

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Anniversaries:

Angela Carroll, Annette Ensom, Harold Hetherington, Harold Poynter, Jacqueline Reilly, Franjo Sekolec, Kathleen Smith, Margaret(Nuala) Hancock, Sister Rose Maguire, Cornelius O'Callaghan, James Woskett, George Oriss, Rosa Wheeler, Gillian Doherty, Clara Farley, Peter Marsh, Katherine McMahon, Teresa Tyner, Theresa Zechmeister, Gerard Brunning, Ellen Dye, Witold Korkiewicz, John Murphy, Eugene Vas, Elsie Valles Stanley Dias.

TELCO - Homelessness and Rough Sleeping in Redbridge

Redbridge Council is consulting the public on themes to inform a homelessness and rough sleeping strategy for 2024-2029.

We are inviting you to ensure your voice is heard by completing the survey using the link below. Your individual responses to the survey Can Make a Difference. Survey closes on the 15th of November. Redbridge Citizens will be submitting a joint statement and follow up with further action to hold the Council accountable and win change.

Here is a link to the survey <https://engage.redbridge.gov.uk/hrss/surveys/homelessness-and-rough-sleeping-survey-individual>

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

All Saints

Friday 1st November 2024

Mass will take place as follows
Vigil Thursday 31st October 7.30pm
Friday 1st November at 10am

Don't forget the clocks go back this
weekend



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Woodford Green

A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 27th October 2024

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

As a community of faith, we have seen the marvels God does for his people. We rejoice today in the love God bestows on us, which turns our tears into song and our suffering into hope and joy.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

The people shout out in joy, because God has bestowed salvation on them, comforting them in their tears and guiding them so they do not stumble.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Christ did not give himself the glory of becoming a high priest. Rather he was chosen, called as God's son, to act for all humans in their relations with God.

Gospel Mark: 10:46-52

Despite being admonished and asked to stay quiet, Bartimaeus persists in his attempt to seek healing from Jesus, who tells Bartimaeus that his faith has saved him.

Responsorial Psalm

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

LORD
THAT I
MAY SEE!

130TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FRIARS IN WOODFORD

We are indebted to Adrian Lee for this account of this anniversary:

The story starts on 2nd August 1893 when Henrietta, Dowager Duchess of Newcastle, joins the Franciscan Third Order at Ascot Friary. In thanksgiving for this and her Catholic life she tells Cardinal Vaughan, she wishes to fund the construction of a church on condition it is staffed by the French Friars who lived at Ascot Friary," In his own words Vaughan said he decided on the South West Essex location for the church but without doubt the fact that we have the church right here is due to the standing and connections of the Duchess. She instructed her agent Mr Weatherly to identify a suitable location. Conveniently a local huntsman Henry Vigne who lived in The Oaks at Woodford had died in 1892 and the house stood empty. But he only had a lease on the house, grounds and a paddock to the side for his dogs. The freehold for this (along with much of Woodford) rested with Earl Cowley, and landowners were unwilling to sell their sources of ongoing family income. A number of factors then came into play:-

1. The Dowager Duchess of Newcastle knew the Cowley family and could "talk across to them, aristocrat to aristocrat."
2. She was held in high regard (though perhaps thought a mite eccentric) for her charity work in the East End where she actually lived among those she was helping.
3. The Cowley line was part of the Wellesley family, descending from the brother of the Duke of Wellington.
4. On 25th October 1894 the freehold of the Oaks and paddock was sold to the Duchess for £4000.

In the same year the Duchess took a house in Buckhurst Hill on the Epping New Road – 'Kenilworth' -near Stag Lane; it is still standing. In March eight Friars moved into it, led by the Fr Edward Fisher from Ascot. Mass was said in the house until an iron chapel was erected in the garden. It was 40ft by 20ft and cost £155, paid for by the Duchess. This chapel had the status of a church mission and people over a widening area could receive the sacraments. It was expected that they would minister to a handful of Catholics, but by the end of the year the iron church was too small for the congregation. On 27th October 1894 the Friars moved into The Oaks where Friars Gate Close is situated. So the friars arrived in Woodford and the church and friary came later.

St Thomas' Bereavement Service 17th November at 4pm

The annual Bereavement Service to remember our dear departed ones will be held in the church. The names of the deceased in the parish in the last year will be included in the order of service. If you are attending the service and you wish to add any other names please send them to **the parish office by 10th November**. The names of the family and friends who have died will be read and candles lit in their memory during the service

Confirmation Programme 2024/5 Last few days to apply

We would like to invite year 10—13 students who are baptised, registered parishioners and who attend Mass at St Thomas to apply to join our 2024/5 confirmation programme. Please visit our website to complete the registration form <https://forms.office.com/e/GQnQqk9H4b>



Mass Intentions

Sunday 27th October

8.30 Patrick O'Callaghan
10 Fitzgerald family intentions
11.30 Frank Fitzpatrick RIP birthday
Chigwell Peace in the world-family

Monday 28th October

John Maloney RIP
Kathleen Byrne RIP
Eileen Collins birthday

Tuesday 29th October

Paul Vignoles RIP
Francis De Costa birthday

Wednesday 30th October

Gerard Brunning anniversary
Malcom Zetter anniversary
Susan Diaz RIP

Thursday 31st October

Elizabeth McGranahan
Mrs De Costa intentions

Friday 1st November

Muriel Fitzpatrick RIP nee Meyler
Private intention R & A B

Saturday 2nd November

10 Geraldine Gunn RIP
6 Sean Bermingham RIP

Sunday 3rd November

8.30 Tom Fahy RIP
10 Honoria Mathieson RIP & family
11.30 Margaret Aherne RIP

Church Cleaning
Thursday 31st October 9am
Jackie John, Sue Mansbridge,
Srimathie Crusz, Margaret Parkinson
& Mary Charter

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). If interested and need guidance, please talk to one of the Friars or contact *Br Dónal ofm* via email - brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk

OFM Charity Administrator

We are looking to recruit an experienced Charity and Finance administrator. Duties will include statutory responsibilities such as clerk to the trustees, management of investments, property, insurance and risk management. This is a permanent post offered on a self-employed basis. Hours are flexible and will be roughly equivalent of two days per week. The full job description can be found <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org/single-post/job-vacancy-ofm-charity-administrator> Please email cfo@friar.org for more information

Certificates of Practice

Fr Michael will be available on 28th October 3.30pm to 4pm
Dates for primary & nursery applications will be available in due course.

November

is the month for remembering

Mass will be offered daily during the month of November for your loved ones. Envelopes are available from the back of the church. Please return either through the Friary letterbox (no need to ring the bell) or the parish office.