

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

### Lately dead:

- ◇ James Carr (grandson of Rosemary Freeman).

*May he rest in peace*

### Anniversaries:

Richard Bachman, George Dadswell, Thomas Diamond, Adelina Gill, Carmen Cilia, Duffee Anne-Marie Rodgers, Henry Taylor, Christopher Nestor, Chu Chin Ooi, James Saunders, Sarah Wilkie Saunders, Mary Wilkinson, Patricia Biggs, James Cavanagh, Reece Doyley, Carlton Hayes, Rosina Marshall, Sister O'Brien, Mollie Wood, Anna Ayles, Thelma Fogg, Mabel Harris, Sister Conrad McCarthy, Anne Newton, Helen O'Donovan, Hazel Wilding, Michael Loftus.

### Companions meeting at Chigwell

Companions of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be meeting at Chigwell Convent at 2.00 pm on 18th April

## 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 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

### Parish Shop Update

First Holy Communion cards and gifts are now available in the shop as are also a fresh stock of Mass cards. We also now have picture/colouring books for children.

There is also leaflet which parents may find helpful titled "I pray with my children"



### Can you help?

Do you have time to spare as we need a couple of helpers to join the Saturday 6pm shop team.



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## Second Sunday of Easter (A) 16th April 2023

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

Our risen Lord makes himself known to his disciples by offering them his peace. Through this sign he also channels the divine mercy that we celebrate today. Let us open ourselves to that peace and mercy transforming our lives.

### First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles.

### Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

God the Father, in his great mercy, has given us a new birth as his sons and daughters, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

### Gospel John 20:19-31

Jesus said to the disciples,  
"Peace be with you,"  
and showed them his hands and his side.

### Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

PEACE

BE WITH YOU

## Holy Week

I am grateful for the many messages of approval I have heard for the special liturgies from Palm Sunday to Easter day. For long years it seems these services have had to be restricted because of covid. This year thanks to you we have celebrated them to the full. I want to thank you who with us friars have made them special. The list is long: the rotacarsers with ministers of communion, readers, ushers, sacristans, launderers and cleaners planned in advance, and took their turns. The musicians spent many hours of rehearsal, as did also our lovely group of young servers. Few churches can match the dignity and devotion with which these very young and regular people took their part. Liturgy makes so much more sense when you are actively engaged with a task. I notice this each day when in the Eucharistic prayer at mass I say: "...giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you." It is not just the priest who brings Jesus to the altar. It is all of you, each taking your part, that brings Jesus to us. Thank you for doing it so enthusiastically and well this week.

## "A full church"

Twice on Easter day the number coming to Mass had us wondering whether the church was "safe". Health and Safety has set a limit to the number we may allow. It would be a good problem to have more often. - We are working to restore the children's liturgy. I hope very soon all those who have volunteered will come together for a little training, compliance with safeguarding regulations, and planning to make a start. Also I anticipate some booklets and papers that will not just keep the children amused, but provide basic instruction about Jesus, are now available in the Parish Shop.

## The 12 newly elect

No longer catechumens, 8 were baptised and four more received into full communion of our family at Saturday's vigil. It has been an exceptional year for the Journey of Faith. This was evident in the liturgy and the party that followed in Becket. We hope and expect the warm feeling of belonging to continue with those still on the way to complete belonging with us. Already the "newcomers" are looking to the various societies and groups of the parish to find what suits their respective talents and situation. It is not always easy to join a well-knit group. So welcome them and help them to be truly comfortable with us. We are crying out for hands and hearts to take on the family building tasks that we older ones have done for long enough.

## Reminder

- **Confirmation Programme**

Candidates next session is on Thursday 19th April

- **First Holy Communion Programme**

Group A 22nd April 10—11am

Group B 29th April 10—11am

Group C 29th April 11.30 –12.30pm

Please make sure that your child attends one of the above sessions.



## Mass Intentions

### **Sunday 16th April**

8.30 Maureen Chubb  
10 John Dangerfield  
11.30 Emma Harrod Richman & family

### **Monday 17th April**

George Dadswell anniversary  
Joe Malone good health

### **Tuesday 18th April**

Jim Sullivan RIP  
David Brady Young RIP

### **Wednesday 19th April**

CWL

### **Thursday 20th April**

Thanks for baby Jonas Dabrera  
Trinity intentions

### **Friday 21st April**

Marian Rowan

### **Saturday 22nd April**

10 Chu Chin anniversary  
6 Marie Christine Ketteridge RIP

### **Sunday 23rd April**

8.30 Anne Potter intentions  
10.00 Philomena Brohi  
11.30 Fr Michael Coleman RIP  
Chigwell Dominic Correia anniversary



## St George's Day Parade

Next Sunday we will be welcoming members of the girl guides and scouts to 10am Mass to celebrate St Georges day.

They will also be having a cake sale in the Becket Centre after Mass.

## Church Cleaning

Saturday - 10.30 am 22nd April

Rachel Woolf & Kathleen Mahoney

## Next Baptism Course

The next baptism course for first time parents will take place on 10th & 17th May 8 to 9pm in the Becket Centre. Applications forms are available from the Parish Office

## School Vacancies

There are a range of vacancies for staff in our parish schools across the diocese. Please find further information by following this link <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

**Loyola Preparatory**, a Catholic boy's school in Buckhurst Hill, is looking to appoint a **Deputy Headteacher** to join their small and friendly school in September 2023. For further information regarding this opportunity please see the TES jobs website 2023.

## Quiz Night Friary Tennis Club

Our Quiz will take place in the Becket Centre on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> April (7pm for a 7:30 start). Licensed bar, food at cost if you wish.

Entry only £8

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