

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

### Funerals:

**Margaret Mary Carrig** was welcomed into Church on Tuesday, 7th April at 5pm. The funeral took place on Wednesday, 8th April. The funeral of **Anthony Nardone** will take place on Monday, 13th April at 11.30am. The funerals of **Declan Conlan** and **Niall Conlan** will take place on Tuesday, 14th April at 11.00am.

### Anniversaries

Nina Brovelli, Francis French, Martin Staunton, John Fells, Domina Copindale, Alexander Bedell, George Mace, Veronica Seecharan, Anna-Maria Brinckenhoff, Joseph Dalli, Frederick Glock, Richard Bachman, Adelina Gill, Thomas Diamond, George Dadswell, Carmen Cilia, Henry Taylor, Anne-Marie Duffee Rodgers, Piedade Florencio De Sa, Michael Loftus,

### St Francis of Assisi: His Legacy for Today - Saturday, 2nd May 11am—1pm

Speaker - Fr Alban McCoy OFM Conv, Cambridge University. Christ the Eternal Priest Catholic Church, 410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Refreshments will be available in the hall from 10.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. Easy access on the Elizabeth Line, 5 mins walk to church. Livestream is available free of charge at [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). No prior booking necessary.

### Repair Cafe - St Mary's, South Woodford

Broken lamp? Squeaky bike brakes? The Repair Café is a voluntary initiative to reduce waste and help you save money. Come along from **10am-1pm on Saturday 18 April** where a volunteer fixer will help bring your broken items back to life. It's FREE, everyone is welcome and there are refreshments to enjoy.

### **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

### SVP news update

The Young Vinnies spent two days supporting the SVP St Vincent's centre supporting people who are homeless in Southend and have taken with them many donations from the parish which have been very gratefully received.

They were also proud to present a cheque to the centre for £1000 of monies raised from their 'sponsored sleepout'. 19 of the Young Vinnies slept outside in the friary gardens in solidarity with the homeless. Thank you to the parish for their continued support.

### 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.

### 50th Anniversary Celebration

Trinity Catholic High School is proudly celebrating 50 years of serving our community. To mark this important milestone, they are hosting a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Black Tie Ball, an elegant evening bringing together students, families, alumni, and local supporters on **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May** at **Woolston Manor**. Please contact Avril on 07805296582 for more information.



**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY**  
Woodford Green

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Served by the Franciscans

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)** **SUNDAY, 12TH APRIL 2026**

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

Today we consider how, by rejecting doubt, our faith in the resurrection of Jesus infuses our lives with joy in anticipation of the salvation he promised.

### **First Reading Acts 2:42-47**

The first Christians rejoiced in their fellowship and shared everything particularly with the poor and needy in the name of Jesus.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy ensures for ever.

### **Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9**

God the Father raised Jesus to life so that we can all, through faith, look forward to our salvation.



## **EASTER JOY!**

We have experienced a joyful Holy Week and Easter. The centre of everything was the Liturgy which is Christ's activity among us and this was carried out with care and faith. In these ceremonies, the friars are not always sure of the order things but for the most part, neither do the people so we cannot go wrong. In fact, everything was done well and the atmosphere of silence in the church just called us all to pray. The Vigil was special with the baptism of 5 adults, the reception into full communion of a number of people and the confirmation. Seeing this ceremony jogged the memory of the path all of us had taken in the past and thus of the goodness of God towards us. Father Quentin and the Journey of Faith team are to be congratulated and it must have been a fitting ending to your work. Ceremonies are a celebration but that does not mean that there is not a lot of work in the setting up and carrying out of them. A lot of the ground work is done by our fantastic office staff, Suzie, Maria and Tania. The cleaners make sure the setting is right and then those who decorate the church do their bit with artistry and care. The musicians practise, lead and support us as singing, we pray twice. Finally, the sacristan and servers set us on our way to carry out the Lord's work. Well, done! Alleluia, Alleluia.

### ***Brothers and sisters, Christ is risen! Happy Easter!***

For centuries, the Church has joyfully sung of the event that is the origin and foundation of her faith: "Yes, Christ my hope is arisen / Christ indeed from death is risen / Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning" (*Easter Sequence*). Easter is the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of love over hatred. It is a victory that came at a very high price: Christ, the Son of the living God (cf. *Mt* 16:16), had to die — and die on a cross — after suffering an unjust condemnation, being mocked and tortured, and shedding all his blood. As the true immolated Lamb, he took upon himself the sin of the world (cf. *Jn* 1:29; *1 Pet* 1:18–19) and thus freed us all — and with us, all creation — from the dominion of evil. But *how* was Jesus able to be victorious? What is the strength with which he defeated once and for all the ancient adversary, the prince of this world (cf. *Jn* 12:31)? What is the power with which he rose from the dead, not returning to his former life, but entering into eternal life and thus opening in his own flesh the passage

