

Lately Deceased:

Gerrane Nardone

Anniversaries:

Peter Hayes, John Smith-Pryor, Gerald Jones, Virgil Gillings, Winnifred Nethercott, John Williams, Kathleen Bacon, Irmgard Bass, Eileen Beerli, Francesco Ferretti, Henry Gosling, Hema Perera, Oona Douglas, Christina Morris, Dennis Robinson, Agnes Sandy, John Joseph, Joan Morgan, Laurence Dillon, Elliot James Green,

New Franciscan Magazine

The Friars announce the launch of a new magazine, **St Anthony Herald**. This replaces the *Troubadour* and a similar magazine that was published in Ireland. The magazine will contain news of the Friars at home and abroad, and also short articles on St Francis, on matters of prayer and spirituality, etc. The magazine is priced at £2, but feel free to take one without paying anything. If you do wish to make a donation, please leave it in the wall safe at the back of the church, in the box marked *Bookstall*. Happy reading! Thank you.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo Led by Bishop Alan Williams

Monday 15th June 2026 to Friday 19th June 2026. 4 nights in Knock House Hotel, with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Visit Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre. Price £799.00 per person

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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



SUMMER FETE

Summer fete on the 11th of July, 12-4pm.
Please contact danaevesteve@hotmail.com

- **Volunteers** - We need your help, please email Dana if you can spare a few hours
- **Fete Raffle** - We are also in need of some fabulous prizes for the raffle.
- **Donations** - We're also looking for donations of clean teddies for the tombola.
- **Home Produce** Please label all ingredients clearly to ensure that any allergies are catered for..

Refreshments after mid-week 10am mass

As a Fairtrade certified parish, St Thomas uses and promotes Fairtrade products.
Come and join us in the **William Scott** after 10am mass on **Friday 19th June**.

Fitsteps with Jacky

Henrietta Suite Tuesday's at 2pm—3pm. Drop in £6. No partner needed. It's a fitness class suitable for all abilities. Formulated by Strictly Come Dancing's Ian Waite. Learn all the ballroom & latin moves.



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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) **SUNDAY, 14TH JUNE 2026**

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

Today we hear again how much our heavenly Father treasures those who belong to him. He desires us to be whole and holy, for we are his people.

First Reading Exodus 19:2-6

Moses assures the disobedient Israelites that they are God's treasured possession.

Responsorial Psalm

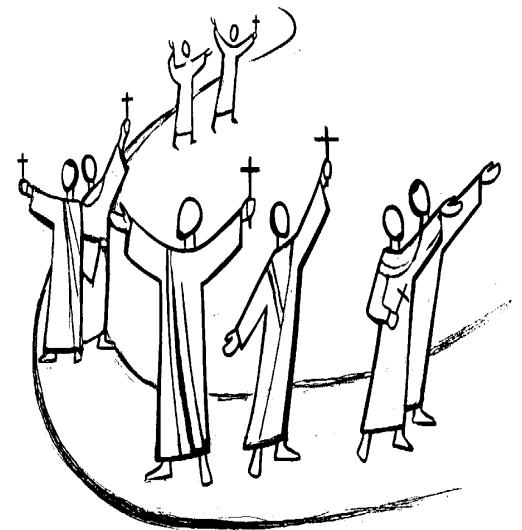
We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Second Reading Romans 5:6-11

God loves us, despite our flaws.
Jesus' sacrifice is our proof.

Gospel Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

Jesus instructs the apostles to continue his work of loving people back to health and wholeness. Such transformations signalled the arrival of God's reign.



MASS ON THE GRASS

This occasion has become a tradition in our parish. Parishes are often divided according to the Mass you customarily attend. On of the reasons for holding this one Mass in St Thomas' is to bring us all together. Please try to talk to someone you do not know to help unify our community.

WE ARE ALL TO BE MISSIONERIES SHARING THE HEART OF CHRIST

In following Christ, the Lord, Christians are called to hand on the Good News by sharing the concrete life situations of those whom they meet, and thus to be bearers and builders of hope. Indeed, "the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts" This celebrated statement of the Second Vatican Council, which expresses the sentiment and style of Christian communities in every age, continues to inspire their members and helps them to walk with their brothers and sisters in the world. Here I think especially of those of you who are mission Saries *ad gentes*. Following the Lord's call, you have gone forth to other nations to make known the love of God in Christ. For this, I thank you most heartily! Your lives are a clear response to the command of the risen Christ, who sent his disciples to evangelize all peoples (cf. *Mt* 28:18-20). In this way, you are signs of the universal vocation of the baptized to become, by the power of the Spirit and daily effort, missionaries among all peoples and witnesses to the great hope given us by the Lord Jesus. The horizon of this hope transcends the passing things of this world and opens up to those divine realities in which we share even now. Indeed, as Saint Paul VI observed, salvation in Christ, which the Church offers to all as a gift of God's mercy, is not only "immanent, meeting material or even spiritual needs... completely caught up in temporal desires, hopes, affairs, and struggles. Rather, it exceeds all such limits in order to reach fulfilment in a communion with the one Absolute, which is God. It is a salvation both transcendent and eschatological, which indeed has its beginning in this life, but is fulfilled in eternity.

