

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead:

Patrick McCreesh

Patrick's funeral will take place at St Thomas' on 4th July at 1pm

Anniversaries:

Hema Perera, Oona Douglas, Christina Morris, Dennis Robinson, Agnes Sandy, John Joseph, Joan Morgan, Dissanayake Chandradasa, Run De, Nora Eustace, Jenie Kenny, Sister Josepha Loughman, Patricia Pieroni, Patrick Gallagher, Kenny Kingman, Raymond Wood, John Baker, Astrid Turner, Philomena Archer, Mrs Hilton, Laurence Dillon,, Nena Morris.

Annual Parish Meeting 9h July following 11.30am Mass

The Annual meeting of our Parish will now take place after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 9th July 20223

The majority of the current members are standing for re-election. There is also a couple of vacant positions to be filled. If you are interested please fill in the form which can be found in the Porch or on our website. The closing date is 25th June 2023. If you would like more information please contact the Parish Office in the first instance. We look forward to seeing you at this important Parish event.

Thank you

Thank you for your donation to the sick clergy in the Diocese the amount raised was £736.

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 for Peter's Pence next weekend



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Served by the Franciscans

11th Sunday if Ordinary Time (A) 18th June 2023

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

God cares for us with infinite compassion. The Lord gathers us together as one family in our celebration of the Eucharist that we may be refreshed and renewed.

First Reading Exodus 19:2-6

The Lord makes Israel his very own people, a consecrated nation.

Second Reading Romans 5:6-11

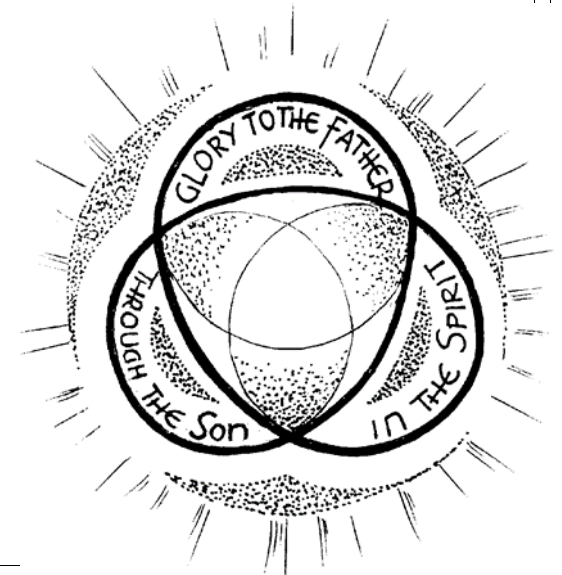
Christ has reconciled and saved us through his death.

Gospel Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

Jesus sends out his disciples to labour in his harvest.

Responsorial Psalm

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.



What happens at Mass?

"bread and wine to be transformed now through the action of the priest" So runs a hymn we sing. But is this how you understand what happens at mass? While it does say something about how Jesus becomes present, it is very far from how we should be seeing it these days.

We have moved a long way in the lifetime of some of us. Long ago the people saw only the back of the priest. He was talking to God. The congregation was largely silent. Some followed his prayer in their missals while more prayed the rosary, silently. And receiving communion was fairly rare

Now we gather round a table. The mass is still a sacrifice but it is expressed in a meal. And the meal is a sharing of minds and hearts. Around a table everyone matters. It is not quite like the table in your home, for with so many people in the church you can feel remote. So concentrate on the altar. Imagine yourself sitting alongside your friends, within earshot of each at the table. You are at a party. Your host provides the setting. You are expected to make your contribution to the talk and the warmth of affection for each present.

Paul's image of the Body of Christ is helpful. The priest represents Jesus, the head of the body. You are the various members, representing all the different functions of the body. If you sit silent, not engaging, Jesus has a dead body. Jesus can't function without your cooperation.

So what is the cooperation expected of you? Many are actively playing their parts in making the masses in St Thomas. Ministers of communion, readers, musicians, servers, ushers. Jesus cannot function without you. That is how he comes present.

Not just through the words of the priest saying: This is my body. He comes through a gradual process, starting from your entry into church and singing the first hymn. I wonder if all really appreciate the value of what they give. "Christian, know your greatness." (S Augustine)

These "ministers" are obviously playing their part towards making a living torso and body for him. But what of the rest of you? Please today think: what am I doing? what am I contributing to making Jesus present? Your personal prayer is a contribution. Some say: I can't sing. Jesus is not looking for the quality of your voice. What is important is that it is **your** voice. And certainly everybody can answer the exchanges: The Lord be with you. Amen in answer to a prayer. Then think of how you engage at a party. Not with a surly mutter. You talk with enthusiasm. You have to show you value of host and guests.

I think there are many who have given up the practice of Sunday mass simply because they do not really know it. If it will assist we have available an order of service which you can use whilst at mass. These can be found on the ushers table.

Joint Summer Fete 24th June 2023 12 to 4pm

The organisers are in need of helpers for setting up and clearing up, please text on 07805296582 or email friendsofstantonys@gmail.com if you can offer some time.

They also need donations for raffle prizes
More importantly they hope that you will join them on the day between 12 & 4pm for this important Church/School community event



Mass Intentions

Sunday 18th June

8.30 Patrick Murphy anniversary
10 Martin McNicholas anniversary
11.30 Barnes family thanks

Monday 19th June

John Maguire unwell
John Buckley RIP

Tuesday 20th June

Denis Burns anniversary
J Gilmore & J McMorrow

Wednesday 21st June

C.W.L.
Ray Konrath RIP

Thursday 22nd June

Helen Holland intentions
Elizabeth Blanchfield RIP
Trinity intentions

Friday 23rd June

Paddy & Phil Callanan anniversary
Deceased sisters SHJM

Saturday 24th June

10 Patrick McCreesh RIP
6 Anthony Newton ill

Sunday 25th June

8.30 Miriam Duggan RIP
10 Laurence Dillon anniversary
11.30 Dominic Correia

Church Cleaning

Friday 23rd June at 9am

Claire Hobbs, Susanna Barnoin,
Michelle Liddle, Agatha Emohare,
Susan Juffs, Julia Bever & Liz Atkinson

St Anthony's Vacancies

- Midday Assistant
- Learning Support Assistant

For more information, please visit our website <http://www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/vacancies>

The Universe Newspaper Catholic Weekly

Did you know that you can have the newspaper delivered to your door. Please visit www.catholicweekly.co.uk or call Michelle on 07436 617650
If any parishioner needs assistance with setting this up please let the parish office know and they will assist you.

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
Tickets must be purchased in advance. They are available from the Parish Shop and Office. The cost is £12 (side aisle) and £14 (central bench) inclusive of Programme & interval refreshments. Children under 18 are free when accompanied by parents/carer. **To purchase tickets**, please put your details on an envelope, with your name, how many tickets, if any are for children and put the correct cash inside.