

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Lately dead:

- ◇ **Bryan Arkell**
- ◇ **Maurice O'Sullivan**

May they rest in peace

The **funeral of Brian Beveridge** will take place on 10th December at a Private family service in Parndon Wood. His life will be celebrated at St Thomas' on 14th May 2022. More information will be available in due course.

Anniversaries:

Katherine Delaney, Martin Fuller, Joan Hayes, John Martin, Leslie George Bond, Ethel Humphrey, John Fernandez, Peter Morgan, Sister Mary Heenan, Mr Mears, Michael Carroll, James Cunningham, Florence Mulroue, Joan Reynolds, Catherine King, Moby Lalani, Jutta Menzies, Suzanna Wright, David Archer, Felicitas De Costa, Craig Lobo, Wynnidrid Musselwhite.

Trinity Vacancy

- Science Technician,

Please visit the school's website for more details, if you have any queries, please get back to me.

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 test & trace information by using the QR code



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Second Sunday of Advent (C)

5th December 2021

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

The key to all our success stories is to be found in the preparations we make for them. Today we are invited to prepare a way for the Lord.

First Reading Baruch 5:1-9

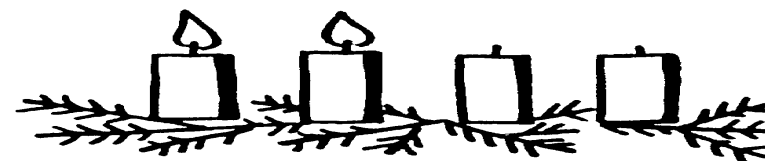
The prophet Baruch echoes the message of Isaiah that God will enable us to walk safely on level ground.

Second Reading Philippians 1:4-6. 8-11

Paul wants us to prepare for the Day of Christ. His prayer for us is that we will always recognise what is best.

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist is the one who fulfils the prophecy about preparing a way for the Lord and shows us what needs to be done.



Responsorial Psalm

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Congregational singing returns

It is ironic that licence to sing in church returns just as covid precautions tighten. You are invited to join in with the Music Group at 10 next Sunday, and from today at the 11.30 masses. However. Only if you sing through the face-mask. Hymn books are still banned for fear of surface contamination. So we will provide single-use hymn sheets for the present and coming seasons.

Voices and instruments needed

Both choirs have suffered losses of members during the pandemic. Please think. You do want this essential ingredient to give each of the Sunday masses its special character. Do not be shy. Come and join us. If we do not replenish our resources then our Masses grow stale. Think of it as an exercise of the Synodal pathway we heard from Bishop Alan last Sunday. What do you want? What do your companions in the faith want? Then ask yourself: What can I contribute to make it happen? A splendid example of the three Synod steps: discuss, take part, give of yourself.

First Holy Communion

The next Parents meeting will take in the Church on

**8th December at 7.30pm.
Please wear masks**

The children should have covered Chapters 1, 5 & 6. This parents meeting will provide information on how to teach your child about reconciliation so that you can assist them to complete the chapters and feel ready for their reconciliation in February. There will also be information and a video to watch sent via the FHC group io email address following the meeting.

You will need to register your attendance when you arrive.

Ministry of Catechists

Every month the Pope chooses a special intention and asks the whole of the church to pray for this special body. For December he has chosen: You Catechists. There are many in SToC. Some are recognised – teachers in schools, those teaching in the preparation for sacraments. Many more do it without thinking they are doing anything special. But do think. You mums and dads teach your babies to pray. When you bring them for baptism you undertake to bring them up in the faith. And you do it steadily. - We respect the Ministers of Communion because they give the body of Christ. You Catechists give the Word of Christ. We pray for you with the Pope this month. There are courses for those who would like to give more positive shape to the teaching they are doing.

Sunday 5th December 4.30pm Ecumenical Advent Service

Please come and join the choirs from All Saints & St Thomas. Followed by refreshments in the Becket Centre. Face masks must be worn.

Parish Faith Talk 6th December at 7pm

Please come along and join Fr Austin in the Becket Centre.

The church, is not strengthened only by reforming structures, giving instructions, offering retreats and conferences or by directives and programs, but by rediscovering that it is a people that desires to walk together, among itself and with humanity

Pope Francis



Mass Intentions

Sunday 5th December

8.30 Joan Hayes anniversary
10 People of the parish
11.30 The Ratnanathers

Monday 6th December

Monica Mukherji intentions
Nancy Stubbings
Yvonne Poulter RIP

Tuesday 7th December

D Scoggins, Gillian & Luke ill
Tom Furlong RIP
Intentions Basil Perera

Wednesday 8th December

Peter Stubbings
Evarita Sidonie RIP
Nursing Home Staff
Funeral 11am Harold Hetherington

Thursday 9th December

John Anthony Berkin
Kathy Stokes RIP
Trinity intentions

Friday 10th December

Jutta Menzies anniversary
Felicitas De Costa anniversary
Brian Beveridge RIP

Saturday 11th December

10 am Judy Gallibardy thanksgiving
6 pm Allard & Harris families anniversary

Sunday 12th December

8.30 Maurice O'Sullivan RIP
10 Ann Corbett RIP
11.30 Michael Gallagher ill

Church Cleaning

Thursday 9th December
at 9.00am

Sue Mansbridge, Jackie John, Maria-Clare Fawcett, Mary Charter & Louise Deans

Christmas Cards

We have a lovely selection of boxes of Christmas cards which can be purchased from the Office costing £4.

Parish Diaries

Are available at the back of church

Confirmation Candidates

Don't forget to return your indemnity form and confirmation name this week

Christmas Masses

Booking link

Christmas Eve 24th December 3pm, 5.15pm, 7.30pm OR 10.00pm
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-eve-masses-tickets-211674613467>

Christmas Day 25th December 8.30am, 10am OR 11.30am
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-day-masses-tickets-219049802857>

Calling all Readers, Ministers of Communion & Stewards

If you will be attending Mass at St Thomas' on either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, please indicate your availability by adding your name to the lists located on the table at the back of the church.