

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

### Anniversaries:

John Martin, Rita Willcocks, Violet Mulligan, John O'Halloran, John Potter, Patrick Murphy, Rita Roudette, Maria Ferrillo, Leonard Harris, Sister Rufina Nealon, Michael Power, Agnes Ramsden, Kathleen McVeigh, Elizabeth Perks, Thomas Crusz, Marie Pillay, Mary Todd

### Sunday Missals

The New English Standard Version of the Lectionary has been approved by the Bishops of England and Wales for use at Mass from Advent 2024. When Missals in the New Version are printed they will be stocked in the Repository. In the meantime, a single year Sunday Missal for 2024 costing £10 can be ordered from CTS. Anyone requiring one should leave their name and telephone number in the Parish Office or the Repository and we will put in a single order to save postage.

### Trinity School

We are delighted to invite all prospective parents and students to join our prospective Year 7 Open Evening, which will take place on Wednesday 27th September 2023 on the Upper Site, Mornington Road, between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. There are parking restrictions in the area, so please be aware of this on the evening. Please complete the form on our website to confirm your attendance: <https://www.tchs.org.uk/year-7/>

## 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

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30 to 11am  
and 5.15 to 5.45 pm

### BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays  
of the month

### Retiring Collections

Thank you for your donation of £468.52 for Catholic Education last weekend

*This Sunday we have a retiring collection for Evangelii Gaudium which is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel"*

The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference.

There will be a retiring collection for SVP next weekend



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## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 17th September 2023

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

Only human beings set limits to what they will give and forgive. This is partly because we live in time, and time makes us set limits to what we do and give to each other. Eternity is without limits.

### First Reading Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7

The cure for bad memories is to remember the things of God.

### Second Reading Romans 14:7-9

Life and death only have meaning when they are lived for something more than ourselves.

### Gospel Mathew 18:21-35

There is no limit to forgiveness, because heaven is eternal forgiveness.

### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy



## Watching before the Blessed Sacrament

We have just completed our annual time of prayer from the evening of Friday to Midday on Saturday. We prayed in the presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. I hope it was a good experience in terms of strengthening your love for Christ and confirming your faith. An important aspect of our prayer life is to give it time and knowing how to use the time. Our church is open from 8 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. each day giving opportunity for time to be spent praying. If you decide to spend some time then try to split it up.

Firstly, relax your body and clear your mind taking your time to do so. Then a little reading of scripture from your phone or missal allows God to speak to you. Read just a little and ponder on it, discovering what it is saying to you. Then you might respond with prayers of intercession. Picture each member of your family and present them to the Lord for His blessing. Then there are so many people to pray for presented to us by the media.

Then you might say a decade of the rosary or pray the Jesus prayer; 'Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me a sinner.' This prayer is said continuously in time with our breathing. We might want just to be silent with our mind at rest and just stay there.

It is always good to finish with thanksgiving to God because prayer is always a two way street.

There are several ways of prayer and we should explore them to find our way of praying.

## Mass Intentions

Mass intentions that we as a Franciscan Community receive are dealt with as follows. Individual friars do not receive the money as we have a vow of poverty so all monies are for the community. Father Quentin deals with the intentions that come in. He registers in an acceptance book and then transfers them to a book recording their celebration.

### Palliative care Pilgrimage to Lourdes October 2023

ACROSS Jumbulance has a new group, "Across Paths", comprising specialist palliative medical and nursing practitioners to support patients with a terminal diagnosis to travel to Lourdes 5-14 October 2023. We have some available places for those with palliative care needs to travel and family members are also welcome to join the experience. Please contact Debbie if you would like more information on 07847714781.

### "Giro D'Italia" Wine Tasting Event Thursday 19 October 2023

Following the success of last year's event, The Catenians' Epping Forest Circle is sponsoring an Italian wine tasting evening in the Becket Centre, in aid of **St Francis Hospice**. Tickets £30/head includes wine sampling and lightsnacks. Please text for tickets or other enquiries to Bernard Bourdillon (07867908814) or Iain McLay (07806998187).

### BCCS sponsored walk 2023

The 21 parishioners that took part in this year's walk for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society would like to thank everyone that sponsored them. If you haven't yet done so, you can leave a donation with the parish office in an envelope marked "bccs sponsored walk 2023".



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday 17th September

8.30 Phyllis Kelly RIP  
10 King Magmisen RIP  
11.30 Matt McLoughlin anniversary  
John Martin anniversary

### Monday 18th September

John Potter anniversary  
Georgia Pestell sick  
Patrick & Ellen Galvin anniversary

### Tuesday 19th September

Anthony McCormack RIP  
Mary Lane RIP

### Wednesday 20th September

Maria Ferrillo anniversary  
Mary Prendergast RIP  
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### Thursday 21st September

Chris Bell RIP  
Jim Reilly RIP

### Friday 22nd September

Grace Taylor RIP  
Len Betts RIP

### Saturday 23rd September

10 Kathy Howes intentions  
6 John & Alexandra Powell wedding

### Sunday 24th September

8.30 Vincent Browne RIP  
10 John Arckless RIP  
11.30 Laurence Dillon RIP

## Church Cleaning

**Friday 22nd September at 9am**

Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Susanna Barnoin, Susan Juffs, Agatha Emohare & Michelle Liddle

### Are you looking for a dog walker?

I am available for dog walking 4pm-6pm (after school) Monday to Friday and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Please call Will/Emma on 07787 524 868.

### Macmillian Cancer coffee morning

On Friday 29th September, Friends of St Antony's school are hosting a MacMillan cancer coffee morning in the Beckett centre 8.30-11am.

It will be open to all in the parish and the school community so please come along for a cuppa and cake, and raise money for a wonderful cause. Younger children are very welcome! If you would like to donate a cake for the event, please contact [friendsofstantonys@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstantonys@gmail.com).

### A Level Media Studies Tuition

I am an ex head of department with many years experience of successful A Level teaching and if are interested in a trial lesson with absolutely no obligation call Linda on 07737402343 or email [lindaecompton32@yahoo.com](mailto:lindaecompton32@yahoo.com)

## BEAVERS

Should you wish your child to join Beavers, you need to ensure that you have put their name on the waiting list. Beavers start at 6 years old and then move on to Cubs when they are 8. They meet on a Monday night for 1 hour from 6.15pm at the Scout hut alongside the Becket Centre. An application form can be obtained by emailing the beaver leader [paulineelkin616@gmail.com](mailto:paulineelkin616@gmail.com)