

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead:

◇ Keith Barron,
Funeral at St Thomas' on 10th May

◇ Sister Teresa Quinn
Formally of 6 The Green

◇ Lorna Barrientos

◇ Ray Konrath

◇ Neil Jameson
Founder of Citizens UK, died peacefully in Cornwall with his family. Neil was the visionary who brought community organising to the UK in the 1980's and was the Executive Director of Citizens UK until 2019. He had the determination and talent to build something from nothing and his legacy in UK democracy and social justice cannot be overstated. He did much for SToc through our involvement with Telco, part of UK Citizens.

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Jessie Anderson, Luciana Dodge, Anthony Fair, Eileen Hands, Terence Lewis, Maureen Morgan, Ann Starr, Anne Loftus, Mary Onn, Richard Flynn, Maria Birbeck, Joseph Greene, Catherine Moran, Barbara Smith, Paul Crick, Edward Craft, Hazel Dutta, Mary Kelly, Francis Quinn, Maureen Cowell, John Dunbar, Mary Fuscoe, Rose Moore.

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 Collections

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

The **SVP** will have a retiring collection next weekend for the good works that they undertake.



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Served by the Franciscans

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A) 30th April 2023

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

The Church observes the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. We pray for vocations to the priesthood and to religious life, and for every calling that contributes to making God's dream come true, of a human family united in love.

First Reading Acts 2: 14. 36-41

A call to repentance, and a radical new way of thinking and behaving. Peter declares that the Holy Spirit is promised to all whom God calls.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25

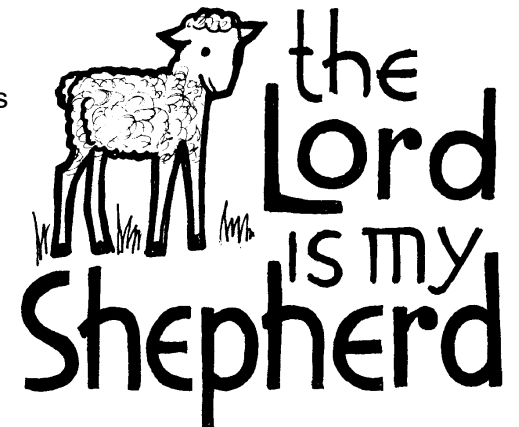
Peter calls us to turn back "to the shepherd and guardian of our souls". We are called to do what is right, even if it means suffering.

Gospel John 10:1-10

Jesus is the shepherd and the gate of the sheepfold, guarding and protecting the sheep.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want



Ministers of Communion

It is time for a review of this most important ministry in our parish. First of all it was a struggle to discover who the commissioned members are. Finally after much writing and phoning Michael has discovered that there are 38 ready and willing to exercise this ministry. Of these 11 are willing to take communion to the sick and housebound. Riches indeed. These existing Ministers were commissioned at various times each for a set period. Two things are now needed:

Renewal

I invite you Ministers all to come for a meeting. We will follow established practice by starting with a period of Adoration. Then we will review details of our practice in church and also when taking communion into homes. And welcome any thoughts, concerns or suggestions you may have. I suggest you may choose between two opportunities: either Tuesday 16th or Monday 22nd May. I will be glad to hear your comments and possible adjustments.

Communion to the sick and housebound

At present seven of our Ministers are going each week to homes and care-homes. I am very grateful to them for their regularity. I see in neighbouring parishes a greater number are doing this service. I fear that there are some of our brothers and sisters who have been actively engaged in our parish, but now through age and infirmity can no longer come to church. If you know of any, please do let us know without delay. "I don't like to trouble you" is often heard. Bringing you communion is not trouble. It is what we are here for.

'Come and See'

'Come and See' event on the Permanent Diaconate with Bishop Alan, for all those wishing to learn more about the ministry of deacons in the Church and in the Diocese. Of particular interest to men considering a call to serve as deacons, and to parish priests seeking to promote vocations within their parishes. For more information contact kencarleton@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Saturday 20th May 2023, 11.00 (Mass) to 14.30 at St Anne Line Church.

St George's day parade

Made a lovely mass last Sunday as the uniformed groups took over. The preparation, readers of texts and prayers, collectors were every bit as good as those who regularly give this service. It brought home what a valuable service we have in SToC through the ladies and men who regularly guide them laying firm foundations of catholic practice. But the leaders are dwindling. The brownies/guides will not be able to continue for long if no one comes forward to help. Think if you could do a little. It is fun and rewarding for you as for them.

"We must do something for our youth"

How many times have you heard this? And you have heartily agreed. Today you see notice of a most generous offer of Bishop Alan to provide some funding for the employment of a youth worker for parish partnerships. Posters at the back of the Church explain the details of this offer. It is one we must consider very carefully. Please read the text.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 30th April
8.30 Martin McShea RIP
10 Walter Spence RIP
11.30 Stubberfield family members ill

Monday 1st May
Pamela Craft

Tuesday 2nd May
Paddy Walsh RIP
Sisters of Chigwell convent

Wednesday 3rd May
C.W.L
Michael Loftus

Thursday 4th May
Ray & Anita Konrath
Trinity intentions

Friday 5th May
Ted Craft anniversary
Adelaide Rutendo Musonga

Saturday 6th May
10 Mary Prendergast RIP
6 King Charles

Sunday 7th May
8.30 Allen Charles RIP
10 Glafira De Souza RIP
11.30 Dadswell family

Good Shepherd Sunday

Fr Donal reminds us to pray earnestly today that good young ladies and men will think hard about joining priesthood or religious congregations. And he offers his support to any who may wish to explore further. Speak to one of the friars about religious life. Please contact Br Dónal ofm (Franciscan Vocations contact) via email: brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk

Church Cleaning
Saturday 6th May at 10.30am
Rosie O'Connor & Charmaine Turrell

Can you help

We are looking for more volunteers in the Church, Would you be willing to join a rota for Sunday morning teas, church cleaning, photocopying, ushering, children's liturgy, summer fete plus many more. If so speak to a Priest or one of the current volunteers or if you would like more information contact the parish office.

Baptism Congratulations

To the following children who were baptised at St Thomas' in April:

Jason McDonagh
Bobby Nash
Harry Moore
Oliver Moore
Wynter Brown
Robyn Deacon



Trinity vacancy

Medical Protocol Administrator. Please find more information on the school website.

10am Mass

The Music Group will be taking a break on Sunday 7 May but will resume playing the following week.

All Night vigil Every first Friday of the month 5th May 2023 9pm-5am

In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. More information please check the Notice Board or St Patrick's Church website www.stpatrickswalth.co.uk/.