

**PRAY FOR  
THE SICK**



**Lately dead:**

- ◇ John Harris  
(*Jenny Berry's brother*)

**Anniversaries:**

Thomas Anderson, Mary Armond, Aldo Cara, Laraine Templeman, Rima Atkociuniene, Myrtle Goad, Robert Fields, Elizabeth Brown, Bernard Holford, Cecilia Hucks, Dennis Curran, Josseline Heal, Margaret(Greta) O'Donnell, Carol Bullman, Catherine Dunbar, Thomas Keating, Stanisoaus Bell, Sandra Dimmock, Giuseppina Verney.

**Annual Requiem Mass**

The Catholic Police Guild will be holding its 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Requiem Mass at Westminster Cathedral on 7 November. Bishop Alan will preside. More information is on the poster in the church lobby.

**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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**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
30th July 2023**

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

The desire of God the Father is that we become "true images" of his Son so that he may share the treasures of the kingdom of heaven with each one of us.

**First Reading**

1 Kings 3:5. 7-12

Wisdom is a gift to be sought  
after.

**Second Reading**

Romans 8:28-30

We are chosen to be "true  
images" of Christ.

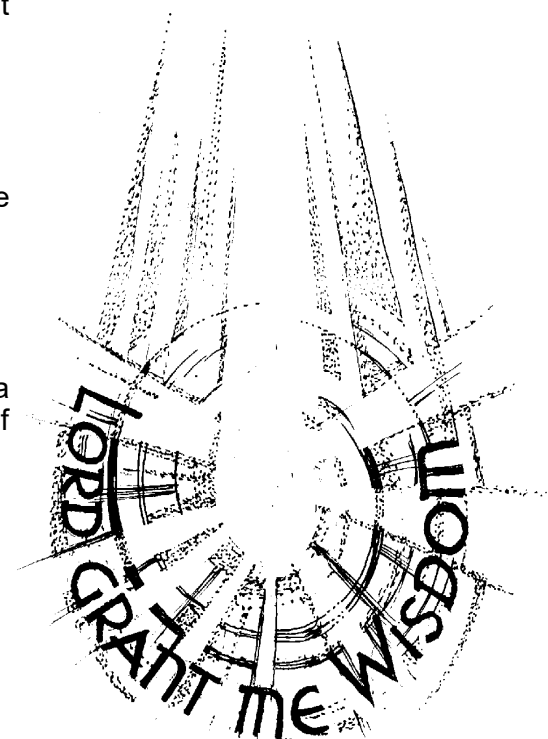
**Gospel**

Matthew 13:44-52

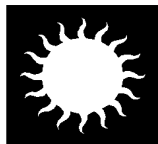
Jesus' parables give a  
picture of the true nature of  
the kingdom of heaven.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Lord, how I love your law!



This is the final weekly letter for the present. Many are now praying elsewhere. Next week you will receive details for the whole month of August as we all take the opportunity for a rest.



## Friars' Chapter: 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August

The more robust members of our community have to travel to Ireland to take part in the Provincial Chapter. The more frail members intend and hope to continue the usual programme of masses with you in our absence.

There is one exception. **There will be no mass in Chigwell Convent on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Instead the mass will be celebrated there on the evening of Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.**

It is a reminder that soon there will no longer be the wide choice of masses we now enjoy and take for granted. One alarming statistic: Our former large parish in Bristol will have no mass at all for the whole of August. No priest available.

## World Youth Day

The main celebration in Portugal begins next Sunday. Satellite celebrations happen throughout the world. In London this will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of August, 11am-5pm. Venue: Church Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Square, London WC2H 7BX. Donations only.

**To register** a group or individually, fill in the form: [bit.ly/wydlondon](http://bit.ly/wydlondon)

## Roman Synod October 2023

It is hard to envisage how a meeting of so many can address the problems and the potential of our global church. 450 participants have been carefully selected. 363 of these will have full voting rights and 54 of them are women. Each has been chosen to comprise the widest possible range of experience of real life through all classes: rich and poor clergy and laity, learned and – the “mere children” of all ages.

Listening is the priority. The wide range suggests that there are not any “no-go” areas.

## Back on the farm

The same holds for us. The task comes back to us when the Roman meeting ends. Surely a key question is: What is a priest? What is he for? The apostles faced this question when disagreements crept into the early church – and yes, about money. They concluded that their task was to preach and pray. This opens up a vast area of possibilities. We are capable of dreaming. The Holy Spirit is giving the church power for lateral thinking – the concept of priest, the range of possible ministries baptism opens up for every catholic.

To me this sounds like an agenda we need to start tackling here in Brentwood. Specifically for us here in the partnership of Our Lady of Lourdes, St Anne Line and ourselves. Shortly we will welcome Fr Martin Boland who will move into Cambridge Rd.

Are you interested? How important is the church to you? Is our practice to be a stale repetition or a new participation?



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday 30th July

8.30 May Mullally RIP  
10 Tom Penny RIP  
11.30 The Hammersley family  
Chigwell Celso Galamiton ill

### Monday 31st July

Sheila & Mike Murphy RIP  
Maureen Kivineen & Eileen Clancy

### Tuesday 1st August

Jack Crosby RIP  
Martha Koh RIP

### Wednesday 2nd August

Narishta Ratnanather –recovery  
Jackie Crosby RIP

### Thursday 3rd August

Kevin Doherty anniversary  
Annie Smith RIP  
Trinity intentions

### Friday 4th August

Paulette Macpherson anniversary  
John Harris RIP

### Saturday 5th August

10 Sr Nuala Gaffney RIP  
6 Winnie Spears RIP

### Sunday 6th August

8.30 David Fahy RIP  
10 Erica Zimmer RIP  
11.30 Chris Bell ill

## Church Cleaning Thursday 3rd August at 9.00am

Jackie John, Sue Mansbridge,  
Srimathie Cruz, Maragret Parkinson  
& Mary Charter

## Preparation of 7-8 year-olds for Holy Communion.

If you wish to include your child please register with the Parish Office before September 6<sup>th</sup>. Notice that it is not a preparation for **first** communion. Our catechists are ready and eager to help you. No one else but you can give your child the steady accompaniment as they come to know Jesus. Joining the community regularly at mass each Sunday is indispensable.

## Tuition—spaces available

English GCSE small group sessions term time Fridays - spaces available from September, I am an English teacher with over 20 years experience, DBS checked and fully insured. I run several GCSE, A Level and KS3 groups locally and I aim to inspire a love of English as well as to prepare children for their GCSEs or A Levels. Do get in touch if you would like to discuss how I could support your child. Please contact Theresa O'Sullivan [theresaosullivan2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:theresaosullivan2002@yahoo.co.uk)