

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead:

- ◇ Lily McEvoy
- ◇ Mary George

May they rest in peace

Funerals taking place at St Thomas'

- ◆ Nick Stokes' funeral will take place on 4th August at 11.30am
- ◆ Jake McLean's funeral will take place on 10th August at 11.30am
- ◆ Lily McEvoy's funeral will take place on 10th August at 1.30pm

Anniversaries:

James Coyle, Roni Ferrari, Sister Cornelia Martin, Josphine McCorkell, Christopher Quinn, Hugh Slavin, Andrew Keane, Mary McCormack, Eileen Smith, Hannah Sullivan, Raymond Finney, Martin Grant, Damien Copping, Lorcan Canavan, Colette Collins, Harold McMahon, Eugenie Nadlu, Matthew Rooney, Alfred Dayton, Mary Fletcher, Thomas Anderson, Mary Armond, Aldo Cara, Laraine Templeman,

Rotary Club Memory Café

29th July 10 to 12 noon Chigwell Convent

The café is open to people suffering from early dementia and their carers, and is free of charge. Light refreshments and entertainment is provided including Live Music, Sing-a-long, Bingo and much more. For further details please contact Alan Barnett on 07871446590 or just pop along.

Mass Timetable

All services at St Thomas of Canterbury 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 Week 25th July

During this week Masses at St Thomas' will take place at 12 noon in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

There is NO Weekday Mass at Chigwell Convent

CONFESSIONS

After 10am Mass on Saturdays

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month

Becket Centre—Hire

Our Centre is available for hire. The booking form can be found on our website at <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org/becket-centre>



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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 24th July 2022

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

Today's readings speak to us of drawing closer to God in prayer. It's through prayer that we can grow in friendship and communion with God.

First Reading Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham, the friend of God, asks God to have mercy on a sinful city.

Second Reading Colossians 2:12-14

Paul assures us that God's forgiveness of sin is total and absolute.

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches those who follow him to call God "Father" and invites them into his own life of prayer

Responsorial Psalm

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.



The Fete

Delayed for three weeks because we were not ready, some wondered if it would be a somewhat quiet event. How wrong they were. For school and parish had quietly prepared in the interim and as you saw it was certainly the grandest Fete either parish or school had ever produced. For that very many people deserve our recognition and thanks. Avril & Dana marshalled her colleagues with no fuss. I thank her and all who set up the stalls and equipment. God was very good to us in giving a sunny day but without the oppressive heat of last week. I thank all who contributed money, food and all the range of stalls and their entertainment; all you who came full of energy joy and generosity. It will be a while before we know the financial profit, but it looks very healthy. Relaxing and having fun together was the greater gain. I thank you all for this wonderful ending of the school/parish year.

Raffle Prizes are available for collection in the Parish Office

Community

We are not just a set of individuals going to Sunday Mass. The essence of our faith is community, taking an active part in being a large family that prays and cares. The number coming to mass seems to have dropped dramatically post-covid. We hope it will revive once we have come back from a holiday. But last Saturday there was a sense of a huge number of people engaging in different degrees in making the community of our parish. In the autumn I hope we will look at the Pope's recent letter about how we make the mass. It is all connected. The Fete shows how many do care.

Parish A.G.M

AGMs are not popular. So it was a great achievement and sign of commitment that 40 came to hear the Parish Council give an account of its stewardship, to offer their comments favourable and otherwise, and voice hopes and suggestions for the new year. We now have a strong newly-elected complement of 11 lay members. The verdict was that the ending PPC had done well. There were suggestions for renewal and priorities that they will set about implementing when they meet on 8th August.

Friars' Chapter

Today we friars gather today for a week of reflection on our life and practice, and choosing our leaders for the next 3 years. So none of us will be available till next Friday or Saturday. Mass will be at 12 noon each day in the Blessed Sacrament chapel and you are welcome to join us for that.

The Parish Office will be open at the usual times.

Desiderio Desideravi

Copies of the letter from Pope Francis are on sale in the Shop & Office £4.95..

Stop press

The long-awaited visas for our Ukrainian guests arrived on Wednesday. We expect them to arrive on Monday or so.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 24th July

8.30 Olga Machado RIP
10 H Monaghan RIP
11.30 Alfred & Dorothy Hagger

Monday 25th July

Safety of Tania & family
Frederick Bibby RIP

Tuesday 26th July

Jean Dolman very ill
Peter Mahoney intentions

Wednesday 27th July

Andrea McQueen RIP
Fr Michael O'Kane

Thursday 28th July

Emily Frances Gilmartin
Trinity intentions

Friday 29th July

Joan Bright RIP benefactress
Safe confinement

Saturday 30th July

10 Bruce Kent RIP
6 Nick Stokes RIP

Sunday 31st July

8.30 Aldo
10 People of the parish
11.30 Madeleine Sidric RIP

Church Rota's

Altar Linen
Mrs Francioni 24th July

Cleaning
Saturday 30th July at 10.30am
Rosie O'Connor & Charmaine Turnell

We really need more people to help out with Church rota's, if you would like to help please contact the parish office

First Holy Communion preparation 22/23



Applications are now open for registered Parishioners of children who will be going into year 3 in September 2022. The application form can be found on the website.

The closing date is **2nd September 2022**. No applications after this date will be accepted.

Trinity vacancy

- School Counsellor.
 - Office Administrator
- Visit the website for more information.

Bridge Club

Having been running for a year now, we are open again to new members. The setting is informal and not competitive - it is a club for learning and developing in a friendly environment. Beginners are as welcome as more experienced players, and you don't need a partner. If you would like more details please email bridgeclub@stthomaswoodford.org