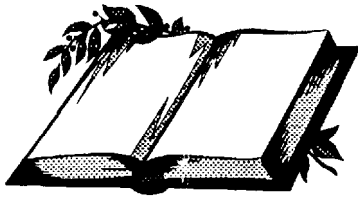


**PRAY  
FOR THE  
SICK**



### **Anniversaries:**

Richard Stout, Arthur Alphonsine, Ellen Courteney-Bennett, Elizabeth Gevaux, Mary O'Keefe, Christine Knock, Sheila Davighi, Sister Liquori Sinnott, Cecil Ayles, Patricia Freeman, Guilielmuis Latore, Jeremiah Murphy, Mario Castelletti, Sister Kathleen Cronin, Susan Kemp, Palmira Pieroni, Mary James, Bertha Aplonia Noranha.

### **Memorial Mass at Walsingham House, Abbotswick:**

The Friends of Abbotswick Memorial Mass for those with loved ones remembered within the grounds at Abbotswick will be held at 3pm on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. If you wish to attend please email Claire at [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org) or phone 01277 373959.

### **The Companions of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary**

The next meeting will take place at Chigwell convent at 2pm on Monday the 13th of November. New members are welcome.

### **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

### **St Thomas' Prayer Group**

Saturday mornings  
10.30 to 11.30am

### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays 10.30 to 11am  
and  
5.15 to 5.45 pm

### **BAPTISMS**

1st and 3rd Sundays  
of the month

### **Parish Office**

The Parish Office will be closed  
on 8th & 9th November

### **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**

Will next meet on 13th November

### **PPC "Surgery"**

We plan to have a member of our(your) PPC at the back of church after each mass this weekend. They are there to note any comments you might have about our parish, and answer any questions.

This will be repeated fortnightly for a while.



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## **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 5th November 2023**

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

God's kingdom is a living power among us. We experience it wherever we make peace, serve one another and respect all living things. Let us prepare to be touched and challenged by God's generosity and the work of the Holy Spirit.

### **First Reading** Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10

Religious leaders are warned that they have caused many to "stray" and "stumble" because of their teaching and actions.

### **Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

God's message is a "living power" among communities of Christians.

### **Gospel** Matthew 23:1-12

The failures of the scribes and Pharisees are identified, and Jesus suggests that his followers seek a path of humility and service.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.



## Exposition of the

### Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 5th November

3.30pm to 4.30pm

A time for prayer and reflection to bring peace to the trouble parts of the world, particularly for Palestine and Israel at this time.

### Remembrance Sunday

12th November 10.00am Mass

Church parade with the Rainbow, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

### St Thomas' Bereavement Service 19th 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.

### Advent 2023

For Advent, "My Day by Day Guide for Adults and Children" is now available from the Parish Shop or the office price £1.00.

### TELCO

Celebrate 25 years as an active member of East London Citizens (TELCO). This will take place on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 6.30pm – 8.30pm** at the Excel Centre London E16 1XL. More information is available at the back on the Church

## Christmas Fayre

Trinity School, Lower site  
25th November 12 noon to 4pm

Please come along and join us for this parish fun event.

### Donations needed

- Cuddly Toys
- Unwanted gifts
- Good condition preloved toys
- Empty hamper / gift baskets
- Unopened bottles of drink

*Please leave donations in the Church Porch*

### Can you help?

The organisers need help at the following times:

**Friday 24th November**  
from 5pm for heavy lifting

**Saturday 25th November**

- from 9am to help set up
- to help on stalls
- to help tidy up from 4pm

**Most importantly,**  
Come along

### Wreath Making

Christmas music, prosecco and mince pies are on us . . . .

In exchange for you making a wreath to be sold at the Christmas Fayre  
Date: **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Time: 7pm onwards  
Venue: Beckett Centre  
RSVP via WhatsApp or SMS:  
07976755602 (Jo Ferrari)

Please bring a bag of cuttings of holly, pinecones, conifer, ivy etc. and some secateurs



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday 5th November

8.30 David Hirsopp RIP  
10 Donald Dourado RIP  
11.30 James Dillon RIP

### Monday 6th November

Paul Ketteridge RIP  
Chris Douglas birthday

Funeral 1 pm Theresa Fitzpatrick

### Tuesday 7th November

Eileen Connolly RIP  
Gregory Abooruvam RIP

### Wednesday 8th November

Harold Hetherington RIP  
Ozzy Vaughan sick

### Thursday 9th November

Joe Malone intentions  
Chigwell Caroline Ewen O'Doherty

### Friday 10th November

Clare Pearce RIP  
Claire Ford RIP

### Saturday 11th November

Damian Polanski RIP

6 Yebouet family

### Sunday 12th November

8.30 Stuart Ritchie RIP  
10 Tina Kerr RIP  
11.30 Brian Beveridge anniversary

**Mass every day for those named  
before the altar**

**Church Cleaning**  
Saturday 11th November at 10.30am  
Rachel Woolf & Kathleen Mahoney

### Franciscan life: Invitation

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

### Spanish Lessons for children

Thursdays at 4.00pm / GCSE preparation  
Fridays at 4.30 – 5.30 / Y3 – Y6 contact [info@bilingokids.co.uk](mailto:info@bilingokids.co.uk)

### Parish Fabric Team

We are a small team who look after/carry out the repairs and maintenance throughout the site that constantly require attention. If you have some DIY skills, OR experience of tendering and contract management, please contact the parish office.

### Catenian Wine Tasting Event

The Epping Forest Catenians thank Parishioners for their support of their successful wine tasting event last week. It was fully subscribed and was an informative and enjoyable community event that also generated £539.41 for St Francis Hospice.

### Primary School Applications Certificates of Practice

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

Monday 6th November 3-5pm  
and  
Tuesday 7th November 7—8pm