

Anniversaries:

Mary Jackson, Eric Lindemann, Mary Allery, Lilian Beckett, Richard Day, Kathleen Hansen, Patrick McDowell, Kathleen McGrath, Anna Ridd, Mark Ashmore, Louisa Christou, Louisa Donno, Daopersad Seecharan, James Vaughan, William Bernard Crowe, Margaret Gillespie, Eva Beschizza, Ellen Harris Lestor (Snr) Haslam Michael Hogan, John O'Malley, Jacintha Wickramaratne, Margaret Collins, John Gaerty, Mrs Kelly Albert Mahoney, Jake McLean, Candida Rapacioll, Paul Smith, Eva Sullivan, Julie Ball

Second Collection Peters Pence

There will be a second collection after masses this coming weekend (27th/ 28th June)

Second Collection - Day for Life
Raised £374 - thank you for your kind generosity.

Music Classes

Group music classes for children available from September (recorder, singing, ukulele, strings, drumming) - please see youngmusiciansclub.co.uk. Also, one-one piano tuition for children and adults from experienced local teacher, please get in touch with Nick:
contact@youngmusiciansclub.co.uk.

Fitsteps with Jacky

There will NO class on Tuesday, 30th June.

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

BAPTISM COURSE DATES

The next baptism course will take place on Wednesday, 8th July **AND** Wednesday, 15th July at 8.00pm—9.00pm in the **William Scott** room.

Parents are required to attend **BOTH** dates in order to complete the course. Please contact the Parish office to confirm your place.

Flower Pots

You may have noticed that the pots in front of the church, together with the planters in front of the Becket have been planted with summer bedding plants. To ensure that the plants thrive, we are looking for helpers to water the pots on a daily basis. If you can help (it should only take about 15 minutes per day) please contact the Parish Office

Companions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary.

Meet on the second Monday of each month at Chigwell convent; 12th July;



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SS PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES (A) SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2026

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

Today's celebration is called a Solemnity because it celebrates the two great pillars of the Church, St Peter and St Paul. Peter is the sign of unity whose task is to guide and govern the Church. Paul was the great missionary who tirelessly brought the good news of Jesus to peoples who did not know him.

First Reading Acts 12:1-11

Peter is helped to escape from King Herod's prison.

Responsorial Psalm:

From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8.17-18

Paul is coming to the end of his life on earth and thanks the lord for strengthening him to preach the Gospel.

Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

Peter proclaims his faith in Jesus and Jesus makes Peter the bedrock of the church



GET UP QUICKLY AND FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

This was the message to Peter in today's Gospel and it may apply to us especially in this hot spell of weather. We ask the Lord to give us a purpose that energises us. The testimony given by the two great Apostles Peter and Paul today comes to life once more in the Church's liturgy. Peter, imprisoned by King Herod, is told by an angel of the Lord: "Get up quickly" (Acts 12:7), while Paul, looking back on his entire life and apostolate says: "I have fought the good fight" (2 Tim 4:7). Let us reflect on these two phrases – "get up quickly" and "fight the good fight" – and ask what they have to say to today's Christian community, engaged in the synodal process.

First, the Acts of the Apostles tell us of the night that Peter was freed from the chains of prison. An angel of the Lord tapped him on the side as he was sleeping, "and woke him, saying, 'get up quickly'" (Acts 12:7). The angel awakens Peter and tells him to get up. The scene reminds us of Easter, because it contains two verbs present in the accounts of the resurrection: *awaken* and *get up*. In effect, the angel awakens Peter from the sleep of death and urges him to get up, to rise and set out towards the light, letting himself be guided by the Lord in passing through all the closed doors along the way (cf. v. 10).