from this world to the Father? This strength, this power, is God himself for he is Love who creates and generates, Love who is faithful to the end and Love who forgives and redeems. Christ, our "victorious King," fought and won his battle through trusting abandonment to the Father's will, to his plan of salvation (cf. *Mt* 26:42). Thus he walked the path of dialogue to the very end, not in words but in deeds: to find us who were lost, he became flesh; to free us who were slaves, he became a slave; to give life to us mortals, he allowed himself to be killed on the cross. The power with which Christ rose is entirely nonviolent. It is like that of a grain of wheat which, having rotted in the earth, grows, breaks through the clods, sprouts, and becomes a golden ear of wheat. It is even more like that of a human heart which, wounded by an offense, rejects the instinct for revenge and, filled with compassion, prays for the one who has committed the offense. Brothers and sisters, this is the true strength that brings peace to humanity, because it fosters respectful relationships at every level: among individuals, families, social groups, and nations. It does not seek private interests, but the common good; it does not seek to impose its own plan, but to help design and carry out a plan together with others. Yes, Christ's resurrection is the beginning of a new humanity; it is the entrance into the true promised land, where justice, freedom, and peace reign, where all recognize one another as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father who is Love, Life, and Light. Brothers and sisters, through his resurrection, the Lord confronts us even more powerfully with the dramatic reality of our freedom. Before the empty tomb, we can be filled with hope and wonder, like the disciples, or with fear like the guards and the Pharisees, forced to resort to lies and subterfuge rather than acknowledge that the one who had been condemned is truly risen (cf. *Mt* 28:11–15)! In the light of Easter, let us allow ourselves to be amazed by Christ! Let us allow our hearts to be transformed by his immense love for us! Let those who have weapons lay them down! Let those who have the power to unleash wars choose peace! Not a peace imposed by force, but through dialogue! Not with the desire to dominate others, but to encounter them!

**Pope Leo**



## **Mass Intentions**

**12th—19th April**

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

8.30am - Sr M Fay Gilhooley RIP  
10am - Peggy Carrig RIP  
11.30am - John Burnham RIP  
Chigwell - Kathleen Blanchfield anniversary

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Ciaran Leonard  
Eamonn Gaughan anniversary

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Mrs Anna Doherty anniversary  
Theresa Hurley  
Auxilia & Raphael Musonza

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

Martin McShea anniversary  
Kay Savage  
A & R Musonza

### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Mary McCarthy anniversary  
Mrs Jean O'Keefe

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Mary O'Connor RIP  
Wendy Keeling

### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

10am - Intention of Sr Sandra Harrington  
6pm - The Meyler family

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

8.30am - Peg Carrig RIP  
10am - Chu Chin anniversary  
11.30am - Mrs Rejami anniversary

### **\*\* ADVANCE NOTICE \*\***

#### **Local Elections on Thursday, 7th May**

St Thomas will be used as a polling station from **6am—10.30pm**. The Becket Centre will be **CLOSED** and there **will be no car park available** for parents for pick up or drop off on that day.

**Church Cleaning**  
**Friday, 17th April at 9.00am**  
Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Susanna Barnoin, Michelle Liddle, Agatha Emohare, Susan Juffs

## **VACANCY**

- **St Mary's Catholic School**  
Experienced KS2 Class Teacher. Closing Date 13th April 2026. For further information & application forms visit <http://www.stmaryschingford.com> or Mrs Sharkey, School Office on **0208 529 4723** or email: [jsharkey7.320@lgflmail.org](mailto:jsharkey7.320@lgflmail.org)
- **Trinity Catholic High School**  
**Cover Supervisor** - F/T, Permanent, ASAP  
**Cover Manager**, F/T, Permanent, ASAP  
**Teacher of RE**, F/T, Permanent, April/Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> in Charge of RE, F/T, Permanent, ASAP or Sept
- **St. Mary's South Woodford** are looking for a Parish Office Manager. 18 hours a week. If interested please contact [info@stmaryswoodford.org](mailto:info@stmaryswoodford.org). Applications by 14<sup>th</sup> April 5pm."

## **Holy Communion Masses 2026**

**Calling all Sacristans, Readers, Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers**  
Between 9th May & 13th June there will be first holy communion masses on Saturdays at 11.30am. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help.

## **Red Box 2025 – Thank you**

£1,048.65 was raised through Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance, and rely on your support so they can continue to flourish.

## **Parish Council**

The next Parish Council meeting will meet on Monday, 13th April at 7.30pm

**Yoga classes** resume next week in the Becket centre. Contact Claudia 07973 122 322 or visit [soulfullyyogaandfitness.com](http://soulfullyyogaandfitness.com) for more information.