

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anniversaries:

Doris D'Arcy, Michael Pearson, Alyce Ridler, William Freeman, Claire Gray, James Coyle, Sister Cornelia Martin, Josephine McCorkell, Christopher Quinn, Hugh Slavin, Roni Ferrari, Mary McCormack, Eileen Smith, Andrew Keane, Hannah Sullivan, Raymond Finney, Martin Grant, Damien Copping, Harold McMahon, Matthew Rooney, Eugenie Nadlu, Colette Collins, Lorcan Canavan, Alfred Dayton, Mary Fletcher.

Refreshments after Mass on Friday 28th July

We will be serving Fairtrade and organic tea and coffee in the William Scott room after 10 Mass this coming Friday, 28th July. Do come and join us for a drink and a chat.



Child Care

A parishioner is looking for child care for after school care for their child who is starting at St Antony's in September. Timings Monday - Thursday after school until 6pm. Please contact Cat on 07834855162.

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



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 23rd July 2023

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

God is good, and God's goodness is to be seen especially in God's justice and patience. Today's parable encourages us to imitate God in justice and mercy.

First Reading Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

God, who is all-powerful, shows strength in gentle judgement.

Second Reading Romans 8:26-27

God understands our weakness and the Spirit expresses our yearning.

Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

The world, God's field of wheat, is invaded with darnel weed. Let it grow till harvest time.

Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, you are good and forgiving



End of term

Schools have finished their year and minds now turn to holidays. Staycation may seem to be a better option than the temperatures in foreign parts. We wish you all safe travel thither and on returning, good health and relaxation. Parish life is now skeletal though the Parish Pastoral Council will meet on 7th August. It has a difficult task to elect a new Chair to follow Kit Tranmer's long and very beneficial leadership. Now you who have provided the structures of our parish so well need a rest. I thank you for what you have done. You need new energy for the next stage of SToC starting in September.

Joint Summer Fete

The total amount raised was **£7567.60**
This has been split between the Church and School

A massive thank you to all those who made it such a successful event.

World Youth Day

This takes place in Portugal from 2nd to 6th August. Young people will enjoy a Glastonbury-dimension of enthusiasm – this time finding it in their faith. The Pope's motto quotes St Luke "Mary went with haste". An interesting choice. Mary had received a glimpse of her astounding task from the angel. She wasted no time in searching out its meaning. These pilgrims are looking to become agents of peace, unity and fraternity.

A sort of satellite will be happening in Wembley on 5th August. The Pope will bring it to its conclusion on Sunday 6th.

Roman Synod October 2023

Much is happening. Its work document has been published. This week's announcements tell of 450 participants of whom 363 are voting members, 54 of these women. They comprise a wide range of clergy and lay people. There is a large contingent of bishops "from the peripheries". These take account of what life is really like for people in all the geographical, social and political variety of the globe. In appointing 21 new cardinals this week Pope Francis has overlooked many Archdioceses that traditionally expect to have a cardinal: Paris, Milan and Los Angeles among them. Francis has included in the Synod some who have been most critical of him. No voice is to be excluded. It is in courteous listening to all that the truth and future is to be teased out.

Francis shows he is serious. He does not expect the great issues that afflict church and world to be solved by this one Roman Synod. So he is calling them all back again in October 2024. Such meetings are without precedent. Vatican II was a meeting only of bishops with predominantly clerical advice and support. These Synods are not simply events in Rome where decisions are to be hammered out for us to accept. They are samples of what we are invited to do locally.

The health of our future world-wide church depends on how well the focus, power and practice passes from the ordained ministers over to you the lay church. The same will be true of St Thomas of Canterbury.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 23rd July

8.30 Peter Amper West RIP
10 Alice Vaz McMahon anniversary
11.30 Sr Cecily Bourdillon RIP

Monday 24th July

Anthony Bourke anniversary
Anne & William Jennings RIP

Tuesday 25th July

Bridget & Martin Lyons RIP
Willie Dempsey very ill

Wednesday 26th July

Jeremiah & Mary O'Connor anniversary
Michael Dobosh anniversary

Thursday 27th July

Auxillia Mary Musonza RIP
Agnes Gaughan intentions
Trinity intentions

Friday 28th July

Martha Koh RIP
Matt, John, Anne McLoughlin RIP

Saturday 29th July

10 Katie & Liam intentions
6 Winnie Spears RIP

Sunday 30th July

8.30 May Mullally RIP
10 Tom Penny RIP
11.30 The Hammersley family

Concert—Thank you

Last weeks parish concert raised an amazing £2.500 for the Across' Jumbulance charity. With gift aid, this is likely to rise to **£3,000** which will support this autumn's trip to Lourdes for two terminally ill travellers. Thanks to the audience for your outstanding generosity.

Parish Annual Sponsored Walk for BCCS

The parish annual sponsored walk for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society that is normally held in June each year has been scheduled to take place this year on **Saturday, 9th September**. The circular walk is approx 7 miles starting at St Thomas' and via Woodford golf course, Butler's Retreat and the Green Ride to the biker's cafe at the top of Fairmead Road returning to the Becket Centre via Connaught Water. Please message David Underwood on 07905 741033 if you would like to take part.

Franciscan life: Invitation

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