

**PRAY FOR
THE SICK**



Lately dead:

- ◇ William Green
- ◇ Jordan Farrell
- ◇ Alfredo Crivellari
- ◇ Margaret Land

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Joseph Gillham, Patsy Devlin, Giliande Mastroddi, Catherine Carter, Charles Lingley, Sister Cyprian Madden, John Smith, Laurance Turner, Colum Kelly, Brendan McGranaghan, Margaret Mullins, Patrick Devlin, Henry Holland, Pauline Horan, Sister Julia O'Connor, Olga Periera, Sister Mary Reid, Rosalind Green, Ronald Allum, Jacobus Cullenden, Mary Forsythe, Maureen Holford, Patricia Koenan, Joseph Bognar, Richard Borg, Thomas Gilligan, Elizabeth Orme, Donald Dourado, Edward Wright.

Lost Property

Black iPhone

The phone was discovered in the church after St Antony's school Mass around Christmas time. It does not have a cover and the operator is Giff -Gaff. It has not been claimed back yet. If it is yours, please contact the parish office.

Items which have been left in the Church will be placed on a table in the Lobby next weekend. Items not claimed 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 next weekend for Racial Justice.



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Woodford Green

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Served by the Franciscans

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
5th February 2023**

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

Life isn't about "me" and my wants. Life is about noticing the vulnerable people around us and sharing our time and energy to support them. We are called to be the voice for those who do not find the justice that they need to live in dignity and peace.

First Reading Isaiah 58:7-10

If we are prepared to share even life's essentials with others and to act with justice, then we will be very close to God.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

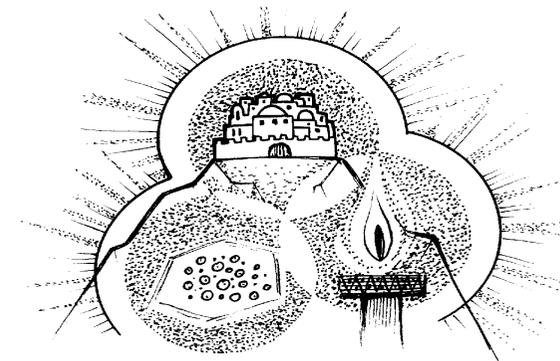
Our faith should not be placed in human wisdom, but in God's power.

Gospel Matthew 5:13-16

If we are truly the salt of the earth and the light of the world, people should be able to see Jesus alive and active in us.

Responsorial Psalm

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.



Masses for first communions

Preparation is progressing happily and well. This week we hope to offer dates for the first communion masses. Experience has taught us that it is best to celebrate the sacrament in small groups. First note that each family has a choice to make. You can join with others in one of the dates given. Or you can bring your child to any of the regular parish masses. Your family will be in the front bench. We will announce the special occasion for child and family and the congregation will congratulate you and share your joy. It is not easy to find priests who will certainly be available for these extra masses. But we are offering ten opportunities in May and June. For each of these masses the maximum number will be 10 and a minimum of 5 who will receive their first communion.

Confirmation Programme



We are looking forward to welcoming our 60 young candidates for confirmation this coming Thursday. We are holding an enrolment Mass in Church with their parents and sponsors in attendance.

Please pray that they have an uplifting spiritual journey.

Lent 2023

Walk with Me

A booklet of thoughts for each day of Lent is on sale: £1.

More information will follow in due course about other activities during this important time.

Ministries

There was disappointment that the planned training for readers was cancelled last week simply because of lack of interest. We need more readers. We are very fortunate to have such an expert willing to come and give us training. Think if you could join a rota to read at the mass you attend.

We are also trying to discover who are still active ministers of communion. I have a list of 51 names who may still be active but many are not. So I ask you to contact Cathy Mair, Michael Murphy or me if you wish to continue. I am grateful to you who minister in church. Nowadays you only know how many are needed for each mass when the celebrant appears. But you react accordingly. And then there are the housebound. Those we know are well served. Many of you take communion but do much more to meet the needs of your clients. But I am sure that in such a large parish there must be many who would benefit from receiving the Lord regularly at home. So please think of what a gift communion is – for body mind and soul, and let us know of anyone else we can serve.

Altar servers

It is great to see the new generation of altar servers steadily growing. Petrina is to be congratulated and thanked. She encourages and trains them to serve with dignity and reverence. Children need boundaries and we can help her. The sacristy should be a place of silence where servers and clergy compose themselves in recollection and prayerful preparation for the liturgy. So I ask everyone to keep talk in the sacristies to the minimum needed.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 5th February

8.30 Lynda Delaney RIP
10 Frank Saville RIP
11.30 Tim Stacey very ill

Monday 6th February

Joseph Gillham anniversary
Holy Family Associates
Paddy Rice RIP

Tuesday 7th February

Teik Ghee Saw
Brendan & Maura Conaghan
Jimmy O'Toole RIP

Wednesday 8th February

Jim Sullivan RIP
Pauline McKeon anniversary

Thursday 9th February

Peter McMahon anniversary
Catherine Edwards RIP
Trinity intentions

Friday 10th February

Martin McShea very ill
Lorraine McBride
Adolf & Donald Dourado RIP

Saturday 11th February

10 Donald Dourado anniversary
6 Eufemia Mastroddi RIP

Sunday 12th February

8.30 Kathy Howes ill
10 James Sullivan RIP
11.30 Bernard Duffy anniversary

Church Cleaning

Saturday - 10.30 am 11th February

Rachel Woolf & Kathleen Mahoney

Sponsored Sleepout

“Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is inviting people from the night of March 31st 2023 (9pm) to the morning of April 1st (8:30am), to join this year's Sponsored Sleepout in one of our four locations; Colchester, Forest Gate, Romford and Southend. The sleepout will help to raise awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout and to register email sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Our Faith

Please visit our website for a useful message about praying from Fr Austin: www.stthomaswoodford.org/_files/ugd/2c0a5a_c952caf88eec4ab2a2ea8e16b08b316b.pdf

St Antony's school vacancies

- Year 1 Class Teacher
- Early Years Phase Leader

For more information, please visit our website www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/vacancies

Can you help?

Van needed to transport furniture from Chigwell to the Friary - Transit size for 2 hours would suffice. Please contact the parish office if you know of such a van.