónal ofm* via email - [brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk)

## Yoga

Gentle Yoga for the older student  
Tuesdays 12-1.30pm  
For details; please contact Jacqui on 0208 5049035  
Please leave a message and I'll return your call.