This image has great meaning for the Church. We too, as disciples of the Lord and the Christian community, are called to get up quickly, to enter into the mystery of the resurrection, and to let the Lord guide us along the paths that he wishes to point out to us. Still, we experience many inward forms of resistance that prevent us from setting out. At times, as Church, we are overcome by laziness; we prefer to sit and contemplate the few sure things that we possess, rather than getting up and looking to new horizons, towards the open sea. Often we are like Peter in chains, imprisoned by our habits, fearful of change and bound to the chains of our routine. This leads quietly to spiritual mediocrity: we run the risk of "taking it easy" and "getting by", also in our pastoral work. Our enthusiasm for mission wanes, and instead of being a sign of vitality and creativity, ends up appearing tepid and listless.

Then, the great current of newness and life that is the Gospel becomes in our hands – to use the words of Father de Lubac – a faith that "falls into formalism and habit..., a religion of ceremonies and devotions, of ornaments and vulgar consolations... a Christianity that is clerical, formalistic, anaemic and callous" (*The Drama of Atheist Humanism*).

SVP—second collection

There will be a second collection at masses on the 4th & 5th July for St Thomas' SVP. Donations are allocated to assist those in need in our community and to the wider SVP family. For the year ending March 2026 your donations were allocated as follows:

Funds Received:

Parish Collections	2,451
Individual Donations	70

Funds Paid out:

Help to Families (30+)	1,450
Donation St George's	200
Twinnage India Conference	150
SVP Support Levy	276

Unallocated income at year end	£445
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If you need help or know of someone who needs assistance, please speak to a representative who will be at the back of the Church after mass or phone and leave a message on **07547 491067**, we will respond. You can also email us at svpstthomas@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support

****Celebration 25th July at 2.00pm****

Join us on Saturday, 25th July as we celebrate **Father Brian's** incredible 100th birthday. Mass begins at 2pm, with afternoon tea and cake in the Henrietta Suite. All welcome.

If any parishioners wish to share photos with Father Brian over the years, do send them into the Parish office at parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org



Mass Intentions

28th June to 5th July

Sunday 28th June

8.30am - Robert Hitching RIP
10am - Fr Cyril Chiaha
11.30am - Peg Martin
Chigwell Jim Cooney RIP

Monday 29th June

Sean Quinn
Chigwell - Sr Sheila Buckley 90 y o

Tuesday 30th June

Joy Nye RIP

Wednesday 1st July

May Sutcliffe RIP

Thursday 2nd July

Stephen Ahearne anniversary
James Thwaites RIP

Friday 3rd July

Antonio Cardosi RIP

Saturday 4th July

10am - Rosa Fitzpatrick
6pm - Jane Bredon int
Chigwell Mary Blanchfield anniversary

Sunday 5th July

8.30am - Leandro Pellicci anniversary
10am - James Murphy anniversary
11.30am - Paddy & Phil Callanan anniversary

Church Cleaning
Saturday, 4th July at 10.30am
Kathleen Mahoney, Bernie Siggins, Rhiannon Blackwell

Trinity Festival on 4th July 4pm - 10.30pm.

Trinity Catholic High School is Celebrating its 50 Anniversary! Join us to commemorate this occasion at Whitbreads Sports Ground! Live music, followed by a DJ. There will also be a bar, food, games and an exciting Fireworks finale! Bring family and friends to celebrate this incredible journey! We hope you are able to mark this special day with us.



SUMMER FETE

Summer fete on the 11th of July, 12-4pm.
Please contact danaevesteve@hotmail.com

- **Volunteers** - We need your help, please email Dana if you can spare a few hours
- **Fete Raffle** - We are also in need of some fabulous prizes for the raffle.
- **Donations** - We're also looking for donations of clean teddies for the tombola.
- **Home Produce** Please label all ingredients clearly to ensure that any allergies are to ensure that any allergies are catered for.

CELEBRATE FESTIVAL

15 - 19 August 2026, Worth School, West Sussex, a Catholic festival for all the family. CELEBRATE Trust is a Catholic ministry that inspires and equips people of all ages to live an authentic Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit, in support of the family, to form the next generation and encourage local community. For more info & tickets go to: <https://www.celebratetrust.org>

**** Parish AGM****

Will take place in the **Henrietta Suite (NOT Clare room)** on **Wednesday, 1st July at 7.30pm**