

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Anniversaries:

Patrick Murphy, Rita Roudette, Michael Power, Leonard Harris, Sister Nealon, Agnes Ramsden, Elizabeth Perks, Thomas Crusz, Marie Pillay, Mary Todd, John Burgess, Hannah Hayday, Derek Pyner,

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 track & trace information by using the QR code

Home mission Sunday

There will be a retiring collection after all masses this weekend.

Date for your diary

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

From 6pm on 8th October
to 12 noon on 9th October



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25th Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

19th September 2021 Home Mission Day

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

There is a difference between being *childish* and being *childlike*. Today we are called to imitate the simple honesty and transparency of a small child who can sometimes recognise truths that adults have not noticed.

First Reading Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

Wrongdoers are reluctant to trust people who focus on doing what is right and sometimes try to catch them out.

Second Reading James 3:16—4:3

Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Jesus says that anyone who welcomes a little child in his name welcomes Christ himself; and anyone who welcomes Christ welcomes not him but his Father who sent him.



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord upholds my life.



Mass-on-the-grass

God was very good to give us such lovely weather last Sunday. We had been starved of good celebrations of mass. You sensed its importance coming as you did in such great number. I thank you for coming. We had music – carefully rehearsed – technical expertise for perfect audibility and a lot of hard work from 7am and days before. All the week people have been talking about it. It was a sublime example of good liturgy and enthusiastic sharing of prayers and picnic. That was the prelude. Now we all need to pick up our individual tasks to make the orchestra of our parish life.

Future strategy

The next day I was approached with a request to support a meeting to plan the future strategy of our parish. I thought I had broached the subject on Sunday. There is so much we do not know about the future. Immediately we have to work with what we do know. Which was why I went back to the simple purity of the first followers of Jesus. In Acts of the Apostles Luke records their simple life: hear the teaching of the Apostles: *for us Pope Francis gives volumes of this instruction. The brotherhood: caring, nurturing. The breaking of bread: Jesus in communion. And Prayer. Reviving from the pandemic we have to do the simple ordinary things of family life. But I do heartily agree with some blue-sky thinking of strategy. If anyone is interested please let me know.*

Suggestions: Restart the Soup Run. All interested to meet shortly. Some simple ventures for families to get to know each other; e.g. some forest walks. More suggestions welcomed.

The Sisters of the Holy Family

We are sad that the sisters are finally leaving our parish this week. So today the 11.30 mass will be offered in thanksgiving for what they have done for us. They came to Woodford some years before St Thomas' parish and church existed. They provided Parkmore primary school and St Mary's girls' grammar school until this combined with St Paul's secondary modern to form Trinity. They provided teachers and head-teachers for St Antony's until living memory. Times changed. Catholic education had been the preserve of religious orders when nobody else was doing it. Gradually you – the Lay Church have taken it over and we religious have move to other concerns. It was not only school education that the sisters provided. They have been active in many roles in the parish: caring quietly for any manner of needy. They have prayed in their common life and with their Associates. They are among the giants of recent generations on whose shoulders we stand. We thank them heartily. Now their task passes to you.

MEDITATION

A new cross-parishes group has been set up with the idea to run weekly meditation sessions. Initially we will begin at Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Centre. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 28th September from 2-3 pm. Subsequent meetings will be held weekly on Tuesdays at the same time. If you would like to know more and/or are intending to come along please contact Mike Eggleton via the Parish Office.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 19th September

8.30 John O'Brien RIP
10 Kate Ray RIP
11.30 Holy Family Sisters

Monday 20th September

Maria Golaszewska anniversary
Alan Mullee RIP
Sr Catherine Burns RIP

Tuesday 21st September

Elizabeth and Michael Bergin anniversary
Rosa Fitzpatrick birthday
Funeral Gwendolyn Brazier RIP

Wednesday 22nd September

Intentions Jon & Nancy Stubbings
Mark Hodgkins RIP
Sr Anne Kieran intentions

Thursday 23rd September

Frank Maunsell RIP
Pat Maloney RIP
Trinity intentions

Friday 24th September

David Powell ill
Tess Murphy intentions
Mary & Vincent Lennon recovery

Saturday 25th September

10 am Eddie Marie RIP
6 pm Family of Mary Kelly deceased

Sunday 26th September

8.30 Michael Carrig RIP
10 Mark Hodgskin RIP
11.30 Lorcan Canavan RIP

Church Cleaning

Friday 24th September at 9am

Claire Hobbs, Christine Acons, Julia Bever, Susanna Barnoin, Liz Atkinson, Josie Kiernon & Michelle Liddle

Lost property

Items of lost property will be left in the Church porch this weekend. Any items not reclaimed will be disposed of.

Trinity vacancies

Cleaner- 20 hours per week, Please visit the school's website for more details

Personal Assistant Vacancy

A disabled male with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (a wheelchair user) from East London, is seeking someone who can support them at the weekends with social activities such as meeting friends, going out to pubs, cinemas and restaurants etc. It would be on every Saturday (approximately 8 hours a day from 12 PM to 8 PM) Paid position. If you would be interested then please contact Ajay on yadava77@gmail.com

Sunday Teas to recommence



We are pleased to announce that Sunday teas will start again on **Sunday 26th September**. Come and join us in the becket Centre.

Certificate of Practice

Fr Quentin will be available from 3 to 4 pm on **Monday 20th** and **Wednesday 22nd** of September. And from 7 to 8 pm on **Tuesday 21st** and **Thursday 23rd**.