

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Linda Blyth

May she rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Miss Hill, Maria Petter, Gerald Thackway, Juliet Woodleigh, Frank Heaney, Rose McGranaghan, Paz Mingay, Ronald Murphy, Mrs R Wren, Kathleen Bradley, Robert (Robin) Davidson, Peter Martin, Jeffrey Carlile, Catherine Nelson, Daniel Kilvington, Mary Dennehy, Jacqueline Duncan, Christie Nichol, Laura Pert.

Thank you

The SVP thank you for your generous donation of £890 last weekend.

Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection next weekend for world communications

Advanced Notice Pentecost Sunday

There will be road closures due to Ride London taking place, as a result we would recommend walking to Mass on this day.

For Chigwell there will be no mass on the Sunday but a 6pm vigil mass on Saturday 27th May.

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

Thursday 18th May The Ascension of the Lord

Vigil Mass will take place at St Thomas at 7.30pm on the 17th and Mass at 10am on Thursday 18th May.



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Served by the Franciscans

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A) 14th May 2023

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

Jesus promises that he will not leave us orphans, but sends the Holy Spirit to be with us and defend us. Gathered today by that same Spirit, we offer our praise and our thanks to God.

First Reading Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

The Holy Spirit is given to those who have accepted Christ and been baptised.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

Peter says that followers of Jesus must be prepared to suffer, just as Christ our Lord suffered for our salvation.

Gospel John 14:15-21

Through our love of Christ, we are drawn into the very life of the God who is Father, Son and Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Cry out with joy to God all the earth



Synodality

The Tablet reported last week: "Slowly but steadily Pope Francis' synodal reform of our church is moving forward". In some ways we have been doing it for a long time. It is like a good family. Each sees what needs to be done for the common good of the family, and picks up the tasks thoroughly and generously. There is a constant need of ensuring continuity. As members can no longer go on others need to move to take up the tasks. Covid put the brakes on the provision for continuity and we are working to get it into motion again.

The Parish Pastoral Council

The Tablet article saw this as the key. Ours is strong. For several years all important decisions involving all aspects of community building, finance, building maintenance, education, pastoral care, civic duties, evangelisation, reduction of poverty have been made not by us priests but by the Council. The Council has taken initiatives in all these areas, then carried them through. For that reason the Parish AGM on July 9th is an important event. We must ensure continuity of so many good things in the major changes that lie ahead.

Ministers of Communion Meeting

We need to meet to renew ourselves and our service. So I have asked you each to come for a meeting, either on this coming Tuesday 16th or Monday 22nd May. We will begin with a period of adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and then retire to share our experiences, wishes and any other matters concerning our ministry.

Each meeting will begin at 7.30pm

The coronation

We offered mass for King Charles and sang his anthem. I think we all enjoyed a memorable weekend. A Tablet article revealed insights of his deep commitment to his religious beliefs and practice. His commitment to the Church of England was foursquare and uncompromising. But equal has been his intent actively to encourage all faiths and Christian denominations. Well acquainted with St John H Newman he aligned himself with the saint's quote: "...one of the most pressing questions of our era: what should be the relationship of faith to a sceptical, secular age". His practice, often held up to ridicule, has quietly matched his words in seeking out the needy with money and action. We may hope to be pleasantly surprised. It is Catholic Social Teaching as well.

Events at St Thomas of Canterbury

In recent times Parishes are coming under increasing scrutiny partially from the Diocese and also from Insurers and Risk Managers. The Parish Council has agreed therefore that ALL EVENTS (Fetes, Fundraising, Celebrations etc) at SToC, even where permission from the Friars has been obtained, should be notified to the Parish Office who may ask for Risk Assessments to be done and the H&S team be made aware. This also includes any person or group having any work or contractors on site for repairs or improvements.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 14th May

8.30 Mrs Ann Mace
10 John Griffin RIP
11.30 Martin McShea RIP

Monday 15th May

Peter McMenemy anniversary
Christopher Wright anniversary

Tuesday 16th May

Joe Martin anniversary
John Holland anniversary

Funeral 11am Patricia Revell

Wednesday 17th May

Gisela Coreira RIP
Tamie Mitchell

Thursday 18th May

Peter Braley RIP
Dolores O'Leary RIP
Trinity intentions

Funeral 10am Margaret Kiniveen

Friday 19th May

Sr Teresa Quinn (Funeral day in Liverpool)
Nina & Graeme Roberts

Saturday 20th May

10 Kitty Mallott RIP
6 Galyna Szyzonenko

Sunday 21st May

8.30 Maureen Kivineen RIP
10 Ray Konrath RIP
11.30 Gaetano Catania anniversary

Church Cleaning

Saturday - 10.30 am 20 May Rachel Woolf & Kathleen Mahoney

(Please note that we will be holding a first communion mass at 11am on 20th.)

"Awake London"

A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 20th May 2023 from 2 pm to 5 pm led By Fr. David Waller at the Catholic Parish of Christ The King, 455 Chingford Road London, E4 8SP.

Dates for your diary

Joint Summer Fete

Will take place on **24th June** in the Friary & School Grounds. If you would like to assist with the arrangements please let the parish office know as soon as possible. If any groups would like to participate in this popular church/school fundraising event please contact the parish office in the first instance.

In any event put the date in your diary to come along and join in the fun.

Parish Concert Saturday July 8th at 7.45 pm.

A Parish summer concert will be held in the church, with the return of the professional 'Lux Aeterna' orchestra and a superb choir of parish singers

More information can be found on the Notice Board or website.