

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead:

- ◇ Rita Roberts
- ◇ Sarah Worrall

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Mark Thompson, Maggie Little, Doreen Ritchie, Sister Patricia Collins, John Maher, David Millar, Mary O'Sullivan, Joan Spalding, Arthur Rayner, Mrs White, Seamus Hanley, Sister Ronayne, Annie Horton.

The Companions of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

will be meeting at Chigwell Convent on Monday 11th September at 2.00 pm. All are welcome to attend, particularly new members.

A NIGHT & DAY OF ADORATION Friday 15th &

Saturday 16th September



Opening with evening prayer at 6pm on Friday And continuing until 12 noon on Saturday

Talk to God

He will listen to you – the night hours are the best ... Please do come

The music group will play from 11am-12 noon to close the Adoration

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

Retiring Collection

There is a retiring collection this weekend for Education Sunday



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Served by the Franciscans

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 10th September 2023

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

As a prophetic people and by virtue of our baptism, we have responsibility for our sisters and brothers, especially when they turn from God's ways. Contrary to public opinion, we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

First Readings Ezekiel 33:7-9

Ezekiel is told something which is crucial for an understanding of prophecy; the prophet has responsibility for passing on God's word to God's people.

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10

Love and debt are not normally equated with each other, but Paul insists that Christians have the debt of mutual love, which is the answer to each commandment.

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

In the community of Jesus' followers its members must take responsibility for each other. The purpose is to rescue a sister or brother from being a wrongdoer.



Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts

Michael Copps writes,

This week the Bishop's secretary asked me to phone her. I did so and she had the Bishop beside her, and verbally he approved my nomination as Parish Priest. So, there is no escape. Seriously, I feel very privileged to be your pastor. I know many of you from being here on and off since 2005 but I was not full time on the parish ministry. I ask your patience, as I need to adjust to a different pattern of thought and activity. Together I hope we can promote the reign of God in this neck of the woods.

The Pope found in his visit to Mongolia much to admire:-

Here, Asia has much to offer and Mongolia, which lies at the heart of this continent, possesses a great *patrimony of wisdom* that its various religions have helped to create and that I would like to urge all to explore and appreciate. I will limit myself to mentioning, albeit briefly, ten aspects of this patrimony: a healthy relationship to tradition, despite the temptations of consumerism; respect for your elders and ancestors – today how greatly do we need a generational covenant between old and the young, a dialogue between grandparents and grandchildren! Also, care for the environment, our common home, another great and pressing need, for we are in peril. Then too, the value of silence and the interior life, as a spiritual antidote to so many ills in today's world. Also, a healthy sense of frugality; the value of hospitality; the ability to resist attachment to material objects; the solidarity born of a culture of interpersonal bonds; and respect for simplicity. Finally, a certain existential pragmatism that tenaciously pursues the good of individuals and of the community. These ten aspects are some elements of the patrimony of wisdom that this country is able to offer to the world.

Children's Liturgy

We would like to invite those volunteers who have offered to assist with the Sunday 10am children's liturgy to a briefing meeting on **Monday 18th September** at 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Becket Centre.

St Thomas Under 5s Parent & Baby Group

Please note we will return on Tuesday, 19 September and Wednesday, 20 September (under 2s only). New members welcome. Group runs from 9.30 am to 11 am each session

Catechists training & resource Day 2023

This will be a helpful event for those new to the role or those experienced. It will take place on Saturday 4th November 10am to 3pm at Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster. If you would like to attend please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Journey of Faith

Journey of Faith will begin on Wednesday September 13th from 7pm. Please come along and join us.

Certificates of Practice

Fr Michael will be available to sign certificates of Practice on the following days
Wednesday 27th September 3 to 4pm
Friday 29th September 7—8pm



Mass Intentions

Sunday 10th September

8.30 Frank Maunsell anniversary
10 Chris Bell RIP
11.30 Dobson family intentions

Monday 11th September

Mark Hodgskin anniversary
Patrick Gibbons RIP

Tuesday 12th September

Dave Crumpton RIP
Chigwell Michael O'Doherty 90 years old

Funeral 12 Vincent Browne

Wednesday 13th September

C.W.L
Rita Watkins

Thursday 14th September

Michael & Bridget McLoughlin
Trinity intentions

Friday 15th September

Seamus Hanley anniversary

Funeral 12 Patrick Gibbons

Saturday 16th September

10 Joanna & Frank Costello RIP
Anthony Gaughan anniversary

6 Hugh Herron RIP

Sunday 17th September

8.30 Phyllis Kelly RIP
10 King Magmisen RIP
11.30 Matt McMCloughlin anniversary

Church Cleaning Saturday 16 September

Please note that the Adoration period will not conclude until 12 noon

Rachel Woolf & Kathleen Mahoney

August Baptisms congratulations

To the following children who were baptised;
Tilly Benson, Poppy O'Brien, Luna Dennis, Lucan Adams, Eva Adams, Roma Adams, Jasper O'Donovan & Honey Heaney

Parish Bridge Club

If you would like to learn how to play Bridge, or you already know and would like an informal evening of play and improvement, you would be most welcome to join us in the Henrietta Suite on Thursday evenings at 7pm, or email bridgeclub@stthomaswoodford.org

Parish Fabric Team

We are a small team who look after/carry out the repairs and maintenance throughout the site that constantly require attention, and for bigger stuff we help identify and manage suitable contractors. If you have some DIY skills, OR experience of tendering and contract management, please contact the parish office - WE NEED YOU!!

Keep Fit

Starts again on Monday 11th September 8.25 to 9.15pm then every Monday in term time. Fun class, £5 per session, just turn up and bring water and a mat.