Impelled by this great hope, Christian communities can be harbingers of a new humanity in a world that, in the most "developed" areas, shows serious symptoms of human crisis: a widespread sense of bewilderment, loneliness and indifference to the needs of the elderly, and a reluctance to make an effort to assist our neighbours in need. In the most technologically advanced nations, "proximity" is disappearing: we are all interconnected, but not related. Obsession with efficiency and an attachment to material things and ambitions are making us self-centred and incapable of altruism. The Gospel, experienced in the life of a community, can restore us to a whole, healthy, redeemed humanity. For this reason, I once more invite all of us to carry out the works mentioned in the Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee, with particular attention to the poorest and weakest, the sick, the elderly and those excluded from materialistic and consumerist society. And to do so with God's "style": with closeness, compassion and tenderness, cultivating a personal relationship with our brothers and sisters in their specific situation. Often, they are the ones who teach us how to live in hope. Through personal contact, we will also convey the love of the compassionate heart of the Lord. We will come to realize that "the heart of Christ... is the very core of the initial preaching of the Gospel. By drawing from this source, we can offer with simplicity the hope we have received from God and bring to others the same consolation with which we have been consoled by God (cf. *2 Cor* 1:3-4). In the human and divine heart of Jesus, God wants to speak to the heart of every man and woman, drawing all of us to his love. "We have been sent to continue this mission: to be signs of the heart of Christ and the love of the Father, embracing the whole world"

"AWAKE LONDON" A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 20th June 2026 from 12.30 pm to 4.45 pm led by Rev.Fr.Jude Kurumeh at Christ The King, 455 Chingford Road London,E4 8SP. (www.afcmuk.org). Free car parking available.



Mass Intentions from 14th—21st June

Sunday 14th June

11.30am - Linda Newton recovery
Eileen Sullivan birthday
Mary O'Shaughnessy

Monday 15th June

Sr Mary Bernadette
Paddy, Margaret, Pat Ward

Tuesday 16th June

Peg Carrig RIP

Wednesday 17th June

Leslie Charles RIP
Clarence & Felicity Motha RIP

Thursday 18th June

Ros Macpherson birthday

Friday 19th June

John Murray RIP
Marie Tisi RIP

Saturday 20th June

10am - Sr Mary Bernadette
6pm -

Sunday 21st June

8.30am - Linda Newton recovery
10am - Dennis Murphy
11.30am - Donald Raecke anniversary

**** Celebration ** 25th July at 2.00pm ****

Join us on Saturday, 25th July as we celebrate Father Brian's incredible 100th birthday. Mass begins at 2pm, with afternoon tea and cake in the Henrietta Suite. All welcome!!

Church Cleaning
Saturday, 20th June at 10.30am
Rosie O'Connor, Charmaine Turnell

VACANCY

The Ursuline Academy Ilford is looking for a Premises Officer. Temporary Post From: September 2026 to August 2027
2 days, 14 hours per week. Please see school website for further details
www.uai.org.uk/joining-us/come-work-at-uai

Trinity Festival on 4th July 4pm-10.30pm

Trinity Catholic High School is Celebrating its 50 Anniversary! Join us to commemorate this occasion at Whitbreads Sports Ground! Live music, followed by a DJ. There will also be a bar, food, games and an exciting Fireworks finale! Bring family and friends to celebrate this incredible journey! We hope are able to mark this special day with us.

THE HOLY LAND: GIFT OR ENTITLEMENT?

For decades the struggle over the Land has led to conflict in the Middle East. How should believers interpret the biblical texts related to the Land? Our renowned speaker, Fr John Deehan, is a Scripture scholar, who taught for many years at Allen Hall Seminary. Fr John will speak on Saturday 4th July from 11 am until 1 pm, with break for lunch, at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Admission free. Coffee from 10.30. The event will also be available via live stream on www.whatgoodnews.org

**** TUTORING ****

Expert academic preparation for 7+ and 11+ exams this July and August. Small groups, outstanding teachers, and professional coaching to build confidence, resilience and results. Held at The Becket Centre, Woodford Green. Places are limited. Contact info@woodfordeducation.co.uk or visit woodfordeducation.co.uk

Parish AGM

Will take place in the **Henrietta Suite (NOT Clare room)** on 1st July at 7.30pm Due to the change of date for the AGM, the deadline for nominations is 17th June. For more information please contact the Parish office.