

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

### Lately dead:

- ◇ Patricia Revell
- ◇ John Greene
- ◇ Margaret Kivineen

### Anniversaries:

Norman Chappell, Pasqua Parsons, John Gavin, Anthony Murphy, James Graham, Margaret Mead, Leila Du Veaux, Marian Proscinski, Bernarda Sekolec, Elizabeth Courtney, Kathleen Douglas, Terence Murphy, Luigi Beschizza, Sr Bernadette Cain, Margaret Godkin, Eileen O'Connell.

### Companions of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

The next meeting will be on Monday 15th May at Chigwell Convent at 2.00 pm. Please note that the June meeting will be on the 5th. From July onwards the meetings will be on the 2nd Monday of every month. All are welcome

### Charity Fundraiser for Across Paths

**16th June 7.30pm tickets £40.00  
West Essex Golf Club**

Dust of your dancing shoes, enjoy good company, dinner and live music whilst helping to raise funds to help this Charity support individuals with a terminal diagnosis to travel.

For more information email  
mjm70@hotmail.com

## 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

### SVP Collection

There will be a retiring collection after  
all masses this weekend for the SVP



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## Fifth Sunday of Easter (A) 7th May 2023

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

We are the "living stones" making up the body of Christ here on earth. As such we are invited to trust our future to Christ who is our way to the Father.

### First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

Trusting in the Holy Spirit, the Church grows  
in number.

### Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

Christ is the cornerstone of our faith.

### Gospel

John 14:1-12

Jesus tells his disciples not to be troubled.  
He will show us the way.

### Responsorial Psalm

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we  
place all our hope in you.



## In the National Gallery

In our highly secularised world the Director of our National Gallery has assembled a major exhibition of paintings and works of St Francis. The Director Gabriel Finaldi has taken experts and journalists to Assisi to put them into the context of what inspired the famous artists. Friars and many others are coming from Italy to view the exhibition. Obviously it will be well worth a visit as it is on our doorstep.



Entry to the exhibition is free and runs from 6th May to 30th July 2023. Booking is advised.

## The sacrament of the sick

Some misguidedly still name it "The last Rites". In so doing they sadly distort the reality. And in consequence we priests are rarely asked for it. We must correct this. The sacrament is a powerful aid of which many in our parish and families now have need, at the most critical stage of their lives. And they are not getting it. This sacrament is one expression of how Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit accompany us from cradle to grave. Jesus and Holy Spirit are there at all the critical moments – birth, nourishment, forgiveness, marriage. The family gathers with the priest to make this sacrament when the ailing one is still able to engage with mind and heart. You owe it to your infirm family members to revive this fundamental practice.

## The parish AGM

This will happen on July 9<sup>th</sup>. It is not too early to start thinking about continuity of the membership of the Council and its leadership. Through several years we have been blessed with good leaders who have looked at needs, heeded the immense growth of regulations and requirements from Diocese and government regulations and then "got things done". Now we have to ensure that you elect others who will continue the same degree of wisdom to see what a parish should be in Pope Francis' church, and commitment to making it happen. We have come well out of the paralysis covid imposed. It is a work in progress. *Without vision of the leaders the people perish.* (Proverbs 29)

## 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.



## Mass Intentions



### Saturday 6th May

10 Mary Prendergast RIP  
6 King Charles

### Sunday 7th May

8.30 Allen Charles RIP  
10 Glafira De Souza RIP  
11.30 Dadswell family

**Mass intentions for the remainder of the week can be found on the Church Notice board**

## Funerals at St Thomas'

### Monday 9th

2pm Lorna Barrientos

### Tuesday 10th

1pm Keith Barron

### Tuesday 16th

11am Patricia Revell

### Friday 12th May

Please join us for refreshments after 10am Mass in the Becket Centre (Upstairs)



## Church Cleaning Thursday, 11 May 9am

Sue Mansbridge, Jackie John  
Mary Charter, Srimathie Cruz  
Margaret Parkinson

## Trinity Vacancy

Careers Leader  
Please visit the school website for more information

## "A Great Mystery" Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Running from Friday 19th to Sunday 21st May, the retreat offers married couples the chance to reflect on the beautiful vision of marriage as an icon of Christ and the Church. With talks, discussion and prayer, this is a lovely weekend away for any couple to rediscover and reflect on the Church's vision for the marital union.

Visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/a-great-mystery-marriage-enrichment/> to book and find out more information.

## Thank you

Dr John Dangerfield completed the London Marathon in 4 hours and 32 minutes and raised £2014 for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. BCCS would like to thank parishioners for sponsoring him and supporting their work.

Mary's Meals also say Thank you so much for your precious gift of £2,282.00, which is helping them to transform the lives of hungry children around the world with a nutritious daily meal in school.

Finally for your kind donations last weekend for the promotion of vocations.