

PRAY FOR THE SICK



During the heating project the Church is temporarily closed except for Funerals.

Mass is live streamed & recorded as follows:

Monday 8am

Wednesday 8am

Friday 8am

Saturday 10am

Sunday 10am

Anniversaries:

Murial Pells, James Griffin, Jonathan Wingate-Whyte, Brenda O'Rourke, Eileen Smith, Mary Pearson, Patrick Donovan, Anastasia Barfoot, Anne Harris, Beatrice Cafon, Elizabeth Meredith, Jacqueline Collett, Boniface (Hans) Kruger OFM, Jane Fulcher, Albert Clifford, George Hoyes, Jessie Turner.

SVP pays tribute to Victor Mould RIP

The members of the parish SVP conference would like to pay tribute to Victor who died on Ash Wednesday. Victor joined the SVP in April 1960, and had been an active member ever since, serving in various roles throughout the organisation.

Our National President, Helen O'Shea, summed him up perfectly in her tribute: 'At the SVP we are very privileged to have been able to call Victor one of ours. I will aim to be inspired by his gentle and quiet determination to do whatever it took to help those in need.'

He was indeed an inspiration to us all and will be sorely missed.

Prayer of spiritual communion (St Alphonsus Liguori)

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen



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Second Sunday of Lent (B) 28th February 2021

The readings for the second Sunday of Lent follow the same pattern over the three years of the liturgical cycle. The first reading is always about Abraham. The Gospel is always the story of the transfiguration, this year in Mark's version.

First Reading Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

Abraham is the great Old Testament figure of faith. At the age of seventy-five he answered the call of God and set off for an unknown land.

Second Reading Romans 8:31-34

Paul poses questions: "With God on our side who can be against us?" "When God acquits, could anyone condemn?" The answer is "No!"

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

For the second time in the Gospels, at Jesus' transfiguration, the voice of the Father informs the disciples that Jesus is the Father's beloved Son and adds, "Listen to him."



Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

Victor Mould RIP

Some 4 years ago St Thomas' lost an indefatigable caring man of prayer as he moved to Chingford.

Victor was a man of lovely old-world courtesy; a type rarely seen these days. A humble man who never married, loved cricket and especially bowls at which he excelled. But his total concern was for our parish and the poor whom he served 61 years through the SVP as you see from their appreciation.

Victor died last week. His funeral will be at Our Lady of Grace N Chingford at a date not yet known. Please pray for him. And pray that God will raise up from us more lovers of God and the poor to continue his work.



Journey of Faith

No longer just "catechumens", they are now known as the "Elect". We could not take Michelle Sinclair, Karen James, Olivia Gant, Laikyn Wassermann and Clayton Benvenuti to Brentwood to be "chosen" by the bishop. Instead we are doing it this week here in St Thomas. Please welcome them and pray for them. We hope they will become fully integrated into our church and parish at the Easter Vigil.

Communion Preparation

All the families have now received some brilliant PowerPoints and video clips to help them through the first 6 chapters of I Belong. We should all be ready for the first confessions by the middle of Lent. I am not sure how we will arrange these confessions. We have some ideas of how to do it making sure everyone is completely safe from covid. Our two teachers have done brilliantly in providing these helps to you families.

The foundation of understanding Holy Communion has now been laid. I would welcome some feedback from you families to know how much your children have learned. From now on the concentration is on Jesus, really present in the bread and wine of communion. Now sharing in the mass is essential. We hope it will shortly be possible to open the church for you to come to mass – all due precautions observed. But in the meantime do use the streamed masses. Show your children how much you care for Jesus really present, eager to come to you physically rather than just on a screen.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 28th February

People of the parish
Joan Bright RIP
Victor Mould RIP

Monday 1st March

John Potter RIP
Theresa Judge anniversary
C Long family intentions

Tuesday 2nd March

Peter McMahon
Stephen Hopkins recovery
John Golden anniversary

Wednesday 3rd March

Patrick Cafferky RIP
Carmel Kenny RIP
Deceased brethren

Thursday 4th March

Derek Beverley RIP
Colin & Trevor Correya RIP
Trinity intentions

Friday 5th March

CWL
Simon Eustace RIP
Sr Bernadette

Saturday 6th March

Pat Gardener RIP
Tony Pike RIP
Eilish Whitaker anniversary

Sunday 7th March

People of the parish
John Hopkins RIP
Norman Wearing RIP

Cards

The Parish Office has a supply of St Patrick Day and Easter cards for sale.



Heating progress

We expect that the heating equipment for the church will be fully installed in about 10 days time. Our contractors have been most courteous, ready to fit round any need we have to use the church and the quality of their work is first class. Meantime we are still warm in the Friary. The next stage is not yet clear.

Rota Coordinators Vacancies Can you help?

In the hope that the Governments step plan and the public support for it will enable life to return to some sort of normality in late June we need to start preparing our normal rotas. However, to do this we are looking for two willing volunteers to look after the Church [laundry Rota](#) and the [Church cleaning Rota](#).

Let us know if you have spare time to assist us.

