

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

**The prayer request book** will be placed in front of St Francis' altar should you wish to record a prayer request.

**Lately dead:**  
Kathleen Stokes, Rory Maguire  
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*May they rest in peace*

### Anniversaries:

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, Reginald Allen, Michael Carrig, Felicitas De Costa, Margaret Allcorn, Jarman Edmund, Sister Mary McKowan, May Tudisca, John Newman, Peter Morgan, Lena Tyson, Michael Maloney.



## Mass Timetable

*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

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

### Thank you

The Poulter family thank all those who have arranged for Masses to be said or sent expressions of sympathy on the death of our mother. We appreciated the attendance of so many at the Requiem Mass and will have a Mass said for the intentions of all in the parish.

### Novena to St Jude

O holy St Jude, Apostle, Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need to you, I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return, I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our fathers, three hail Mary's and three Glorias. Publication must be promised. St Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen.  
This novena has never been known to fail. I have had my request granted. AP



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## First Sunday of Advent (C) 28th November 2021

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



In this Advent season we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas. We can do so by reflecting on the ways in which he comes into our lives today.

### First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

The prophet looks forward to a time when honesty and integrity will flourish.

### Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

Paul urges the Christian community to live the life that God wants.

### Gospel Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Jesus tells his disciples that despite the world's troubles and turmoil, liberation is close at hand.

### Responsorial Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

## Advent

The daylight is shortening. Light and colour grow dim. From many quarters disaster menaces. The good things of material progress and enjoyment seem to be running out. We are in a wilderness. That is where the new year of our church begins. From elsewhere hope beckons. Not realised yet, but in prospect. Our eyes turn to Bethlehem and the 25<sup>th</sup> December. But we are not there yet. There is work to be done before the promised *New Heaven and New Earth* can be enjoyed. First we must feel the cold and the hunger. **That is Advent.**

## What new is in prospect for 2022?

Already two practices have been announced. **The first is: Living Simply.** We can do something about it. We can unclutter in many directions. While Cop26 has thundered threats of death both human and environmental, Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* offers a steady programme of new life still attainable for man beast and world. If we are content to live simply. In doing that lie unexpected joys.

**The second** is less easy to grasp. Perhaps we have pictured the New Heaven and New earth (promised by Isaiah and Revelation) as coming down from above. That is not so. It has started here. On the fringes of society; where people are suffering. Our friend on the church doorstep is telling us something. We have to do something about our real situation in its basic detail. For there God's plan is slowly taking shape. We, the ordinary people have to come together, share, act, give. Our church must take form not from the top, but from the grass roots. We are these grass roots. SToC has to find this awareness, and produce the crop. **It is called Synodality.**

## Licence to sing!

Thank you for wearing a mask when you come to church. The need to do so increases week by week. Now instrumental music is gradually returning. Next week and the following at 11.30. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent also at 10 am. And you are invited to sing – BUT - Please only sing if you are wearing a mask. This will test you!!

## Advent and Christmas

We have published on our website information about Advent and Christmas Masses.

Booking to attend Christmas Eve and Christmas day masses will be required. Please note that the on-line booking system will **not open until 1st December at 10am.**

## Christmas Cards

We have a lovely selection of boxes of Christmas cards which can be purchased from the Office costing £4. Also, we have received the Brentwood Directory 2022 they are £2.80 each.

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 4.30pm Carol Service



Please come and join the choirs from All Saints & St Thomas. Followed by refreshments in the Becket Centre. Face masks must be worn.

## Mass Intentions



**Sunday 28th November**  
8.30 Brian Beveridge RIP  
10 Kathy Stokes RIP  
11.30 Deceased Catenians

**Monday 29th November**  
Sonia Malone RIP  
Sr Mary Spain RIP

**Tuesday 30th November**  
10 Anthony Onwubiko  
11am Funeral Evarita Sidonie  
(Linda Palmer's Mother)

**Wednesday 1st December**  
John Potter RIP  
Grace & Jack Kenny anniversary

**Thursday 2nd December**  
Ruth Grimsell RIP  
Myles O'Connor RIP  
Trinity intentions

**Friday 3rd December**  
10am Funeral Kathy Stokes  
Alice Fox

**Saturday 4th December**  
10am Clare Molloy  
6 pm Yvonne Poulter RIP

**Sunday 5th December**  
8.30 Margaret Hayes anniversary  
10 People of the parish  
11.30 The Ratnanathers

## Inauguration of Advent Service

Sunday 28th November at 4.00 p.m. in Brentwood Cathedral. Presider: Bishop Alan Williams with the Brentwood Cathedral Choir. *This is a beautiful and uplifting way to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth and for that time when He will come again.*

## Church Cleaning Saturday 4th December at 10.30am

Deborah Butterworth, Rosie O'Connor & Charmaine Turrell

## November

### Baptism Congratulations

We are happy to welcome to our parish: Caleb Kilbane, Holly Smith, Mia Robins, Anais Linehan, Charlotte Soto, Elijah Crowe, Gemma Scola, James Scola, Matthew Scola, Laura Scola, Isabelle Kolakowski, Xavier Kolakowski.

## Well done

To the Brownies who did a sponsored walk last weekend and raised over £700 for the restoration fund. Thank you all for generous sponsorship.



## Vacancy

Trinity school is looking for Sixth Form Administrator, Year 13. Please visit the school's website for more details.

## The Helpers of God's Precious Infants

The next Rosary Procession Vigil, will be held on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November**, at Trinity Catholic High School, Lower Site, Sydney Road, IG8 0TB. We begin with 9.00am Mass, then our Rosary Procession at 9.45am following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to Marie Stopes returning at 12. to the school, followed by refreshments at 12.30pm. Full details on poster in church porch or call 01727 763832, [marg@helpersuk.org](mailto:marg@helpersuk.org).

## Parish Diaries

Are available at the back of church.