

**PRAY FOR THE
SICK**



Memorial Service

The Beveridge Family will be holding a memorial service at St Thomas' for Brian Beveridge on **14th May at 12 noon** Followed by refreshments in the Becket Centre, All are welcome.

Anniversaries:

Garrett (Gary) Godkin, Mary Onn, Richard Flynn, Maria Birbeck, Joseph Greene, Catherine Moran, Barbara Smith, Paul Crick, Edward Craft, Hazel Dutta, Mary Kelly, Francis Quinn, Maureen Cowell, John Dunbar, Mary Fuscoe, Rose Moore, Norman Chappell, Pasqua Parsons.

Church Pew needs a new home

Old church pew in need of TLC, over 2 meters long, available for a collection for a donation. Contact parish office if interested.

Mass Timetable

All services at St Thomas of Canterbury are live streamed

Please wear a facemask when attending Mass

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

CONFESSIONS

After 10am Mass on Saturdays

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month

Retiring Collection Next weekend

There will be a retiring collection for the Promotion of vocations next weekend



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Served by the Franciscans

Third Sunday of Easter (C) 1st May 2022

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

In this Easter season of great gladness we listen carefully to the stories of our risen Lord. Each one helps us to see how his presence gives us courage and new hope.

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

The apostles are proud to give witness to their risen Lord and suffer humiliation for the sake of his name.

Second Reading

Apocalypse 5:11-14

All living beings give praise to the Lamb of God.

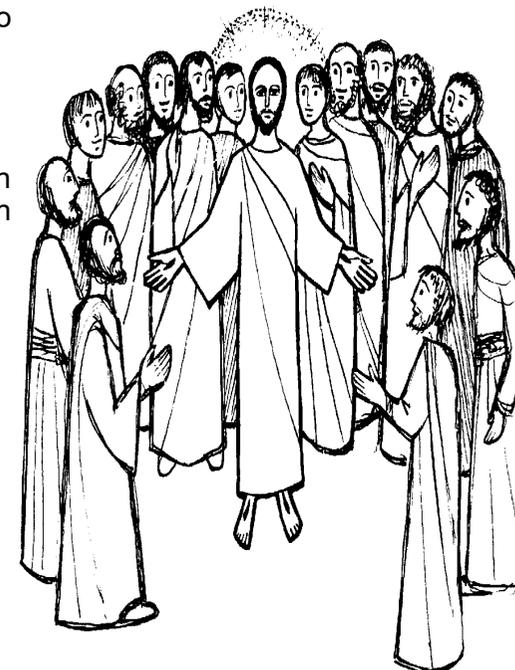
Gospel

John 21:1-19

The love of God is shown in the love we show to those in need.

Responsorial Psalm

**I will praise you, Lord,
you have rescued me.**



Covid in the Friary

As there was a hitch in distribution of last week's newsletter I repeat our gratitude to all who have expressed concern and given us offers of help and gifts to help us through. I think the latest medical bulletin reports a general return to health, though not yet complete. We are all now officially free of infection and contagion. In differing measures the usual symptoms of tiredness and aches persist and one of us is still quite unwell. Thank you for your love and prayers.

Volunteers evening

Every year we say we want to give a real gesture of thanking you who generously and consistently do the work of making our parish. But you are so many – where to start without imposing another burden? Well the Parish Council arranged the Volunteers evening last Saturday. It was a delightful social sharing. Many came. Surely many more eligible on grounds of your regular service did not come, mostly for shyness or false modesty. We will do it again. So do think of it as an enticement to inspire you to join the teams and the Council itself to ensure we are a truly Synodal parish making a Synodal church.

Altar servers

As we edge back to normality we have asked the altar servers to return. To date one of the band has resumed duties and one new volunteer has come forward. It is a lovely thing that young people can start soon after first receiving Holy Communion to take part closely in the Mass. Mums and dads please talk about it to your children. Contact the parish office and we will arrange training in due course.

Dates for your diary

First Holy Communion

Parent & Children to attend next session. Group B **7th May** 10 to 12 noon

Joint Summer Fete 25th June

Thank you to those who have volunteered to assist with the organising and setting up for this years summer fete. We will set up a meeting shortly to agree the arrangements for this important joint event between the Church and St Anthony's. There will be much to enjoy on the day including singing and dancing performances by our young children. Stalls will include : plants, bottles, Jams, cakes and much more.....

PPC 10th July

The Parish AGM will happen on **Sunday July 10th**. It is not too soon to start thinking about it and specifically what you will do about it. We have not had realistic elections through the covid-dominated years. Perhaps a thought is appropriate about what a PPC is for. When recently we asked you to express your thoughts and wishes about parish and wider church you had much to say. It has slipped into the background but is not forgotten. One clear thing you want is a different kind of priest. We friars hope we are well on the way to being that kind of priest. But clericalism is a canker that is prevalent and damaging the church. The antidote is a good PPC which takes responsibility. It works with the priest (s) each contributing its proper input, each respecting all other roles in the complex organisation of a parish. Can you contribute to building this? Are you interested?

Lenten Lunches

In response to the money raised by the Lenten Lunches we have received a lovely letter from Mary's Meals thanking us for our efforts. This is on the Noticeboard—please take a moment to read it. The amount sent to them was £1975 but £60 had already been sent earlier making the total of £2,035.

Mass for Migrants on Monday, 2nd May 2022, at 2.30pm

The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood invite you to a celebration of the annual Mass for Migrants. The Mass will be hosted by the Diocese of Westminster and live-streamed from Westminster Cathedral. The celebrant is Bishop Michael Campbell OSA. You are kindly invited to attend in person to celebrate the significant contribution made by migrants to the life of our Dioceses.

Trinity Catholic High School Foundation Governor Vacancy

Foundation governors are appointed by the Bishop to serve as his representatives on the governing body of diocesan schools to ensure the Church's mission is upheld. Governors have oversight of the curriculum and the appointment of staff and are accountable for the performance of the school. They have a strategic role to play as well as acting as a critical friend to the headteacher. Governing bodies need people with a mixture of skills and experience. Training is provided to help governors fulfil this very important role. If you would like to know more, please contact Sally: Sparry@tchs.org.uk

Church Cleaning

Saturday 7th May at 10.30am

Deborah Butterworth, Rosie O'Connor & Charmaine Turnell

St Thomas' Under 5s group

Open Tues/Wed term time only. 9.30 to 11am we charge £1 per Adult and £1 per child. Drinks are included in the cost.

Brownies Volunteers Helpers needed

In order for St Thomas' Brownie Unit to keep going we are looking for a volunteer to help on Tuesdays during term time from 6.30 to 8pm. Please contact the Parish Office for more information in the first instance.

Senior Club at the Woodford Library

Is on every second Tuesday of the month 9.15am-10.30am. To book a place call 02087087444 or email woodfordgreen.library@visionrcl.org.uk

Pilgrimage

If anyone is interested in the pilgrimage to Knock. Please find the poster on our notice board.

Tennis lessons at the Friary Tennis Court

Lessons are available every Saturday morning for kids and adults. Contact Natasha 07904022966.