

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: John O'Malley

May he rest in peace

Funerals:

John O'Malley's funeral will take place on the 20th of July at 1pm in St Thomas of Canterbury church.

Anniversaries:

Patricia Vassallo, Ernest Knox, Francis McGahern, Desmond Walsh, Maria Ludwig, Theodorou Belen, Mary Jellhy, Kate Heary, Brian Bolton, Anna Wynne, Margaret Sizer, Dorothy Butler, Marie Quaine, Brother Damian Glennly O.F.M., Pauline O'Shea, Eva Mary Sullivan.

Franciscan life: Invitation

The Franciscan Community invite enquiries from single Catholic people aged 18-40 years pondering a possible vocation in the religious and/or priestly life, and Franciscan life; (website: www.friar.org). If interested and need guidance, please talk to one of the Friars or contact *Br Dónal ofm* via email - brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk

Lost property

Any items of lost property will be left in the porch next weekend. Any items not collected will be disposed of.

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 will be a retiring collection this weekend for Sea Sunday

Concelebrated Requiem Masses

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, will be on **Monday 10th July** at 11.30am.



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 9th July 2023

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

Embarrassing events in life may have their amusing side, but often they have something to teach us; they may show us that embarrassment hurts our pride. We don't want others to see us at our worst. But our God, who knows us so well, loves us despite everything. In fact, our God seems to love us even more when we're down on our luck, when things go badly, when we are struggling with difficulties of one kind or another. And that is the encouraging message that our Mass has for us today.

First Reading Zechariah 9:9-10

The prophet visualizes the Messiah arriving in Jerusalem and being presented to the crowds as their king – a humble king, seated on a donkey.

Second Reading Romans 8:9. 11-13

Paul reminds the early Christians in Rome that God has filled them with the life-giving Spirit of Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

Throughout Matthew's Gospel Jesus teaches us that we show that we are true followers of his not so much by our words as by our deeds.



Responsorial Psalm

**We will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.**

Thanks

First of all we thank God for giving us such good weather for the past two weekends. It provided the setting for a splendid Parish-School Fete and for the mass in the garden last Sunday. I thank you who worked so hard to make these two parish events such a success. We much need the events that help us to be a family sharing our joys and gifts. Thank you to all who came and joined in.

St Thomas parish AGM

This will take place today in the Becket soon after the 11.30 mass finishes. You have seen the annual report of the PPC chairman and the financial statement from the Finance Committee. Both speak of a parish throwing off the covid shackles and in a very good state. However we cannot simply rest contentedly on this success. The parish either grows or deteriorates. It is largely – not completely - the Old Guard who till now have done the planning and putting it into effect. Come and see what you can contribute to build the next stage.

Clergy changes

In September Canon John Harvey will move from Loughton to Brentwood Cathedral while Fr Martin Boland will take over as PP in Wanstead. We wish them both well. But the new appointment in Wanstead is highly significant for us. We are to grow into a partnership of that parish, St Anne Line and ourselves. I hear a rumble of discontent that we have failed to provide as adequately as we might for our young people to assist them in their faith in a climate hostile to things of the spirit. Can we build bridges and work together with them in improving this and more? I hope so.

Children prepare for receiving Holy Communion

In early September we start the concentrated programme preparing children to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion.

Please note well: I do **not** say preparing for First communion. Your 7 year olds are fast acquiring new knowledge, new abilities, new understanding of the world and our faith. You parents are busy night and day in facilitating this progress. Solicitously you feed them, care for their physical health. Just as importantly you are the ones who teach them to know God and how to pray to him.

St Thomas parish has now three very accomplished teachers who are ready to help you in your task. But despite all their generosity of skills, use of IT, in Saturday mornings and online they cannot provide the most basic framework your children need.

The programme for the 7 year-olds in the coming year has already started. They need to be familiar with the pattern of regular Sunday mass, and to be there to join in what they see you doing. There they grow to be aware that they too have a part to play. With you and us together, we all make Jesus present.

So by early September we hope to have a list of applications for the preparation. But – and this will be a special emphasis this year – please do not apply unless you are ready to play your part by sharing your faith and prayer regularly with the growing children.

Mass Intentions



Sunday 9th July

8.30 Helpers of Konrath family
10 Ken Glasby RIP
11.30 Sr Cecily Bourdillon

Monday 10th July

Emily Gilmartin anniversary
Alice & Bernard Markey 50th wedding

Tuesday 11th July

Michael & Sarah McLoughlin RIP
Rose O'Doherty intentions

Wednesday 12th July

Reiko Jordan
Peter Wohlmutth RIP

Thursday 13th July

Mary Keane RIP
Lorna Crosby intentions

Friday 14th July

Pat McCreesh RIP
Withold Gryko RIP

Saturday 15th July

10 am John Buckley RIP
6 pm David Middleton RIP

Sunday 16th July

8.30 Margaret O'Connor
10 Grace O'Malley-Kumar RIP
11.30 Ian Howes ill

Church Cleaning Saturday 15th July 10.30am

Rosie O'Connor & Charmaine Turrell

Parish Annual Sponsored Walk for BCCS

The parish annual sponsored walk for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society that normally held in June each year has been scheduled to take place this year on **Saturday, 9th September**. Please message David Underwood on 07905 741033 if you would like to take part.

Holy Communion preparation 2023/24

Applications are now open for registered Parishioners of children who attend Masses regularly and will be going into year 3 in September 2023. The application form can be found on the website. The closing date is 6th **September 2023**. No applications after this date will be accepted.

World Youth Day

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis, taking place in Lisbon this summer. If you can't attend the main event, why not join **WYD** in London - a day celebration on **Saturday 5th August 2023** from 11am-5pm in the church by **Leicester Square**.
Venue: Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. Donations only. **To register** fill in the form: bit.ly/wydlondon

The Raphaël Pilgrimage to Lourdes - 18th - 25th August 2023
Please contact Paul Affleck:
director@raphaelpilgrimage.org.uk