

**PRAY FOR THE  
SICK**



**Lately dead:** Louise Whalley

*May she rest in peace*

**Anniversaries:**

Iris Hodges, Joan Noblett, Ronald Page, Maura (Mary) Gilligan, Mark O'Grady, Helen Taylor, Aida Testro, Robert Gordon, Amy Marriott, Lucy Archer, Catherine Davis, Edward Parry, Mary Barrett, Marie Easby, Doris Roe, Sister Mary Calnan, Patrick Looney, Anastasia McCabe, Doreen Wyatt, David Houghton, Michael McHugh, Laurance Turner, Catherine Carter, Sister Cyprian Madden, John Smith, Charles Lingley, Mavis Abrahams

**Thank you**

The family of the late Patrick (Pat) Grant wishes to thank everyone for their Masses, floral tributes and condolences. Masses offered for their intentions. Thank you Fr Michael for the wonderful service.

**Mass Timetable  
Facemasks MUST be worn**

*All our services are live streamed*

**SUNDAY MASSES**

1st Mass Sat. 6pm;  
8.30am; 10am & 11.30am  
*(The 11.30am Mass is recorded)*

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

10am

**CONFESSIONS**

By Appointment

**BAPTISMS**

1st and 3rd Sundays  
Of the month

**When coming to Church**

Please wear a facemask, sanitise your hands, observe appropriate distancing  
Don't forget to provide track & trace information by using the QR code

**Retiring Collection  
Next Weekend**

There will be a Diocesan retiring collection for Lourdes sick and helpers Pilgrimages next weekend.



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Woodford Green

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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
30th January 2022**

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

Today we learn that the good news offered by Jesus is for everyone, not just for Christians. We are invited to reach out in love to people who are outside of our usual circles.

**First Reading** Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19

We are all called by God from the moment of our creation in the womb for one purpose: life with God. The opportunity is there for us to make a difference in our world.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13

The greatest spiritual gift is love. Love is not just a feeling; it is a way of life that includes a commitment to others.

**Gospel** Luke 4:21-30

Jesus is rejected by the people of Nazareth. They go in a short time from marvelling at his words to turning into a mob threatening to kill him.

**Responsorial Psalm**

My lips will tell of your help.



## What is a parish for?

That is really the question the Pope is asking of us. What is a parish, what is a church for? He is asking not because he does not know the answer. Rather: he knows the answer well but is aware that many of us – most of us – really have not given thought to it. Yet it is crucial that we do start thinking and talking about it. For much is going awry in the church precisely because of widespread ignorance and mistaken views of where we are going and what we are. This goes equally for everybody: Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, priests and also your humble selves. Especially your selves, for often you see much better and the future of the church rests with you.

## A start has been made

A small group is meeting: twice already and we have made some progress. We are listening. That is leading us to widen the search. I hope some notes of the meetings will be made available. Not because of what we have said, but rather so that you can grasp the process of what we are doing and feel it is something to join in with. It is an open group and anyone interested will be welcome to join in. We meet again on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30-5pm.

## Invitation

The Franciscan Community invite enquiries from young people aged 18-35 years who may have a feeling of a religious vocation and the Religious and/ or priestly life? If interested, please approach/make contact with one of the friars as well as via email: [brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk)?  
(Franciscan website: [friar.org](http://friar.org))

## Buckhurst Hill

The families who used to meet for mass at St James URC are also engaged in pursuing the search. The regular Sunday mass there is no more. But there is a very strong sense of belonging to the church of families living close together in that part of our parish of SToC. So on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February** we will have a Mass at 2.30 at St James. Immediately following will be a social cup of tea. And then we will I hope address the Pope's question. From a sense that this is a real community of inter-dependence on each other, and also concerned for all the activities of SToC and the wider world. We shall be listening. Not knowing where it will go but confident that we are on the right track. The Pope is not telling us. He is pointing us in a direction and suggesting we listen to the Holy Spirit. For that is where the real church thrives.

## Covid Update

Although the Government have relaxed some of the Covid restrictions, it has been decided that for those attending Masses at St Thomas' we will keep in place the measures which so far have worked for us as a Church community.



## Mass Intentions



### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January

8.30 Derek Beverley anniversary  
10 People of the parish  
11.30 Brian Beveridge RIP

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Frances Reynolds RIP  
Deidre ill  
Sr Kathleen Buckley RIP

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

John Potter RIP  
Monaghan family

*Funeral 11am Alexander Borg*

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Holy Family lay Associates 200 years old  
Derek Beverley anniversary  
Deceased brethren

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Donald Raecke very ill  
Sr Teresa Quinn  
Trinity intentions

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Louise Whalley RIP  
Intentions Sr Mary Ita

*Funeral 11.45am Margaret Russ*

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February

10 Mary Prendergast RIP  
6 People of Ukraine

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February

8.30 Celia Nugent anniversary  
10 Margaret Lawler RIP  
11.30 Simon Eustace anniversary  
People of the parish

## Church Cleaning Friday 4th February at 9am

Claire Hobbs, Christine Acons,  
Julia Bever, Susanna Barnoin, Liz  
Atkinson, Josie Kiernon & Michelle  
Liddle

## Vacancy St Anthony's

SEN Learning Support Assistant  
For more information, please visit our  
website [http://  
www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/  
vacancies](http://www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/vacancies)

## Faith Talk by Fr Austin Monday 7th February at 7pm Becket Centre

One of the greatest challenges the church faces today is to be inclusive. Pope Francis urges us to be a church where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live according to the Gospel. There can be no future for the living church without this vital sense of inclusiveness. There must be space for everyone. The church will be less than what Christ intends it to be when issues of inclusion and equality are not fully addressed. The vision of Christ, committed to make the church the house for all peoples, a church where there is less exclusion but more an encounter of love, forgiveness, inclusiveness and solidarity.