

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



Lately dead: Frances Reynolds

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**May she rest in peace**

## Anniversaries:

Margaret Mullins, Brendan McGranaghan, Colum Kelly, Patrick Devlin, Sister Mary Reid, Sister Julia O'Connor, Olga Periera, Henry Holland, Pauline Horan, Rosalind Green, Jacobus Cullenden, Ronald Allum, Mary Forsythe, Patricia Koenan, Elizabeth Orme, Thomas Gilligan, Joseph Bognar, Richard Borg, Donald Dourado, Monica Mary Bright, Fred Khan, Mario Zeppa, Edward Wright, Tom Gray, Annie Hayes.

## Retiring collection

There will be a retiring collection this weekend for Lourdes sick & helpers pilgrimages



## Mass Timetable

All services at St Thomas of Canterbury are live streamed

## Facemasks MUST be worn

### SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass: 6pm Saturday;  
8.30am; 10am & 11.30am Sunday  
(The 11.30am Mass is recorded)

10am Chigwell Convent

### WEEKDAY MASSES

10am St Thomas of Canterbury  
9.30am Chigwell Convent

### CONFESIONS

by appointment

### BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays  
of the month

Please wear a facemask, sanitise your hands, observe appropriate distancing  
Don't forget to provide test & trace information by using the QR code.

## Loyola catholic school - open morning

Come and spend a morning at the school on the 24th February 9.30-11.30am with a guided tour and the opportunity to meet staff and pupils.



# ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 6th February 2022

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

Faith is an adventure. That is the message of today's Gospel. God will bless us in unimaginable ways, if we dare to believe.

### First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

A vision of God's holiness and glory left the prophet Isaiah feeling wretchedly unclean. Nevertheless, Isaiah became God's messenger.

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

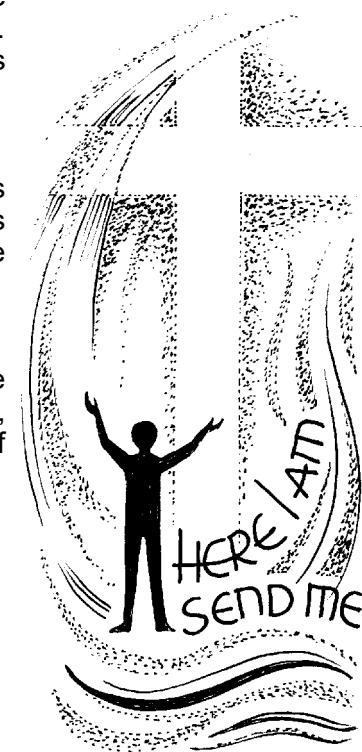
Paul, to whom the resurrected Jesus appeared, also felt unworthy. By God's grace, he changed from persecuting the Church to becoming an apostle.

### Gospel Luke 5:1-11

Peter was another who felt unfit to be in the company of Jesus. Assured of God's favour, he was sent out to become a fisher of people.

### Responsorial Psalm

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.



## What is our church teaching, now in 2022?

Lent will begin in three and a half weeks. Traditionally, it has been a time for re-examining and deepening both our understanding of our Catholic faith and our commitment to putting it into practice. We intend offering two evenings during the 40 days of Lent to do just that. Will you come and take part?

I know that there will be a good response from the senior and very senior members of our parish. What we are hoping is that you who are young, or just moving on from "young" will join in to give us your view-point. But you are the busy ones. Yes. It is mainly the busy ones who can find time for something truly important. So maybe this week we can reflect: Is my faith important to me? Where is it on my chart of priorities?

## Mass at St James on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2.30pm

This mass is unique and in no way resumption of pre-covid practice. It has two intentions. At the mass we will commemorate all those of our community who have died since the start of the pandemic. Particularly we bring to mind the families that suffered a very restricted funeral service.

Then secondly, it has a social aspect in which we discuss what Pope Francis is telling us should be our style of "living the church". What is the Holy Spirit telling each of us? It is to be shared. So we meet to enjoy our perceptions of what our church is to be, coming out of the limitations of covid.

## ICHTHUS

The February edition of ICHTHUS is available on the website.

## Mass for you again at Chigwell Convent

Starting next Sunday - 13<sup>th</sup> February – the Sisters have very kindly agreed to welcome you once again to share their mass each Sunday and weekday. They wish to maintain the same cautions we are exercising in St Thomas. So we ask you to wear masks, and to sanitise your hands on entry. There will be no singing. Some of the sisters are vulnerable and so they will in general occupy the religious community wing of the chapel. I am most grateful that they offer us this hospitality, and I know you will take special care to avoid every possible risk of passing on any contagion.

### First Confessions

An elegant chart stands at the back of the church. For the families preparing children for receiving communion a First Confession is still one stage. You have together worked through chapters 2-4 in *I Belong*. You are each invited to come along to one of us priests in a couple of weeks' time for the purpose of this simple exercise. The way we did it last year proved a very good experience for everyone involved. So we will do it that way again. The chart gives you 15-minute slots for your choice. I will remind you next week just how it happens.

### Pact, the prisons charity

We are delighted to announce that Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture 2022 will take place on 24th February at Westminster Cathedral Hall, London.

Please book here: [Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture 2022 | Book Now \(prisonadvice.org.uk\)](https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk)



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday 6th February

- 8.30 Celia Nugent anniversary  
10 Margaret Lawler RIP  
11.30 Simon Eustace anniversary  
People of the parish

### Monday 7th February

- Frank Fitzpatrick anniversary  
Sr Mary Ita intentions

### Tuesday 8th February

- Elizabeth & Nicholas Molloy anniversary  
Patsy Check ill

### Wednesday 9th February

- Peter McMahon anniversary  
Mary McKeon

### Thursday 10th February

- Teik Ghee Saw anniversary  
Trinity intentions

### Friday 11th February

- C.W.L  
Holy Souls

### Saturday 12th February

- 10am Eileen Hayes  
6pm Mary Prendergast RIP

### Sunday 13th February

- 8.30 Madalena Maria RIP  
10 People of the parish  
11.30 Tom Gray & Annie Hayes anniversary

Chigwell Ken Wynn RIP

## Church Cleaning

Saturday 12th February at 10.30am

Rachel Woolf & Kathleen Mahoney

## Trinity vacancy

Teacher of mathematics, Full Time, Permanent. Please visit the school's website for more details.

## Faith Talk by Fr Austin

Monday 7th February at 7pm  
Becket Centre

One of the greatest challenges the church faces today is to be inclusive. Pope Francis urges us to be a church where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live according to the Gospel.

There can be no future for the living church without this vital sense of inclusiveness. There must be space for everyone. The church will be less than what Christ intends it to be when issues of inclusion and equality are not fully addressed. The vision of Christ, committed to make the church the house for all peoples, a church where there is less exclusion but more an encounter of love, forgiveness, inclusiveness and solidarity.

## Becket Centre - Rooms for hire

The newly refurbished rooms upstairs in the Becket Centre are now available for hire. There are rooms of different sizes which are ideal for meetings, well-being classes, tuitions or other small gatherings. Anyone, parishioners, or not can apply to use these facilities. Applications forms are available from the Parish Office or can be downloaded from our website.